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#### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020-2021

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#### An Urgent Health Reminder

Please DO NOT send your child to school if anyone in your immediate family has COVID symptoms. DO keep your child/children at home whilst you await the results of the test. DO NOT send your daughter back into school before the results are received, even if she is 'feeling better'. We are working so hard in school to avoid spreading the virus and have actually had no in-school transmissions to date.

### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents Carers and Students,

Our Year 11 students took part in careers activities this week, which was a welcome and beneficial experience for the group. Students heard remotely from a number of industry professionals who work across a range of sectors and were able to ask questions. Meanwhile, a group of Year 11 students had one-to-one remote careers meetings with an adviser. They were given individual advice to help plan for their future career. Normally, we host these meetings onsite; however, with that not being possible this year, it is another good test to see how we can effectively adapt our practice. It is also so important that our students still have access to crucial opportunities such as these and obtain advice to help them prepare for the next stages, whether that is an apprenticeship, employment or a post-16 education institution. I would like to thank Ms Warren for arranging the activities.

You will see in this week's Greensheet that we have some fantastic news in relation to two of our students who are competition winners, and both happen to be in Year 8 (see pages 7&8). *Shakira*, 8H, entered the Design Ventura 2020 Mini Challenge, after Ms Healy publicised it to students in the Greensheet with her interesting design, *Shape Sky Light*. Congratulations to *Shakira*! *Husna*, 8F, submitted her review of the book 'Famous Five Go Adventuring Again' by Enid Blyton to the Student Star Reviewer, along with some colourful illustrations, and was featured on the Accelerated Reader's Twitter page. Congratulations also to *Husna*!

In school, we have launched our own annual competition to design the school Christmas card. If any more students would like to design their own card based on the work of artist, Rob Ryan, or another artist of your choice, for our official school Christmas card, please submit your entries to Ms Wills by the deadline of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December (see page 4). Good luck!

Shortly, you will receive a letter from me outlining our phased end of term, which has been planned to allow the move back to our main buildings from the temporary buildings that have been onsite since the summer. School will finish at lunchtime on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December for Years 10 and 11, whilst students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will finish at the end of the day on Tuesday but will be taught remotely until Thursday lunchtime. Please read the letter carefully so you are aware of the arrangements in place for your child's year group. Further details regarding exact arrangements will follow early next week.

Have an excellent weekend,

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Ms M Davies Headteacher

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#### School Christmas Tree 2020

Here are *Blessing, Frankie and Yong Xin,* 7W getting into the festive spirit with our newly decorated tree, located in the student entrance.

Ms Wood Tutor 7W



#### Seasonal Jumper Day 2020 -'Save the Children Charity'

There will be a Seasonal Jumper Day on **Friday 11th December** to raise money for the 'Save the Children Charity'. All students wishing to take part should bring in a minimum of **£1** to donate. This money will be collected by members of the Leadership Team on the gate as students enter in the morning.

Students should wear normal school uniform with the addition of a bright and colourful seasonal jumper! If they are wearing a seasonal jumper, they do not need to wear their blazers. Lanyards must still be worn, and all the usual jewellery rules still apply. Students should bring in their schoolbag, books, planner and equipment for the day as normal.

There will be prizes for each year group for the best (or worst!) seasonal jumpers.

If you have any questions, please ask Mr Morrow.

#### Mr Morrow Associate Assistant Headteacher SPL Year 8



Here are a selection of images from our past annual traditions, including the Community Party and Seasonal Jumper Day.

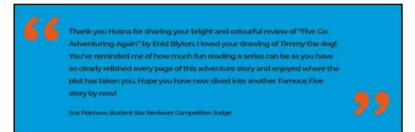
#### Faculty News Accelerated Reader News





The English faculty and the LRC are overjoyed to see one of our students featured on Accelerated Reader's Twitter feed this week! A massive congratulations to *Husna* in 8F for her fantastic book review and exemplary reading. Keep up the great reading, *Husna*!

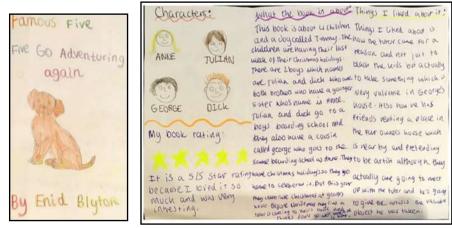
#### Ms Schaber Head of English



Here is her lovely drawing, along with her review on this popular book.

All students have access to the LRC book system where they can see other reviews and even add their own review about a book they have been reading. Here is the website link: <a href="https://www.readingcloud.net/">https://www.readingcloud.net/</a>

Mrs Kelly LRC



#### English News To Bake a Long Story Short

Anisah 7F has created a lovely blog called 'To bake a long story short', where she has combined her love of writing with her love of baking. Anisah writes reviews of the books she is reading and tries to link a recipe to the plot of the story, which is very creative!

Here is some information about the student, taken from her blog: Hi! My name is Anisah and I am 11 years old and I live in Walthamstow, London!

I love to bake, eat and read, so I thought, why not make a blog about the things I love! So here I am, starting this blog, I am going to try and post things regularly where I will review a book and post a recipe that is links in some way to the book.

