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SCHOOL CALENDAR Spring Term 2019 Ends Friday 5th April 2019

Thursday 4th April 7th Annual

Steel Pan Fundraising Concert 7 - 9.30 pm

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

Thursday 2nd May

2019

WSFG Alumnae fundraising quiz night. 7-9.30pm

Monday 6th May 2019 May Day Bank holiday

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

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had the usual busy week with extracurricular activities as well as our usual focus on educating and learning, and, in relation to Year 11 students, examination preparation and practical assessments.

Our Year 7 Netball Team played their final game of the league on Tuesday at Leytonstone School. Despite our students having a smaller team due to injuries, they ended up beating their opponents 6-3 which was an amazing demonstration of skill as well as resilience. Congratulations to the team, *Aminah, Ikram, Evie, Hannah, Debra, Che'Nye, Tenzin, Betty* and *Anna*, and my thanks to Ms Warren for training and supporting the girls throughout the league.

Our senior students have also faced challenges this week, with our Drama, Music, PE and Food Technology students either undertaking their practical examinations, or preparing for their upcoming examinations next week. Our GCSE PE students undertook their practical moderation on Wednesday morning which counts for 30% of their overall grade – I am sure our students felt a sense of relief going home in the afternoon and I wish the best of luck to all those who participated! The GCSE Drama students have taken part in Component Two of their Drama exam, consisting of two technical rehearsals on Monday and Friday. I am sure that our students feel well prepared ahead of their final assessed performance which is taking place next week.

Our Year 10 Drama students took part in a rehearsed reading of the play that they helped to develop alongside a theatre company earlier in the academic year, called 'The Hate Play'. 22 students from the year group went to see an adapted screenplay on Tuesday called 'Berberian Sound Studio' which is based on Peter Strickland's acclaimed subliminal horror film. My thanks to Ms Cornford for organising these events, and to the accompanying staff.

Year 10 students also took part in an all-day event on Wednesday on 'Violence Against Women and Girls', which was an interactive session giving our students the necessary awareness and tools to identify the various ways violence may be enacted upon women and girls. I hope the session helped our students have a wider and more nuanced understanding of gender based violence, as well as violence in general.



Violence is not limited to gender however, as the end of last week demonstrated with the Christchurch Mosque shootings. This was an abominable act of terrorism and, sadly, a reflection of an increasingly troubled world. Given the ethnic, cultural and religious diversity of our school, we have addressed and discussed this tragic event with students in classes and assemblies this week.

Please note that the seventh annual fundraising steelband concert will be taking place next week on Thursday 4th April. Tickets for the performance must be purchased in advance and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Turn to page 5 for more information.

Finally, a reminder that nominations for governors will close on Friday 5th April, which also marks the start of our Easter break.

Wishing all mothers a Happy Mothers' Day on Sunday!

Meryl Davies Headteacher

Information for Staff, Students and Parents / Carers The final day of the Spring term is Friday 5th April 2019

- ★ ALL lessons 1 5 are as normal.
- There will be a normal breaktime and lunchtime offer in the dining hall.
- Friday 5th April will be a non-uniform day with proceeds going towards a Year Group charity donation, cost £1.00.
- The jewellery rules still apply on this day and lanyards <u>must</u> be worn.
- ☆ School is dismissed as normal at 3.30pm.

The first day of the Summer term for ALL students is Tuesday 23rd April 2019

- All students are expected in **FULL** school uniform and to be in school at the correct time.
- The Focus of the Fortnight will be on correct Uniform and Lanvards.
- This will be a Week B.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Ms.K.H.Pratt Assistant Headteacher.



NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

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Dear Parents/Carers

21st March, 2019

Walthamstow School for Girls has a vacancy for two parents or carers to serve as a school governor and I hope you will consider putting yourself forward. The Governing Body's role is the strategic and financial oversight of the school, and ensuring that students receive a high quality education which prepares them for the next stage of their education. This includes planning for future development and improvements, but not the day-to-day management of the school. For more information please see the governing body section of the school website.

If you would like to stand as a candidate please complete the reply slip attached and return it to the school no later than 12 noon on Friday 5th April, 2019. If there is more than one candidate for the vacancy an election will need to be held, but this is a straightforward process. All you need to do is write a short paragraph (no more than one hundred words) saying why you want to become a Parent Governor; your statement will be sent to all parents and carers with a voting paper. Should only one parent or carer apply, then they will automatically become a Parent Governor. The term of office is four years.

