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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,



Yesterday, I looked out of my window to see that yellow crocuses have started to appear on the lawn outside and, rather wonderfully, children were walking through the gates! Our year 11s had started to return, if only a few at a time, socially distanced and at regular time intervals for their book collection. Still, it has been lovely to see

them, to introduce myself and to talk to them about their learning and plans for next year.

We are also really looking forward to welcoming KS3 students for book collections next week. Hopefully, we will see all of the girls back in school, as soon as we are able and it is safe to do so. We are missing seeing you all.

In the meantime, our planned Wellbeing days for KS3 should help students to take time away from the screen, enable them to undertake reflective and creative tasks, as well as providing an opportunity to collect any resources they need. Students in our KW provision will have in-school activities arranged on those days. There are further details below.

## **Body, Mind and Spirit: LGBT+ History Month**

The month of February is traditionally LGBT+ History Month and at WSFG we will be celebrating in lessons across the curriculum. This year's theme of 'Body, Mind and Spirit' seems particularly apt as we reflect on our own wellbeing and ways in which we can look after ourselves and encourage others during lockdown. It is a perfect opportunity to contemplate our own circumstances, to empathise with others or to become activists and allies on their behalf.

We are encouraging students to take part in a competition, either to design a logo for this year's theme or for next year's theme which is 'Art and Politics 2022', linked to the words of Martin Luther King "The arc is long, but it bends towards justice." Students will submit their designs as assignments in their PSHE classes, with a deadline of Friday 26th February.

## **Parents' Evenings**

A number of parents and students have asked about how we intend to run parents' evenings this year. The school has invested in 'School Cloud', a remote parents' evening booking system which is highly effective and easy to use, allowing parents to choose their own appointment times. You can find out more about 'School Cloud' and how it works here:

[SchoolCloud Parents Evening - Parent Login on Vimeo](#)

Year 11 parents have already been notified about arrangements. Here are the dates of all of the forthcoming parents' evenings for all year groups:

Year 11: 25 February

Year 10: 11 March

Year 9: 25 March

Year 8: 22 April

Year 7: 6 May



Ms H Marriott  
Headteacher

## Year 7,8 and 9 Book Collection

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We are very aware that Year 7, 8 and 9 students are not in possession of all the books and resources they may need for their subjects. Clearly, we do not want this to hamper their remote learning therefore we will be holding a book collection for each year group as stated below.

All students will be given a specific time slot to collect their books and resources and it is very important they only come to school at that time.

Year 7 - Tuesday 9th February

Year 8 - Wednesday 10th February

Year 9 - Friday 12th February

This will be a wellbeing day where all students' complete activities that give them a break from their screens for the day and allow them to work independently on creative, imaginative and fun tasks. No subject lessons will take place on this day. We are going to have a theme for each day so the students are clear on why they are doing the activities:

Year 7 Thoughtful Tuesday.

Year 8 Well-being Wednesday.

Year 9 Feel-good Friday.

Given Covid restrictions, this will be the ONLY opportunity for your child to collect books and resources therefore we strongly encourage them to do so.

The following Covid Rules will apply and MUST be followed to ensure we keep everyone safe and comply with current Government guidelines.

- The book collection will take place outdoors beside the MUGA and no students will enter the building. Students should report to the entry gate they used last term at their allocated time.
- There will be strict 2m social distancing in place with markers on the ground indicating where to stand.
- Masks must be worn as books are collected.
- Hand sanitiser will be provided and must be used before books and resources can be collected. We recommend gloves are worn when collecting books and resources.
- Only one person can enter the main school gate to collect the books or resources, either your child or you as their parent/carer. If you wish to escort your child to school that is fine but we kindly ask that you wait outside the school gate.

We trust that providing students with the opportunity to collect these books and resources will enable them to continue with their remote learning effectively. If you have any questions with regards to the above process, please e-mail [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

Ms Warren

Associate Assistant Headteacher

## Headteacher's Challenge Winners

Two weeks ago I asked students to introduce themselves to me as part of the Headteacher Challenge. There were so many wonderful competition entries that it presented a challenge when choosing a winner!