Take a look at Anisah's blog by clicking on the following link: <u>https://tobakealongstoryshort.wordpress.com/about/</u>

Ms Landon English Faculty

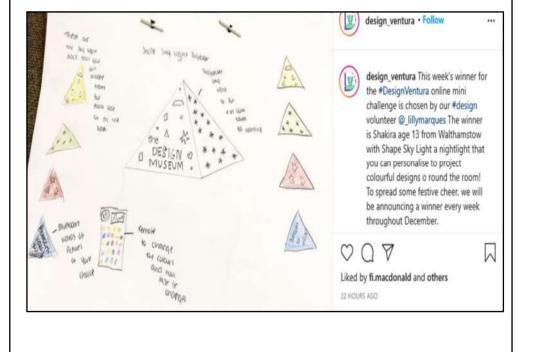


#### STEM Competition Design Ventura Mini Challenge Year 7 and Year 8

During Year 7 and Year 8 Design and Technology lessons, students have been designing a product that could be sold in the Design Museum Shop.

Congratulations to *Shakira* 8H for winning this week's Design Museum Competition. Shakira submitted her night light design and she has made us all very proud at WSFG. She is now waiting in anticipation for her prize to be delivered in the post!

Ms Healy D&T Teacher and STEM Coordinator



#### **Mathematics**

## PUZZLEOFTHEWEEK

#### School Leaderboard 2020-21

Schools (leaderboards PUBLIC) 20-21 : Overall

Position	School	Country	Total Answers	Correct
1	Mearns Castle High School	Scotland	446	392
2	St Clement Danes	England	527	303
3	Hua Hin International School	Thailand	293	284
4	Waithamstow School for Girls	England	214	180
5	Hurstpierpoint College	England	204	179
6	Suzhou Singapore International School	China	162	138
7	Roundwood Park School	England	142	123
8	The Queen Katherine School	England	232	121
9	St Andrews International School	Thailand	122	108
10	Upton Court Grammar School	England	208	106
11	Regina Mundi College	Ireland	139	99
12	Kincoppal-Rose Bay	Australia	116	97
13	Our Lady Of Lourdes Secondary School	Ireland	201	85
14	Shawnigan Lake School	Canada	121	83
15	Dorothy Stringer School	England	149	81
16	St Augustine's RC High School	Scotland	142	78
17	Queenswood	England	126	67
18	Garden International School	Malaysia	97	64
19	Traill International School	Thailand	78	64
20	Mount Carmel Catholic College	Australia	74	64
		TOTAL	7846	4701

These are the schools that have submitted the most correct answers this year across all puzzles.

We are still in fourth place, let's see if we can make the top three!

This week's puzzle:



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#### **OVERDUE LRC BOOKS**

There are currently **413** books that students have not returned to the LRC since March 2020.

Reminders have been sent out, so please support the school and your child by making sure that they return their books to the LRC.

If a book has been lost, you can pay through your sQuid account.

Please support the school by ensuring these books are returned.

Evidence from exam results show that students who develop a regular reading habit do better in their exams.

So keep reading!

Mrs Kelly, LRC

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#### **Faculty Word Search**

Words supplied by the ICT Faculty





# Heathcote School & Science College Sixth Form

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### ENCOURAGE-CHALLENGE-SUCCEED

## Virtual Open Evening Thursday 10th December 2020

Students receive helpful careers information about university applications, apprenticeships and employment opportunities. More students than the national average go on to higher education or apprenticeship when they leave school.



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- Over 20 A-Level Subjects || Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Business & Sport
- Combination of BTEC & A-Level in some subject pathways
- Level 2 City and Guilds Construction qualification
- Excellent outcomes: 2020 48% A\*-B grades
- Wider Curriculum including EPG, Tutorial, Duke of Edinburgh, Debate Club and Rar Mock Trial
- 40% Year 13 University places were top-tier Universities including Russell Group
- Dedicated Sixth Form building and Learning Resource Centre (08:00-17:00)
  - Pastoral support and accessing to counselling

Book for tours of the Sixth Form or participate in our Virtual Open Evening Pupil Panel Q&A Session by visiting EventBrite! Search "EventBrite Heathcote 6th Form" to book!

Heathcote School & Science College 96 Normanton Park, Chingford, London, E4 6ES Phone: 020 8498 5110



Fmail: heathcote.sixthform@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk

#### Six21 Applications are now Open

You can now access the form via the <u>home page</u> on our website or via the <u>Apply Now</u> tab.

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Please note that the Application process will be taking place in 3 Windows:

#### Window One

#### Friday 27th November - Thursday 7th January

For those who want to apply to our programme for students aspiring to Oxford, Cambridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Sciences as well as General Admission

Window Two Friday 8th January- Thursday 11th February General Admission

Window Three Friday 12th February- Thursday 18th March Selective Admission (based on subject availability)

#### Waiting List available from Friday 19th March onward.

We know a lot of students won't be taking their mock exams until January so we will take predictions approved by the school for applicants applying before then. Your Referee will have to approve these grades when completing your reference so please make sure they are approved by the school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Esther Coppeard Six21 Sixth Form Coordinator ecoppeard@school21.org.uk https://www.six21.org.uk/

#### WSFG Friends Group

Walthamstow School for Girls Merchandise Please contact Ms Kelly or Ms Winter via the school's website if you wish to make a purchase.



Cards (various designs): 50 pence each or 4 for £1.50

#### Tote bags (various designs): £3







Key rings: £2

Mugs: £5





