

# 26th May 2023

## Walthamstow School for Girls - Greensheet



### Headteacher Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been a busy fortnight for our school community with the start of the GCSE exam season for year 11, year 10 practical examinations and KS3 exams in lessons. As you continue to prepare and revise over the coming weeks, make sure you take time out to rest, recharge and connect with friends and family. Good luck!

Thank you to Ms Caps and Mr Wooton for organising the DofE expedition practice. This is a great opportunity for students to connect with the great outdoors and learn some important skills. We look forward to hearing about the actual expedition next half-term! Thank you to Ms Cornford for organising the Donmar Warehouse trip with year 10s to see 'Private Lives'.

We enjoyed welcoming year 7 parents into school for year 7 parents' evening last Thursday. We look forward to hearing your feedback from the survey about what we do well and what we can improve.

### Farewell to year 11...

This week, we say 'au revoir' to our **year 11s** before they go on study leave – we will miss you! They have been exemplary throughout the exam season and have impressed us all with their commitment, resilience and determination.

**A huge thank you to all staff** for the many hours you have spent developing our lovely year 11s, both academically and through your care and support. Ms Desbenoit, their SPL, has created a fantastic ethos

in this year group whereby they have become the focused, independent and compassionate young people we see today.

Year 11, we know that you will go on to make us very proud in whatever you do in the future.

### **Inspirational quotes competition!**

We would like to display inspirational quotes from women from diverse backgrounds and fields of expertise around the school which relate to our school values of **Courage, Compassion, Aspiration and Integrity**. We want these to be quotes chosen by our staff and students, by women we admire.

The winning quotations will be displayed in public areas around school and the winning students will be given a week's worth of 'Golden Tickets' to go into lunch early with a friend.

Please email your quotation, along with your name and form to the info@ email, with the subject heading 'Inspirational quotes' **by Friday 16th June. Remember, they must relate to the school values.**

### **Calling all budding WSFG entrepreneurs!**

We are lucky to be able to offer a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity for students at WSFG to take part in an **'Enterprise and Innovation Accelerator' programme**, sponsored by Reedah El-Saie, who is the female founder of multi-award winning EdTech Gaming studio, Brainspark Games. Reedah is a former student who feels passionately about encouraging more women and girls into innovation and tech and has designed this programme around helping them to secure grant funding.

**Please read the article below** to find out how we can help you to realise your ideas by learning the necessary skills and knowledge through our new **'Enterprise and Innovation Accelerator' programme**.

**Wishing you a restful half-term.**

**Ms Marriott**



### **Calling all budding WSFG entrepreneurs!**

- **Do you dream of running your own business one day?**

- **Are you someone who has great ideas about how to improve people's lives but don't know how to make them happen?**
- **Are you good at influencing people?**
- **Would you like to work with a group of friends to win £500 prize money?**

If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes' then please read on to find out how we can help you to realise your ideas by learning the necessary skills and knowledge through our new **'Enterprise and Innovation Accelerator' programme**.

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### **What will the programme consist of?**

Students will apply for the programme and will then commit to a series of workshops which will prepare them for developing an idea and bringing it to market. Students who complete the course will pitch their ideas to both local judges and to a panel of business experts in central London, similar to a 'Dragon's Den' experience. The workshops include in-person and remote workshops on the following topics, including a commitment out of school hours:

1. Ideation & lean model canvas
2. Market research & user-led design thinking
3. Financial forecasting & budgeting
4. Team & project management
5. PR, marketing & social media
6. Securing funding & grant writing
7. Pitch preparation & future growth
8. Demo day pitching to a panel of expert judges!

### **How do I find out more?**

Reedah will be running an introductory workshop on Thursday, 8th June at lunchtime in the Norris Hall at 12.40. Come along if you would like to find out more. She will explain how the course will work and what a good application looks like.

**The deadline for applications is Friday, 23rd June.**

### **What is Brainspark Games?**

Brainspark Games is building an ediverse of free, culturally inclusive, 3D open world immersive educational mobile games, using Augmented Reality, Artificial Intelligence and adaptive learning, aligned with the UK national curriculum, for 7yr-13yrs.

If you are a parent, local business/council and would like to get involved please contact [hello@brainsparkgames.com](mailto:hello@brainsparkgames.com)

## Origami Club - Fractals

On Thursday 11th May, we had an Origami Club with a difference.