The overall winner is **Billie 8W** who made a video about herself, using a variety of costumes and acting techniques as well as demonstrating impressive production skills. She receives a £30 Love2Shop voucher.



The following girls were runners up and will each receive £10 Love2Shop vouchers:

### Year 7 Entries



*Elaaya (7H) and Inaaya (7C)*

We both love sport including football and taekwondo and have won many competition we also enjoy music. (video)

*Anisah 7F (animation)*

I love reading especially mysteries and I recently joined the netball team and like watching TV.



*Anna 7H*

I enjoy reading and baking.

## Year 8, 9 and 10 Runners Up

Not just a white girl

I'm not just a white girl  
Living in a concrete jungle  
Camouflaged with graffiti tattoos  
And covered in a veil of smoke

I'm not just a white girl  
Sitting and reading  
Of the courage, sacrifice and love  
Of fictional characters embedded in the pages

I'm not just a white girl  
Painting the pages of my notebooks  
With the words, opinions and phrases  
Of those wiser and cleverer than I

I'm not just a white girl  
Descending from slaves  
Them being forced to work on plantations  
Day and night; night and day

I am the best of both worlds  
Black and white; white and black  
Although my identity is hidden  
Beneath a mask of my pale skin tone

I'm not just a white girl  
Dreaming of the day when  
Thoughts turn into words  
And those words then turn into actions

Maya 8H (poem)



Fadwa 9F (poem)

Here I'm  
hiking in  
mountain  
Rila,  
Bulgaria  
which is  
also my  
homeland. I  
am very  
proud that I  
can both  
speak and  
write in  
Bulgarian.



Demmy 10C (video)

## Challenge News

Gonville & Caius Cambridge



### Black and Minority Ethnic Conference For Year 11

***Deadline: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021***

We're very happy to announce that we will be running our fourth BME Conference on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. The event will be held on Zoom, specifically for Year 11 and 12 students within our link areas.

The day's activities will run from approximately **11:00-16:00** and are aimed at providing attendees with an insight into what life is like as a Cambridge student, as well as providing the opportunity to get all questions answered - be that about University generally, specifically about the Oxbridge admissions process, or about societies!

The day's activities will bust myths about Cambridge and help prepare the students for applying to University. New this year we are excited to offer supervisions to give students a flavour for the style of teaching we offer at Cambridge.

Please register your interest in attending by completing this short survey form: [https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4Uf4eT2l68TCRsG](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Uf4eT2l68TCRsG)

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Students will be informed whether they have a place at the Conference by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

## Cambridge University Veterinary Society Talk

The CU Veterinary Society is holding a talk on **10th February at 6 pm** aimed at any prospective veterinary students who would like to find out more about what it means to be a vet.

We hope this will provide a great opportunity to discover what a 'veterinary consult' involves and to gain more of an insight into what veterinary medicine really is. This past year it has been largely impossible to carry out work experience placements and we hope this online event will go some way to enable prospective students to gain a better understanding of careers and opportunities within veterinary medicine. The structure of the talk will allow students to follow a clinician in their work on different case examples, exposure to diagnostic tools and learning about client communication. Please sign up [here](#).

Ms Robinson  
Challenge Coordinator





## LGBT History Month

LGBT History Month is an annual celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history held during the month of February since 2005.

This year's logo can be found opposite, as well as an explanatory video here:

<https://www.pscp.tv/w/1mrxmQPXnABxy>



This year's theme is Body, Mind, Spirit and is directly linked to the PSHE curriculum. It is a great theme to explore LGBT+ issues with our students in a creative way.

I would like to organise a whole school competition via our PSHE lessons for students to design a logo to represent this year's theme using past logos as a model. Or design a logo for next year's theme "Art and Politics 2022" which is linked with this quote by Martin Luther King "The arc is long, but it bends towards justice".

Students will submit their designs as assignments in their PSHE classes, deadline **Friday 26th February**.

