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Week 'B'

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| SCHOOL CALENDAR Autumn Term 2019 Ends Friday 20 December 2019 Friday 6 December Year 11 Mock Examinations End Monday 9 December School closed all day Tuesday 10 December Early school closure at 2.30pm for Community Party Thursday 12th December Christmas Carol Service St Mary's Church, 7pm. Details to follow | CONTENTS Headteacher's Message Parent/Carer Information Student Information Community Party | PAGE 1-2 3-12 3-12 4 | CONTENTS Faculty News Alumnae /Friends News School History School Calendar | PAGE 5-8 9 10 12 |
| | HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE <p>Dear Parents and Carers,</p> <p>It was our Year 11 students' final week of mock exams, with the Music exam taking place on Monday and PE practical exams bringing the three weeks of mocks to a close on Thursday and Friday. It has been a demanding few weeks for our oldest students and I am sure they look forward to a weekend free from revising. They will find out their results in the last week of term.</p> <p>With many activities and festive celebrations coming up over the next few weeks, it was a relatively quiet week in school, although faculty and pastoral teams have been continuing the review of their practice and curriculum. We also ran our own session of our NPQML training aimed at teachers from across the borough. On Thursday evening, however, Ms Simpson and Ms Cato accompanied a group of 7 students to Somerset House to visit the Mary Sibande exhibition which features a range of photographic and sculptural works exploring South African culture. The trip was organised as part of our students upcoming work launching the new WSfG Diversity Magazine. This is an initiative spearheaded by our English Faculty as part of Black History Month, and more importantly, to ensure that the celebration of diversity is embedded within our</p> | | | |

school and not just for the month. Students applied and were selected to be involved in the creation and development of this digital magazine, celebrating diverse cultures. My thanks to Ms Simpson and Ms Cato for organising this trip and supporting students with the upcoming launch of the magazine.

Also, after school on Thursday was our annual Sixth Form College Roadshow for our Year 11 students and their parents and carers. We hosted 27 stall holders offering our students guidance and information about post-16 education and job opportunities. It was an extremely busy evening and I hope our students feel inspired and informed about their options after they leave WSfG.

With the evenings drawing in, I am sure many of our parents and carers are advising their children to walk home on well illuminated streets and with their friends. I am sure our students do not need to be asked to walk home with their friends, however, please do remind them to walk on well-lit streets.

On a final note, some happy news from Stella Creasy. We welcome her new daughter Hester Corinna who was born at Whipps Cross Hospital on Wednesday afternoon. Congratulations to Stella and her husband on behalf of WSfG!

Wishing parents, carers, students and staff a good weekend.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

*Mary Sibande
I Put A Spell On Me 2009*





NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

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19th November, 2019

Important letter from medical services for parents and carers– please read.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles

Please may we ask for your co-operation in an important matter.

We have some students receiving medical treatment for a serious illness which puts them at risk if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

The best way to protect our students from measles is for all children at school to be immunised against measles. Please would you discuss measles immunisation with your GP if your daughter has not already received it. If your daughter is suspected of having measles, you should let us know immediately.

Our students are also at risk from chicken pox and would need to start medication to hopefully prevent contracting the disease. If your daughter is suspected of having chicken pox you should let us know immediately.

It is also important that you let us know if there is shingles in your household.

Your daughter is not under any risk whatsoever from this situation, however the health and wellbeing of our students who are at risk depends on the co-operation of all parents and carers, and we know that you will inform us immediately if your daughter develops the symptoms of any of the above illnesses.

Yours sincerely

Meryl Davies

Headteacher



WSFG Community Party 2019

Dear WSFG School Community,

Each year, we host a Community Party. This is a wonderful event where our whole school comes together to organise a Christmas Party for elderly members of our community. In recent years, we have hosted around 100 guests on each occasion; this year we are anticipating entertaining 140 visitors!

As part of the celebration, we offer every guest a wrapped Christmas gift, delivered by our Year 7 elves. **We really need your help** in order to make this happen.

We still **NEED NEW and UNWANTED gifts** that would be suitable for an elderly person, please ask your child to take it to the Humanities Faculty in school.

There will be more opportunities for students to help this event nearer the time.

Many thanks in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Ms M Philippou
Assistant Headteacher



Faculty News

ICT News



UK Bebras
Computational
Thinking
Challenge



All Year 9 students took part in the Bebras 2019 Challenge during their computing lessons. Every participant had a unique login to access the challenge and try to solve as many problems in 40 minutes.