The work of our governors is very important to the school in key areas such as oversight and development of the ethos and curriculum of the school; well-being of pupils; staff employment and use of resources as well as ensuring that the school maintains its high standards in all areas. You will be expected to attend an (evening) meeting of the Governing Body once or twice a term and to join one of its committees which also meets once a term. Governors are also encouraged to visit the school occasionally during the day and help in the oversight of an area of the curriculum as a link governor. We are not looking for any particular expertise, but rather a strong commitment to the school and its students, the inquisitiveness to question, and a willingness to give some of your time to governance. However, if you have specialist knowledge or relevant experience, do please mention this in your statement. Induction training is provided for all new governors and governors are encouraged to attend further training on specific areas of school governance paid for by the school.

As a school we are always mindful that the Governing Body should reflect the local community that the school serves and members of ethnic minority groups are therefore particularly welcomed on the Governing Body and are encouraged to stand for election as parent governors.

Please note that for the purpose of safeguarding, school governors are subject to an enhanced DBS check. administered via the school, which requires disclosure of any previous criminal convictions. Anything disclosed will not necessarily bar you from holding office and will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the school.

Yours faithfully

Meryl Davies Headteacher



























Please return this slip to the school before Friday 5th April, 2019
I wish to stand as a candidate for election as parent governor at (name) School.
First name:
Family Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms etc.):
Signed:
Home Address:
Remember to include your statement below (no more than 100 words) saying why you want to become a school governor and what skills/knowledge you feel that the board will benefit from.

1 school 120 musicians 6 bands

Seventh annual fundraising steelband concert





Thursday 4th April 2019

7pm sharp

Doors open at 6.30pm

Tickets are limited, pre-booking is essential

Adults £7 Students £4

Student and parent tickets MUST be purchased in advance via sQuid and collected from student services

For all other tickets please contact Ms Bradshaw via email: hbradshaw@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Faculty News Year 10 trip to the University of Cambridge

Last week, thirty students from Year 10 spent the day at Gonville and Caius at the University of Cambridge. We are very fortunate that former WSFG student, Charlotte Gamble is in her first year there, studying history. She spent the day with us, showing us around and answering questions. The day was organised by our Schools' Liaison Officer, Rosie Costello. It was a



fantastic opportunity for our students and we are very grateful to Charlotte and Rosie for their time and input. Thank you also to John Fowler and Alan Courteney, retired WSFG maths teachers, who came along to support the trip.

Here is some feedback from our students:

The trip as a whole was not only enjoyable but very informative. It gave me a good idea of the different types of universities that exist like ones with campuses or colleges. We learnt about the grades needed and subjects that are the best to choose to keep our options open. Meeting Charlotte was particularly inspiring as she is an ex-student of WSFG. It was very helpful to talk to her and to ask her lots of questions. Meeting her is proof that students like us can get into top universities like Cambridge if we are prepared to put in the hard work!

Saniya

The Cambridge trip was a real eye opener. It was a great opportunity to see what a university of this calibre has to offer, from the food to the courses and societies. It showed me that it is a real possibility for me to study somewhere like this. The diversity there is an aspect that pleasantly surprised me and gave me the reassurance that Cambridge is open to everyone if you are willing to put in the hard work that is required.

Ayan 10S

The Cambridge trip was a fantastic opportunity. It was interesting to hear about all of the different clubs and societies. There is even one where students meet to eat chocolate! We had a talk on the various degree courses available which helped us to think about our future.

Aatani 10S

We had a talk about how universities work and it has really changed my perception of them. I am considering looking into Oxford and Cambridge for my further education. The day itself was very enjoyable and I am glad that our school allows such extracurricular activities to take place.

V 10G

I assumed that the University of Cambridge would fit the stereotypes surrounding it — a place for posh, geniuses who go to private schools. However, it wasn't! The trip taught me so much. For example, I learnt about the different types of universities and what they have to offer. Overall it was a very enjoyable day and I would love to go on more visits like this to compare. The most important thing I learnt was that nothing should hold me back from going to a university like this in the future.

Mahima 10G



I never knew before how to apply to university but now I have a clear vision of how to do it. I learnt lots of useful information about the universities of England. I really liked the gardens that we passed through and the beautiful architecture of the colleges. In general, it was an exceptional, interesting, educational and once in a lifetime opportunity!!