Ms Desbenoit  
Diversity Coordinator





**Faculty News**  
**English, Drama News**

<https://fb.watch/3bISoidMUw/>



Streaming From 13 Feb For 1  
 Week Only

Don't miss a brand new filmed  
 adaptation of 'Romeo and Juliet, starring  
 Olivier Award Winner Sam Tutty and narrat-  
 ed by Derek Jacobi!  
 fb.watch

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Mrs Kelly  
 LRC

## Year 8 Art Work

Students from 8F have been creating sculptures at home inspired by the artist Mona Hatoum. They have used utensils, household objects lights and cameras to create the illusion of artworks being larger than they seem. Well done on innovative use of household materials.

Ms Wills  
Head of Art



*Samanta*

*Alayna*



*Maisie*

## Mathematics

# PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

### Puzzle of the Week

Here is the link to this week's puzzle: <http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com/>

150

Puzzle  
Number

## PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

Entries open: Mon 1st Feb

Entries close: Sun 7th Feb



scan to enter

Andrew got a new magnetic building kit for Christmas.



He starts by building a tetrahedron (left).  
Then he adds a pyramid to every face of  
his tetrahedron (right).

He needed 26 pieces to build it.  
18 magnetic sticks and 8 marbles.



For his next project Andrew decides he  
will build a cube and then add a pyramid  
to every face of the cube.

**How many pieces will Andrew need for his next project?**

**Extension:** After he'd finished the cube with extra pyramids, Andrew decided to build pyramids on every face of that shape!  
How many pieces would he need in total? Could he then add pyramids to every face for a third time?

[www.puzzleoftheweek.com](http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com)  
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Puzzle created by Andrew Sharpe (@asharpeducator)

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These are the top schools that have submitted the most correct answers to this week's puzzle at 2nd February.

Good luck!

Maths Faculty

Schools (leaderboards PUBLIC) 20-21 : Overall TW

Position	School	Country	Total Answers	Correct Answers
1	Hua Hin International School	Thailand	43	43
2	Shawmigan Lake School	Canada	23	14
3	Mearns Castle High School	Scotland	18	13
4	Walthamstow School for Girls	England	12	10
5	Nishimachi International School	Japan	11	9
6	Roundwood Park School	England	12	7
7	St Hilda's Prep.	England	4	4
8	Upton Court Grammar School	England	11	3
9	The Expedition School	USA	3	3
10	Giggleswick School	England	3	3
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>220</b>	<b>151</b>

## Faculty Word Search

Words supplied by the Performing Arts Faculty on the subject: Drama.

P U E A S E T T I N G I I O D  
 A E X P O S I T I O N W D L E  
 S C R O L A S R A E H E R R E  
 C N T F I O M D P L O T A D A  
 E L N R O E I S T A G E R D U  
 N E P I E R A L I N E O T I D  
 E X L I E S M C U T E D I A I  
 R P A T N A S A T S I I C L E  
 Y A Y S E T Q H N O T R U O N  
 W R W E C T X O F C R E L G C  
 E T R T S P A S I D E C A U E  
 T S I N O G A T O R P T T E S  
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 T N H P R O P P T A I R O N E  
 E I T B E R U T S E G E N S D

- Actor
  - Audience
  - Exposition
  - Performance
  - Protagonist
  - Setting
- Actress
  - Climax
  - Gesture
  - Playwright
  - Rehearsal
  - Stage
- Articulation
  - Dialogue
  - Line
  - Plot
  - Scene

## Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

I hope this message finds you well and safe. Last lockdown we sent our school community a help pack from the Anna Freud Centre and since we have started our 4th week of remote learning, we wanted to reach out and send some support again.

Please see below two links to articles detailing support and self-care for parents and carers, as well as a social media guide to help **ensure social media is a helpful, rather than damaging tool for children.**

<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/managing-social-media/>

<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/>





*Ongar Music Club*

# The John Lill Awards

for the



## ESSEX YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

Entry is open to singers and instrumentalists\* aged 26 or under on the 4th July 2021 who were born in Essex (including the old Essex towns of Ilford, Wanstead and Woodford), whose home address is in Essex, or who attend school or college in Essex

### 1st Prize

- £1,000
- Recital engagement

Other generous cash prizes

### Final Round

Sunday 4th July

Special arrangements are in place for 2021 and these are detailed in the prospectus - see below for details

The Essex Young Musician of the Year Competition was established in 1984 through the enthusiasm of key members of Ongar Music Club. It aims to support and encourage young Essex musicians of talent and potential, who will enjoy competing and performing in a welcoming, pleasant environment. Past prize winners have gone on to enjoy successful professional careers.

