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

Friday 19th July 2019 Thursday 2nd

May WSFG Alumnae fundraising quiz night.

CANCELLED

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that everyone enjoyed the spring break and know that our students have returned with renewed enthusiasm for the term ahead. My thanks to those members of staff who enabled Year 11 students to continue their examination preparation in school during the holidays and, of course, to our senior students, who worked so diligently. Our GCSE examinations have now begun; this week we have had two days of Art practical and also the start of the language orals, which continue apace next week.

Hopefully information about Borough of Culture initiatives are reaching you all. During the Easter break, an art work from the government art collection was installed in school. We are proud to have been selected as one of the twenty-eight venues across the borough to host such unique pieces of work. Furthermore, all the artworks and their locations are listed in the borough's Ways of Seeing programme:

https://wfculture19.co.uk/waysofseeing

Also this week, our overseas visitors accompanied me to the Waltham Forest Violence Reduction Partnership Summit at George

Monoux College. We heard accounts from local young people about their experiences, as well has listening to a passionate speech by Dame Louise Casey DBE CB about her experiences as the 'homelessness czar' under the Blair government, as Director General of the Troubled Families programme under PM Cameron and, more recently, as the inspection lead following the Jay report on the Rotherham child exploitation scandal. We also heard from the police, local school and council leaders, as well as contributions from local MPs, Stella Creasy and Jain Duncan-Smith.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, all of our Year 10 Geography students spent to day with Humanities staff at Walton-on-the Naze on the Essex coast undertaking fieldwork. Students in Years 7-10 will be competing in the Summer Interform next week and we hope that the dry weather will continue and allow this to take place out of doors.

I look forward to seeing the parents/carers of the Year 7 students again on May 9th as they come in to meet for the first time formally with their daughters' subject tutors. Students in Year 7 should be already making appointments with their teachers on their parents' behalf.

Also the deadline to apply for one of the Parent Governor vacancies has now closed. Thank you to those who have put yourselves forward to be involved in this important area of the school's work. An email will follow shortly with information regarding the election process, as well as, a voting slip for you to print and return to the school to cast your vote.

Finally, please remind your daughter that her behaviour outside of school, especially when wearing the school's green uniform, reflects on the whole school community and there are high expectations of behaviour from both her teachers and her parents and carers. It is extremely rare for us to ever receive complaints from members of the public, and recently, there has been no exception to this. Also, if dropping off or collecting your daughter, please be mindful not to block residential driveways or park on the zig zag lines. We are also all encouraged never to leave our engines 'idling'.

I wish you all an excellent Summer Term!

Meryl Davies Headteacher



International School Leadership Programme at the Institute of Education, University College London.



Waltham Forest GREEN Teaching School Alliance

The first placement for the three Saudi leaders from the Institute of Education's International Leadership Development finished before the Easter break. They immersed themselves in many aspects of school leadership and experienced a wide range of leadership, curricular, extra-curricular and training opportunities. We wish them well in their second placement. I have included a short quote from each of them:

'I loved your school because everyone has a high sense of responsibility, a stimulating environment for work and creativity' Nuha Almulla

'A wonderful and distinctive school and inspirational leader and creative team ... Thank you from the depths of my heart .' Salihah Alshunayni

'Thank you for your good reception and cooperation with us through which we obtained a useful experience through your wise leadership.'

Moodhi Albani

We are looking forward to working with the next three Saudi leaders who joined us this week.

Mr Gunzi Deputy Headteacher



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

Your daughter will be making appointments between **4.30 to 7pm** with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress

We encourage all Year 7 students and **their parents / carers or a family member** to attend this consultation evening to discuss their daughter's progress and strategies to help them achieve their full potential at Walthamstow School for Girls.

It is a **crucial event** as it is your daughter's only parents' evening this year with an opportunity to discuss her progress targets with subject teachers. We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Fearon, Mr Morrow Student Progress Leaders, Year 7

Attendance figures for March 2019



Well done to the Spring Term winners who are 7H, 8C, 9S, 10H and 11S. Your prizes will be with you soon.

March winners are 7H, 8C, 9W, 10G and 11S. Postcards are in pigeon holes. Classes will also receive a postcard from the Headteacher.

100% certificates and pin badges will be given to SPLs in the next couple of weeks. Students know that they are allowed to pin the badges onto their lanyards.

Well done all!

Ms King Attendance Manager

Focus of the Fortnight 23rd April – 5th May 2019 Student Planner

Dear Parents / Carers,

At the start of the year, all students are issued with a PLANNER that has been carefully designed to support them with their school work, homework and general organisational skills.