Menele 10C

The trip to Cambridge was really helpful as it gave me an insight into higher education. I learnt about the importance of hard work and perseverance to get in. Overall, the trip was great fun and really helped me to think about what A level subjects will benefit me the most in the future.

Zalyka 10C

Ms Robinson Challenge Coordinator



P.E. News

The Year 7 netball team played their final game of the league this week at Leytonstone School. We had a few injuries so the team was smaller than usual but the girls still played extremely well. They won the game 6-3 which was a great way to finish the league.

We now await results from other games to see if we have made it through to the semi finals. Please congratulate the following girls if you see them:

Aminah 7C (captain)
Ikram 7G
Evie 7F
Hannah 7C
Debra 7C (player of the match)
Che'Nye 7F
Tenzin 7C
Betty 7G
Anna 7F



Ms Warren



Mathematics Challenge



A free international puzzle competition for schools

WSFG Winners

We heard about this worldwide puzzle competition in January, students, staff and parents have been entering over the last ten weeks, culminating in us coming 2nd in the world last week.

The following students have all correctly solved the puzzle the most times.

School	Top 10 Schools ese are the top schools that have submitted or must have at least one correct submission fastes as soon as students submit their arraw	answers to this w this week to qua	reek's puzzle o	derboard.
Schools	leaderboards) 18-19 : Top 10 This Week			
Position	School	Country	Correct Answers	All
1	Strathaven Academy	Scotland	150	153
2	Walthamstow School for Girls	England	120	125
3	Queen Elizabeth's Academy	England	105	109
4	Meams Castle High School	Scotland	79	88
5	St Andrews International School Bangkok	Thailand	67	72
8	JESS Dubai	UAE	66	82
7	Brannock High School	Scotland	66	71
8	Parliament Hill School	England	44	-68
9	Raion Allen School	England	33	34
10	Royal Hospital School	England	31	22

	Year group
Isra	7
Nida	7
Zahra	7
Hira	7
Bonnie Jo	7
Marium	7
Hajrah	9
Madison	9

	Year group
Javairia	10
Elif	10
Dorothy	10
Brianna	10
Maui	10
Mahima	10
Amira	10

There were five staff and two parents who correctly solved the puzzle the most times, winners were picked at random from the adult leader board. Winning staff and parents will be notified.

Students please see Ms Robinson for your prizes.

The next puzzle will be live from 22nd April.

Meanwhile, exercise your brain by solving puzzles from previous years:

http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com/puzzle-library

Ms Robinson Challenge Coordinator

Barge Haybay Weekend Friday 14 to Sunday 16 June 2019

In June we are travelling to Maldon in Essex for our annual weekend of outdoor adventures and activities, such as kayaking, climbing and high ropes. We stay on a moored houseboat and do all our own cooking and cleaning.

There is space for 24 students - all years are welcome - and the cost is £100.

If you are interested in coming, please sign up on the door to G68 for more information.

If you have any questions, please see Ms Famiglietti

Below are a few of the activities from last years' trip:









WSFG Diversity Calendar for the Month of April









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Olive Dining Summer Term Menus

All menus are subject to change. Week One menus will started on 23rd April 2019.

The cost of a school meal is still £2.20.

A reminder to parents/carers that if you wish to pay for your daughter's school meals by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'Olive Dining Ltd'.

All students have also been given usernames and passwords to enable payments to be made online via our **SQUID** system (see the school website for details). If you would like a reminder of your daughter's username and password please contact the school on the usual numbers.

These menus can be viewed on the school website.

Olive Dining





WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 2nd May 2019

7.00 p.m. (doors open at 6.30)

Tickets £5.00 per person in advance
Tickets £7.00 on the door

Adults only - open to staff, parents, alumnae and friends over 18 Bring YOUR own food and drink Tables of eight

Booking essential

To book a place please contact

Lesley Winter on: 020 8509 9410

Or email: lwinter@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

TRITONS SWIM SCHOOL CIC

- ☆ Can you swim 25 metres or more?
- ☆ Are you interested in learning a new skill?
- ☆ Would you like to keep fit?
- At TRITONS we are currently running the following
- ☆ Half term crash courses and 1-2-1s
- ☆ Help with GCSE Swimming
- Rookie life guard (first steps on becoming a life guard)
- ☆ NPLQ (NATIONAL POOL LIFE GUARD QUALIFICATION)
- ☆ ASA/STA L1 and 2 swimming teachers
- ☆ FIRST AID AT WORK
- ☆ Save A baby's life and more
- Classes held at; Waltham Forest College, 707 Forest Road

Walthamstow, London, E17 4JB

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact us at;

info@tritons.org.uk

Amber Childs Service manager Tritons swim school





Waltham Forest Music Service at WSFG

Waltham Forest Music Service now hosts its Music School at Walthamstow School for Girls after school from 4pm Mon-Thurs and on Saturday mornings.

