

No. 20/18

15 February 2019

Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR Spring Term 2019 End Friday 5th April 2019

Half Term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019

Thursday 7th March Year 9 Parent/ Carer subject evening 4.30– 7pm

Thursday 21st March Year 8 Parent/ Carer subject evening 4.30– 7pm

Thursday 4th April

7th Annual Steel Pan Fundraising Concert 7 - 9.30 pm Church Hill, Walthamstow, London, E17 9RZ Telephone: 020 8509 9446 Email: info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk Website: www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk Student Absence Line: 020 8509 9444



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Dear Parents and Carers

Our school production of the musical Mary Poppins Jr. takes centre stage this week. Students participating in the performance have been busy in full rehearsals all week, beginning with a technical rehearsal and then a Primary School performance on Tuesday, ahead of the shows taking place on Wednesday and Thursday. I am looking forward to joining our wider school community of parents, carers, friends and staff, seeing the musical later this week, and, as the saying goes, I hope the cast 'break a leg'! See page 5.

Adding to the musical theme, our students participated in the regional Glee Club finals last week, and whilst they did not get through to the national final, it is an excellent achievement getting as far in the competition as they did and our students should be very proud of themselves, as I am of them. See page 4.

On a final competition-related note, our Year 9 Basketball Team took part in the final against Holy Family School on Monday. Unfortunately, our students were up against another very strong team and were beaten, however the team played hard untill the game was over, never giving up, and demonstrating great resilience. The team was not only a credit to their year group and their coach, but to the school. A special commendation goes to *Jai Ming* 9F as she was awarded Player of the Match. On Wednesday our Challenge Coordinator, Ms Robinson, took a group of students on a trip to visit Oxford University. Opportunities such as these allow students to get an experience and understanding of university life and they also help them decide their academic path. This was a joint CENLIG activity so our students were joined by girls and boys from Kelmscott and Willowfield Schools.

On our final Friday before the half-term break, we have a school non-uniform day to raise money for our partner school in Zanzibar which students visited last year, in preparation for a second trip in 2020. Also on Friday afternoon, a group of students from Year 7 and 8 are being taken bowling by Ms Dowling and other staff, as a reward for their hard work before Christmas, fundraising and collecting donations for the Eat or Heat foodbank. I hope the students have a lovely time and are keen to get involved fundraising again next year.

Finally I was extremely impressed by the enthusiasm of over one hundred students who attended a meeting with me and some other colleagues on Tuesday to discuss possible fundraising activities with a charity which supports the education of girls in Morocco. You will hear more about this in due course.

I hope you have an enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back in their full uniform on Monday 25th February 2019, which will be 'Week B'.

Meryl Davies Headteacher

Lost Property

Reminder to Parents/Carers.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled. Blazers should be named with labels or in indelible pen.

Students are reminded that you can collect lost property at **3.30pm** every day. Parents and carers may also collect lost property on **any day after school**.

All lost property will be **removed** from the box on the last day of term. Have a lovely break.





Ms Jolliffe Student Services



P.E. News

The Year 9 basketball team played really well and worked extremely hard in the borough final earlier this week, but unfortunately were beaten by an experienced and strong team from Holy Family School.

Our players are a credit to their year group and the school, and I was incredibly proud of them. Player of the match was awarded to Jai Ming 9F.

Congratulations to all the girls on their efforts, they are now the second best team in Waltham Forest!



Ms Warren

Performing Arts News

Last weekend students from Years 7–10 took part in The Glee Club Challenge Regional Finals in Barking. Although they did not get through to the final, they all did very well. Congratulations, girls!

Ms Bradshaw Head of Music













Mary Poppins Jnr. Dress Rehearsal





























Former Student Successes



Naomi Ackie, a student from 2003-2006, received the British Independent Film Award (BIFA) in 2017 for most promising newcomer.

She is best known for her role in *Lady Macbeth* (2016). She has also been nominated twice for the British Independent Film Awards.