The activity was a great success and many students suggested we plan similar activities again in the future. The results were posted by Bebras a week later and we have had some great scores with the following students achieving these awards:



Best in School - *Alba* 9H

Distinction (top 10% nationally in the intermediate age group)

The following students will have the opportunity to take part in the 2020 Oxford Computing Challenge. This is another computer science challenge that is run by the University of Oxford, students who do well in the Bebras challenge are invited to take part in. This will be completed online in school by qualifying students in March.

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| <i>Demmy</i> | 9C | <i>Alba</i> | 9H |
| <i>Rehana</i> | 9C | <i>Yngie</i> | 9H |
| <i>Lily</i> | 9C | <i>Katy</i> | 9S |
| <i>Frances</i> | 9C | <i>Minnie</i> | 9S |
| <i>Melis</i> | 9C | <i>Han</i> | 9S |
| <i>Sadie</i> | 9F | <i>Anam</i> | 9S |
| <i>Seriyah</i> | 9F | <i>Maegan</i> | 9W |
| | | <i>Ramisa</i> | 9W |



As well as the names above, 33 other participants achieved a distinction award for achieving a score in the top 25% of the school. A further 37 participants achieved a merit award for achieving a score in the top 50% of the school.

Congratulations to all those students who have won the awards listed above.

The ICT faculty looks forward to supporting those students taking part in the Oxford challenge in March.

Ms Shafiq (ICT Faculty)

Mathematics

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK



Entries open: 25/11/19

Entries close: 01/12/19



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 3 1 1 0
 1 3 2 1 1 0
 1 1 1 3 1 2 2 1 1 0

Amarpreet writes down
lines of a sequence.

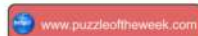
He has to work out the next line
using the line before it.

What is the next line Amarpreet should write?

Extension: Can you find any other special sequences?



Puzzle source unknown, suggested by Amarpreet Singh Kular



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Top 10 Schools This Week

| Position | School | Country | Correct Answers | All Answers |
|----------|---|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | Mearns Castle High School | Scotland | 35 | 40 |
| 2 | Hurstpierpoint College | England | 21 | 23 |
| 3 | Bradfield College | England | 10 | 12 |
| 4 | Queensland Academy of Science, Mathematics and Technol- | Australia | 7 | 7 |
| 5 | Walthamstow School for Girls | England | 7 | 7 |
| 6 | The British School of Brussels | Belgium | 4 | 4 |
| 7 | St Clement Danes | England | 3 | 15 |
| 8 | Whitehall Middle School | United States | 1 | 10 |
| 9 | St Columbas High School | Scotland | 1 | 3 |
| 10 | All Saints Catholic High School | England | 1 | 1 |

This is our position last week.

Let's see if we can move up the leader board this week!

<http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com/results/school-results>

Ms E Kelly
Maths Faculty

WSFG Christmas Carol Concert

All parents, carers, students, staff, governors and alumnae are warmly invited to our Christmas Carol Concert.

Walthamstow School for Girls Christmas Carol Concert

Thursday 12th December 2019 -
St Mary's Church - 7.00pm



YOUR FUTURE. YOUR BOROUGH. SPEAK UP.

A FREE EVENT BY WALTHAM
FOREST EAST LONDON LEADERS

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 12-5PM

**DOZENS OF LOCAL POLITICAL AND ACTIVIST ORGANISATIONS
THAT YOU CAN GET INVOLVED WITH.
LIVE MUSIC.
NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES.**

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The Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form
Whitman House Main Hall, 34 Sharnhall St,
Walthamstow, London E17 9RT

An opportunity to find out about the organisations and groups operating in Waltham Forest that are changing your borough, and your future.

What is this event?

Dozens of political, activist or community-focused organisations will be represented at this event by some of their members and a stall. Those who come will have a **unique opportunity** to talk to these local organisations, **network**, and learn about what is happening in the borough.

There will be talks given by people who are doing amazing things for young people and Waltham Forest, **live music** by local professional musicians and rising stars, **free food and drinks**, **prizes to win...** and so much more!


Do you want to learn how to get involved in serious discussions that affect your future?
Do you want to have a say on local issues and influence the future of this borough?
Do you have any questions about politics or the borough that you want answered?

According to a House of Commons report, more than 80% of under-18s are dissatisfied with our politicians.

We can change UK politics, together.

This event has been organised by Waltham Forest East London Leaders. We are a group of young people who want to help the youth in Waltham Forest become more politically engaged and active in their communities.

Message for Students in All Years



**Christmas Fair on
Wednesday
11th December 2019
In the LRC
during lunchtime
If you would like to sell
your handmade crafts,
why not book a table £1
from either
Ms Kelly or Ms Guest in
the LRC**

PLEASE NOTE

**BOOK YOUR TABLE BEFORE 30 NOVEMBER
ALL ITEMS MUST BE HANDMADE**



WSFG Friends Group

We would like parents/carers and other members of the school community (teaching and support staff, governors and school leaders) to get involved as our plans progress to bring projects to life for the benefit of the whole school and wider community.