The members of the club were invited to try out some resources created by mathematician, Dr Katie Steckles. The activity involved paper, scissors and sellotape (unlike traditional origami)

They needed to give feedback before Dr Steckles uses the activity at the Cheltenham Science Festival.

The session went well and the participants had the following to say about it:

It was fun

It was creative

It was challenging

The process was achievable, and the outcome looks cool

It was interesting. I like how it looks

I enjoyed learning about fractals

They recommended it for Year 5 and upwards and are interested to see the results from the festival.

Thank you to the students who contributed.

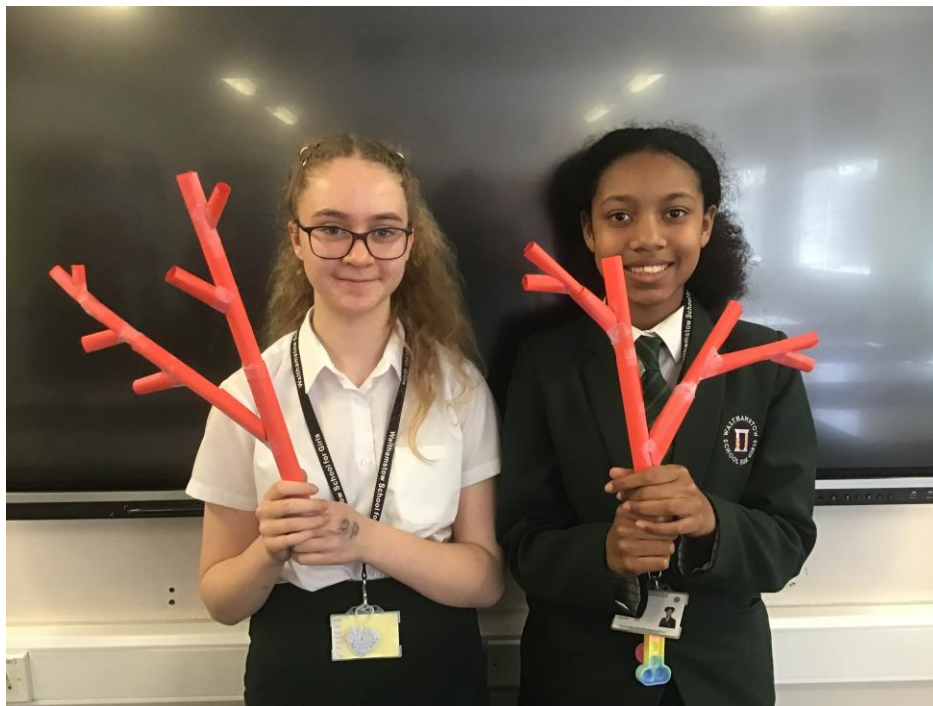
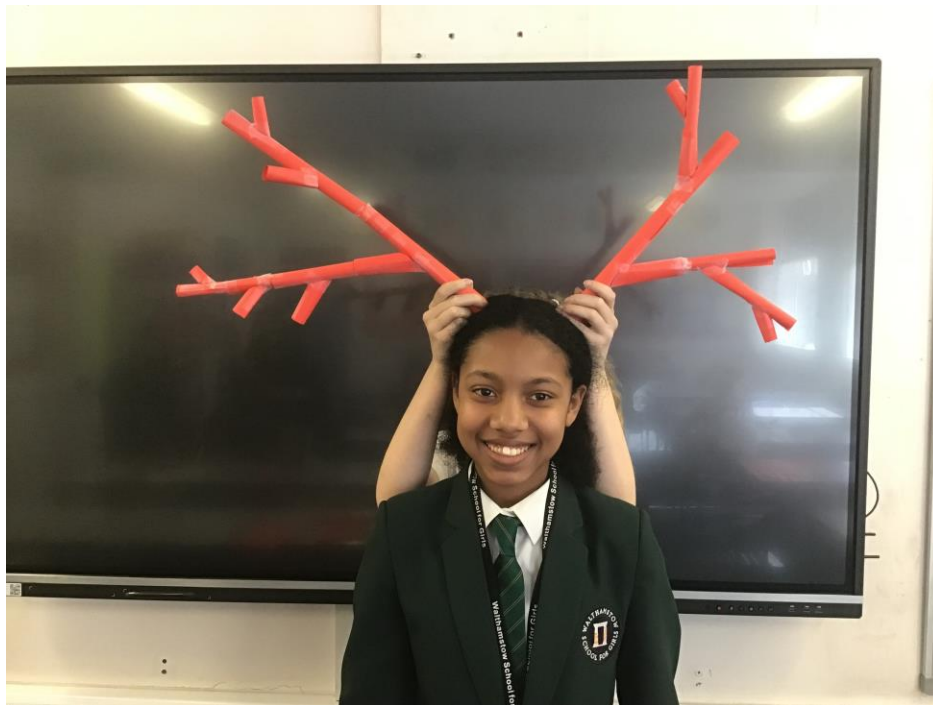
Here are some photos of their creations