The service offer a wide range of groups and ensembles for instrumentalists of all abilities to join, regular performances and opportunities to perform and learn from professional musicians. The service also offers one-to-one tuition on a range of instruments including flute, saxophone, piano, trumpet, violin, guitar and drum kit.

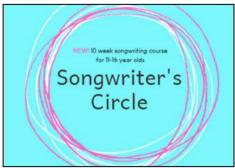
The Service also runs one-off low cost or free courses, workshops and performance opportunities in the school.

New courses for the summer term include 'Songwriter's Circle' on Mondays at 4.30pm and 'Beats and Bass Music Production' on Tuesdays at 4.30pm.

Any pupil aged 11+ who is interested in music can attend. For info/booking go to:

https://songwriterwfms.eventbrite.co.uk/https://beatsandbass.eventbrite.co.uk.

To find out more about tuition, groups and upcoming opportunities visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/music-service, email music.service@walthamforest.gov.uk





or follow on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram @musicservicewf.





Monday - Wednesday

Ages: 11 - 14

Date: 15 - 17 April

Times: 8:30am - 4pm

Address: Big Creative Education

FREE EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Join us for our jam-packed easter holiday programme which will be full of fun and creative activities. A healthy breaifast will be provided on arrival.

Build your own Lego Games character to take home, take part in an afternoon of sports activities, go on a trip to the Apple Store in Westfield for a lesson in illusion with Video by Zach King AND relax with an afternoon of gaming with access to the latest consoles and games!



To register text your name, age and the words 'Easter2019' to 07575 053 994. Places are limited!

Event for primary and secondary school teachers



YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN US AT A SPECIAL EVENT HELD AT WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

How to deliver improvements in maths mastery, English and science while also easing teacher workloads.

See the progress already being made at Walthamstow School for Girls. Join us for a practical, hands-on session so you can experience it as a pupil, as a teacher and as a leader.

Benefits for Teachers

- ✓ Live display shows who needs help
- ✓Intervene effectively without teacher marking
- √ Correct misconceptions early
- ✓ Adapt lessons to assure understanding.
- ✓ Better engage students at their level
- √ Raise achievement without raising stress
- ✓ Working towards mastery

Benefits for Pupils

- ✓ Safe learning through privacy
- ✓ Work at their own pace in lessons
- ✓ Instant feedback to guide learning.
- ✓ Challenged in line with ability.
- ✓ Get help when they need it.
- ✓ An effective learning journey
- √3-4 months extra progress a year



Schools attending will receive £75 worth of books/roughers



ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Location: Walthamstow School for Girls, Church Hill, Walthamstow E17 9RZ

Dates: Thursday 28th March 2019

Time: 4pm-5pm

Contact to reserve your place

https://walthamstow.school.for.girls.lbg.eventbrite.co.uk

AWARDS 2019 WINNER INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR

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Anti-idling Event Thursday 28th of March

Would you like to help clean the air around Walthamstow School for Girls?

The council is holding an anti-idling event on the roads around Walthamstow School for Girls and Emmanuel Community School on **Thursday 28th March at 3.15pm.**

This will involve volunteers and council officers patrolling the area and asking idling drivers to please turn off their engines. The event focuses on raising awareness and education, however the council has recently adopted anti-idling legislation allowing enforcement officers to issue a fine to drivers who refuse to turn off when instructed to.

If you would like further information or to volunteer please email:

alan.urquhart@walthamforest.gov.uk

Alan Urquhart
Air Quality Officer
Air Quality & Environmental Protection



School Calendar Dates 2018-2019

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Thursday 4th April 7th Annual Steel Pan Fundraising Concert

7 - 9.30pm

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 19th July 2019

Thursday 2nd May WSFG Alumnae fundraising quiz night

7 - 9.30pm

Monday 6th May 2019 May Day Bank holiday

Thursday 9th May Year 7 Parent/Carer subject evening

4.30-7pm

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

Wednesday 15th May 2019 Early school closure at 2.30 for Staff Training

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

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

Monday 1st July 2019 Early school closure at 2.30 for Staff Training