Students are required to have their PLANNER in school with them at all times and if they do not, they will have an automatic one hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team.

If a student loses her PLANNER, she should purchase another from Student Services. In order to support your daughter with this Focus, please ensure she has her PLANNER with her every day for school and sign the planner as required.

Ms. K.H.Pratt Assistant Headteacher



- Students are required to have their PLANNER with them in school at all times
- The PLANNER is an essential part of their school equipment.
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Faculty News

Intermediate Maths Challenge

The Intermediate Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems are designed to make students think.

In recent years there have been over 260,000 entries from over 3,300 schools. Certificates are awarded to the highest scoring 40% of candidates.

Congratulations to the following students from WSFG on their recent success. Sylvie deserves a special mention as she secured a place in the next round, called the Grey Kangaroo.

Best in School, Best in Year 9, Gold Certificate and Kangaroo Qualifier *Sylvie*

Silver Certificates Bronze Certificates

Ettienne (Also best in Year 10) Keira **Aatani** Aoife Izzy Hannah Madiha Elif **Florence** Yin Hang Aini Crystal Anaghim Saniya Dorothy Ayan Khara Frin Jasia Khadijah

The next Maths Challenge is the Junior version, on 30th April.

Ms Robinson Challenge Cordinator



WSFG Easter Egg Hunt

During the week before the Easter holiday, the Year 10 LORIC leaders organised an Easter egg hunt for Year 8 students. All students paid 50p to enter and the money raised will go to the Year 8 chosen charity, which is Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The Year 8s had a great time searching for chicks around our Greek Theatre and the Year 10s exchanged these for chocolate eggs once they were handed in.

The Year 7 hunt took place later in the week. Well done to all those involved.

Ms Warren SPL Year 8





Compost Matters-KS3 STEM/ Gardening Club Project

On the last day of term some KS3 students had a delightful day at the OrganicLea Community Farm. They are involved in a STEM/ Gardening Club project called Compost Matters. The students learnt all about growing produce organically and the importance of composting. The visit will be followed up with a workshop in school from a soil scientist. The students will also design and build their own composting system



for our school allotment. Watch this space for updates as the project develops.

This is what the students had to say about the experience:



I absolutely loved what we did today! It was so much fun and it was a great experience. We got to learn a lot of information about composting and that was amazing!

Sara 7S

I really enjoyed going to OrganicLea as I learnt so much and had so much fun. It was an amazing experience which I am so happy to be a part of. Everyone there was so friendly and if we had any questions, would happily answer them, I would love to go again.





Ms Healy and Mrs Dominique.

Year 9 visit Framestore London

At the end of last term, we took some of our Year 9 students to visit Framestore London. We felt very privileged to visit the company which does the computer generated imagery and special effects for Marvel films, Netflix productions and many more.



It was an incredibly creative day as students had the freedom to find a solution for a community issue that they felt passionate about, with Framestore working on the winning team's idea for them. We were also very lucky to have a tour of Framestore and see where and how the magic happens.

This was a rare opportunity and the students left buzzing and full of energy.

Thank you to our hosts for the day, particularly Amy who works closely with us at WSFG and is always on hand to support.

Ms Philippou Assistant Headteacher





Garden Club



At Walthamstow School for Girls Allotment for

the annual big clear up event
with training from

The Royal Horticultural Society.

Saturday 11th May 10am – 1pm.

This is followed by a healthy free lunch!



Have fun with friends in the great outdoors.

Please contact Mrs Dominique at the school if you plan to attend.

Mathematics Challenge



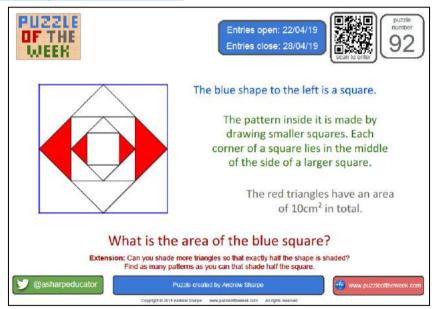
A free international puzzle competition for schools

Puzzle of the week is back!

For the next ten weeks there will be a new puzzle.

Please encourage your students to enter and have a go yourself!

http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com/



Ms Robinson Challenge Coordinator

Alumnae Quiz Night

Due to unforeseen circumstances, it is with regret the scheduled Alumnae Quiz Night for Thursday 2nd May has been cancelled.

Please watch this space for further events.

Alumnae Committee

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Our newly planted cherry tree on the left is nearly as good as its predecessor. If you look hard enough you can just see the remains of the stump