Ms Robinson









National Numeracy Day



Wednesday 17th of May was National Numeracy Day – the UK's only day dedicated to everyday maths. It is a day that celebrates the importance of numbers for children and adults alike, building brighter futures through confidence in numbers and inspiring everyone to improve their numeracy skills.

To celebrate Numeracy Day students took part in a numeracy quiz during form time. Year 7 and 8 as a form, year 9 and 10 individually.

I am happy to announce that the winners are: 7F and 8W. Each form won a celebration box to share.

**Gina G. (9G) and Eliza F. (10W)** won a £10 voucher to apply their numeracy skills while shopping.



One of the best ways to support children to feel positive about numbers is to feel confident in yourself. National Numeracy has lots of free resources to help adults, so you can support your children with numbers and maths and boost your numeracy skills too!

So, do not hesitate to check your numeracy confidence by clicking on the following link

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/challenge/>

Ms Cassango



Numeracy coordinator

## We are a **READER LEADER** SCHOOL



Every Tuesday during morning registration, the LRC is used by the *Reader Leader* programme. We have 15 Year 10 volunteer Reader Leaders, who have received training to support 15 of our Year 8 students with their reading and encourage them to read for pleasure.

The *Reader Leaders* support the younger students through their book choices, reading activities and talk about the books they are reading. Older students gain valuable skills and the younger students gain confidence in their reading abilities.

As we are now recruiting *Reader Leaders* from Year 9 students, the Year 10 students spoke to the Year 9 assembly about their experiences of *Reader Leader*.

*"Taking part will help you develop many qualities that will help you in the future, such as, communication and leadership skills."*

*"You have to be friendly, encouraging and have patience with them to encourage them to want to read and help them enjoy reading. It is also important to listen to your reader to find out their interests so that you can help find a book you think they would enjoy."*

Here is what the Readers said about their experiences.

*"It has made me a better reader. It has helped with my literacy and vocabulary. It's helped me to be more confident. I'm on track now and I wasn't before."*



I would like to thank our Reader Leaders for taking their time to support our younger students. **Faye, Rain, Manahel, Maria, Aminata, Nour, Neenuya, Saoirse, Hafsa, Nabeeha, Michaela, Harriet, Myla, Agshara and Tabitha.**

Well done,

Ms Kelly, LRC.

## Our School History

With the sad death of Tina Turner, I thought people may like to know that there is a link between her and an ex-pupil.

Rhianne-Louise McCaulsky came to our school in 2006-2011. She has appeared in many musicals and stage shows, including appearing in Tina, as Tina Turner.



[Tina: The Musical WE - Megasix - 28th November 2021 - Rhianne-Louise McCaulsky as Tina Turner](#)

While she was at school, she was cast as The Scarecrow in our school production of the Wizard of Oz in 2011.

In the 2011 year book her *'favourite school memory'* was Mr Straker's famous inspirational talks. When asked to describe herself in one word she said *'ambitious'* and *'Pupil Most likely to be ... A Diva'*.

She has certainly lived up to her word and we wish her all the success in her career.

Ms Kelly, LRC





**Rhianne-Louise McCaulsky**  
**Catherine of Aragon**

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*She/Her*

Rhianne-Louise graduated from Arts Educational School in London in 2016.

Her theatre credits include Aline Bullock/Tina Turner in *Tina: The Tina Turner Musical* (Aldwych Theatre); Rizzo in *Grease* (U.K. Tour); Bat Out Of Hell (Dominion Theatre) for which she won a nomination for Best Understudy in the 2018 West End Wilma Awards; and *The Book of Mormon* (The Prince Of Wales Theatre).