John Lill CBE, the distinguished Essex-born pianist and president of Ongar Music Club, has generously supported the competition and has consented to the awards being in his name.

Full details are in the competition prospectus which is available online at [www.ongarmusicclub.org.uk](http://www.ongarmusicclub.org.uk)

Enquiries: [administrator@ongarmusicclub.org.uk](mailto:administrator@ongarmusicclub.org.uk)

Closing date for entries: 31st May 2021

\*not organists, unfortunately, due to the lack of a suitable instrument

## Year 11 College Information

For regular updates on college information please see:  
'Open Evenings/Virtual Tours'  
on the Year 11 page of the school website.



**FREE monthly webinars for students who wish to study Medicine at Univeristy.**

My name is Dr Mo and I work as a GP in Coventry.

We are trying to help students during this pandemic, considering the lockdowns and disruption to studies that have occurred. We are organising FREE monthly webinars for students who wish to study Medicine at Univeristy.

**Our next Online talk is on the 14th March 2021 and 2 UK doctors will talk about the journey of a doctor through the NHS.**

It will be an excellent opportunity for students to hear from doctors and understand the requirements to get into Medical School and beyond.

We would be grateful if you could inform any students who may be interested. There are 2 links below, one is an eventbrite link and the other is a direct Zoom registration link.

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/137253985365?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc\\_cid=d5fe54cfec&mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/137253985365?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=d5fe54cfec&mc_eid=UNIQID)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0Yvdi35JRiu\\_wPBnqipbUw?mc\\_cid=d5fe54cfec&mc\\_eid=UNIQID](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0Yvdi35JRiu_wPBnqipbUw?mc_cid=d5fe54cfec&mc_eid=UNIQID)

If you could kindly share the links with any students who may be interested in attending.

Dr Mo  
Co-founder Inspire Medics  
Medical Education

## Barking Abbey Netball Academy

### Virtual Open Evening is on:

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Time: 7.00pm

We would be delighted if you would join us for our presentation.

I have also included in this email the application form for Barking Abbey.

**The closing date is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

[APPLICATION-FORM-NEW-STUDENTS-2021-Word.doc](#)

There is also a link to the expression of interest form for anyone interested in applying to complete, so we have the details to send you the link for the Virtual open evening.

Please click here to register:

<https://www.barkingabbeyschool.co.uk/sports-academies/netball/register-your-interest-form-2/>

Please pass this on to any netball player who is keen to thrive on and off the court. I am sure you will find the presentation full of information and exciting times.

Kind regards

Tracy Martin & Debi Moore

Barking Abbey Netball Academy





**Degree Virtual Open Day**  
**10 March, 2021**  
**5:30 - 7:30pm**

**Level 4 Virtual Open Day**  
**16 March, 2021**  
**5:30 - 7:30pm**

**Level 2/3 Virtual Open Day**  
**18 March, 2021**  
**5:30 - 7:30pm**



As we know this can be a challenging time for students considering their next steps, we have created an online resource that introduces readers to each career opportunity in the fashion industry called the

[Fashion Retail Academy's Outreach Hub.](#)

Fashion Retail Academy, 15 Gresse Street, London, W1T 1QL, United Kingdom

# BRITISH ARMY MUSIC

## UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

- 6 Feb - Clarinet Masterclass
- 8 Feb - Women in the Army Webinar
- 18 Feb - Becoming an Army Musician Webinar with the Band and Bugles of The Rifles
- 20 Feb - Euphonium Masterclass
- 26-28 Feb - Virtual Academy
- 6 Mar - Cornet Masterclass
- 18 Mar - Becoming an Army Musician Webinar
- 20 Mar - Percussion Masterclass

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