Further discussions are under way- if you'd like to find out more, please contact Lesley Winter by email: lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk and register your interest now.

We need people who enjoy organising events, publicity (including social media) experts, local business people with useful contacts for sponsorship, and anyone with good ideas to raise money for special school projects.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Friends Committee



WSFG Christmas Gift Ideas

available from the LRC

Cards 50 pence each
or 4 for £1.50,

Tote bags
various designs £3,
Key Rings £2,
Mugs £5.



School History

I came across this story in the 1940 edition of the *Iris*. It takes place when our school was evacuated during World War II.

Ms O Kelly
LRC Manager

Cinderella.

With an envious sigh Cinderella watched her two ugly sisters as they prepared to embark for the annual A.R.P. dance at the Y.M.C.A. Hastily shouting instructions to Cinderella for the evening's housework, they galloped toward their bicycles and soon disappeared in the direction of the Central Hall.

Wearily fetching pen and ink, Cinderella was about to tackle the onerous task of filling in the ration books, when there was a resounding crash and a terrific rattling of windows. Before she could throw herself flat on the floor, she was confronted by the startling apparition of an aeroplane landing clumsily on the kitchen table, seemingly from the window. Its occupant, an even more startling apparition in flying goggles and voluminous purple robes, seeing the dismay on Cinderella's face, promptly produced her identity card, proclaiming herself to be the fairy godmother.

Thus reassured, the mystified Cinderella upon the request of the eccentric visitor, led the way to the back garden. Assuring Cinderella that she would attend the dance, the fairy godmother proceeded to demonstrate her mystic abilities. With one majestic sweep of the stirrup-pump, the Anderson shelter rapidly assumed the gleaming proportions of a super sports-car. Yet another flourish, and Cinderella's rags translated themselves into a magni-ficent creation of foaming chiffon and pink rose-buds.

"But", warned the fairy godmother as Cinderella leapt lightly into the car, "Be back by twelve o'clock or disaster will overtake you."

Arriving at the Y.M.C.A., Cinderella was greeted by her Prince Charming, resplendent in battle-dress and glittering array of medals. Completely ignoring the worthy members of the A.T.S. and W.V.S., he partnered Cinderella for the rest of the evening. So happy was Cinderella that she forgot the fairy godmother's warning until she heard the fatal chimes of midnight. Leaving her partner stranded in the middle of Lambeth Walk, she rushed out into the darkness, only to

find the car floating sadly away into thin air accompanied by the mournful music of an air--raid siren. Sprinting past the Granville Hotel, Cinderella managed to get home before the ugly sisters arrived.

Just as the sisters were retiring, there was a thunderous knock at the door. Blanched with terror, the ugliest sister hurried to answer, with fearful recollections of the enormous fines for black-out offences. Instead, however, of the local warden, there stood the most handsome member of His Majesty's Forces. He told them that he had found the gas mask belonging to his mysterious partner at the dance, and he was looking for the owner. With hasty fingers, the ugly sisters contrived to wear the gas mask, but with obviously unsuccessful results. Then, amid the loudly voiced scorn of the unsuccessful candidates, Cinderella was re-requested to don the respirator.

One graceful movement and the gas mask was transferred to her flower-like face, and, needless to say, fitted perfectly. With a loud cry of joy the Prince Charming swept his Cinderella into his arms, and, as you may have guessed, lived happily ever after.

Violet Randall (VI).



School Calendar Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2 September to Friday 20 December

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| Friday 6 December | Year 11 Mock Examinations End |
| Monday 9 December | School closed all day |
| Tuesday 10 December | Early school closure at 2.30pm for Community Party |
| Thursday 12th December | Christmas Carol Service St Mary's Church, 7pm. Details to follow |

Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January 2020

Spring Term

Monday 6 January to Friday 3 April

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| Thursday 23 January | Year 11 Parent/Carer Evening 4:30–7pm |
| Thursday 6 February | Year 9 Options Evening |

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

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| Thursday 5 March | Year 8 Parents/Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm |
| Thursday 26 March | Year 10 Parent Carer Subject Evening 4:30–7pm |

Easter Holiday Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April

Community Events

Vestry House Museum's Victorian Christmas

Sunday 8 December, 1.30pm - 4pm.

Enjoy festive performances and get creative with Christmas crafts.

(Please note tickets to visit Santa are now sold out).

Victorian Christmas will be open earlier, between 12noon – 1pm for families with SEND children so they can take part in the activities in a quieter environment.

Spaces for this relaxed session are limited so [please book in advance via Eventbrite](#).