Naomi has appeared in an episode of *Doctor Who, Vera* and *Cleaning Up,* and will be in the new *Star Wars IX* film later this year. Watch out for Naomi!

Another of our students, *Anna Hallas Smith*, is appearing in *Classified*, by Jayne Woodhouse, at the Loosely Based Theatre Company on 6th & 7th March.

These are three short, interlinking plays exploring the impact of social class on individual lives, set in the present day and an imagined near-future. See the website for further details:

https://www.tristanbatestheatre.co.uk/whats-on/classified

Celebrating International Women's Day

Saturday 16th March 2019

Vestry House Museum

Eunice Holden—A Free Spirit

GREEK THEATRE, GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, CHURCH HILL, E.17

The Perfect Open-Air Play in an Ideal Setting

DANCES ARRANGED BY JOAN BARRATT. THE MENDELSSOHN MUSIC UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR. L. C. BELCHAMBERS. COSTUMES DESIGNED AND EXECUTED BY EDNA WILSDON. FLOOD-LIGHTING ARRANGED BY MR. J. S. ARTHUR.

JEANNE KING, JOAN BARRATT, GLADYS PHILLIPS, EUNICE HOLDEN, EILEEN STANDEN, MARY KING, SIDNEY PARKS, JACK ALLEN, DOUG. COATES, ALFRED BISHOP, RON. BURRAGE, DOUGLAS DAVIDSON, NORMAN BARNES, KEN. PETTEGREE, BILL ALLEN, ROY DAVIDSON, PETER MCDERMOTT, ROY HOUSEMAN

THE PLAY PRODUCED BY EUNICE HOLDEN.

1951 Festival of Britain poster

Oona Kelly, Librarian at Walthamstow School for Girls, will be giving a talk about Eunice Black (née Holden). A character actress best known for her role as 'Ada' from 'On the Buses,' you will hear about her time at the school and beyond.

For more information contact info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Times to be arranged.

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Community Events

Friday 15 February, Dial M for Music, Sir Alfred Hitchcock Hotel, Whipps Crossroad, E 11, 7.45-11pmFREE, with a collection for the bands.Brad Wray 07946591224bradwry@yahoo.co.uk

Friday 15 February, Transport(ed) by Pat Naylor, The Stone Space, 6 Church Lane, Leytonstone E11 1HG. A personal exploration by the artist of landscapes glimpsed and remembered whilst journeying. The journey is not exotic; rather it is the sort of regular, routine journey common in modern life. 2-6pm Free stonespace.enquiries@gmail.com <u>http://stonespace.gallery/</u>







Monday - Friday

Dates: 18-22 February Times: 8.30am - 4pm

Address: TBC

HALF TERM CAMP

Join us for a jam-packed week full of physical, fun and creative activities. Be inspired as you develop your own social enterprise. You could win the competition where a cash prize will bring your creative business idea to life. Places for the half term are limited so we suggest booking as soon as possible.



To register your interest text 07575 053994 with your name, age and which project you would like to attend.

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Saturdays

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(no session 23 February)

11am - 12pm and 12pm - 1pm (book one slot only) Apple Store, Westfield Stratford City E20 1EQ

CODING ROBOTS; THE SPHERO MAZE CHALLENGE

This project is designed to spark imagination and creativity through fun and hands-on sessions. You will explore coding with Sphero robots by programming simple movements, loops and more. Then you will design a maze and navigate your robot through obstacles. You can bring your own iPad and Sphero Sprk+robot, or we will provide them for you. No experience is required.



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School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

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Summer Term 2019 Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

May Bank holiday Monday 6th May			
Thursday 9th May	Year 7 Parent/Carer subject evening		
	4.30– 7pm		

Monday 13th May—Tuesday 18th June—GCSE Examinations Year 11

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2019 to Friday 31st May 2019

Monday 3rd June—Friday 28th June Year 10 mock examinations