Rhianne-Louise is thrilled to be back on the West End joining the *Queendom*, and wants to thank her family, friends and Agents at Intertalent for their constant support.

@rhiannelou

## Bedrock Learning



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*Year 7-8 BEDROCK SUMMER PICNIC*

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To celebrate a year of Bedrock Learning we are having a picnic at lunchtime on **Thursday 29th June**.

So, make sure you log on regularly at home for your chance to join our celebration.

Ms Majid, Ms Piggott and Ms Kelly (The Bedrock Staff)

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#### ***Year 9-10 BEDROCK PIZZA PARTY CHALLENGE***

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Students who earn the most points and spend the most time on Bedrock from

**Friday 26th May to Friday 7th July**

will be invited to a **Bedrock Pizza Party** lunchtime in the **LRC** on **Wednesday 12th July**.

Celebrating all your hard work at the

Bedrock Pizza Party.

Good Luck!

Ms Majid, Ms Piggott and Ms Kelly (The Bedrock Staff)

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### *Year 9 Bedrock Learners*

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For Year 9 students who have access to Bedrock, it is important to log in regularly at home. As you are preparing for your GCSE's you will have access to learning that will support you before you enter Year 10.

#### **What is the Bedrock Library?**

All learners can access this section, no matter which Block of content they are working on. It is suitable for all readers and abilities and is designed to stretch and challenge your vocabulary knowledge.

Go to "My Content" and then from the LIBRARY button of the vocabulary curriculum area you will find the activities.

#### **Keep learning over the summer holidays.**

Bedrock is available during the summer holidays, so get ahead and log in.

#### **The whole family can join in to support your learning.**

Your guardians can support you when they create an account. You can use the activities and words on Bedrock around the home and share your knowledge with other family members.

If you would like to know more about Bedrock and how it can support you, log on to <https://help.bedrocklearning.org/what-is-the-bedrock-library>

Ms Kelly, LRC.



## Faculty News



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### *English*

#### Black History Month Competition Winners.

The following students' poems won the school Black History Month competition last year October.

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#### **E.N.V.I.O.U.R.M.E.N.T**

##### **Martha Byrne-Jones 8H**

Our world.

Thinking about the people I love,

But knowing what's going in up above.

As I'm walking past empty cans,

And plastic bags dropped by someone,

In the back of mind I fear what the human race has become.  
We worry but don't do anything.  
Instead we pick up our phones,  
And we're proud of that!?  
We need to face the facts,  
And properly & effectively act.  
The blue sphere we think we're safe in,  
Is slowly but rapidly dying,  
How could we be so stupid and let this occur in front of OUR eyes  
But all we do is go home and cry.  
We're acting like we're hypnotized and honestly don't care,  
The problem isn't just down here its also up there.  
This is out world.  
And I am NOT proud.

**Kira Bharti 7W**

I stretched my neck  
I rolled my head  
I wondered on a lonely path  
But then I saw a deer, a fawn  
I showed my teeth  
And pounced  
I pulled the meat  
Off the bone  
Ripped it limb  
From limb  
At sunset I curled up  
In my cave  
Sleep came easy

With a stomach filled to the brim

### **Mother Earth**

**Nancy Kasperkowicz 7H**

Our home is sick

But she never rests

Though she's not at her best

She awakes us with her glimmering smile

Though not many want to go the extra mile

To give back what we have,

To show some respect,

To care for our home,

To protect.

Those who suffer under our selfish needs

Those who pass due to our greed

What will happen?

When she finally falls asleep?

What will happen to those who make promise they cannot keep?

Instead of regret,

Live with lee

Do no fret

Just play your part and see.

### **The Earth**

**Scarlett Clive 8S**

Some people wonder,

Or they ponder,

About what this blue orb is called,

Some people think the earth is old,

So they don't care what ever they are told.

But this blue and green dot in the vast majority of space...

Is the place,

That we can't replace

So think of that the next time you waste,

This precious world,

And this truth will unfold

Before you we will show thy,

That we will not lie,

Because this is NO laughing matter.

OUR EARTH IS DYING,

And all you're doing is laughing,

And be prepared to say goodbye,

Because our earth is falling before your eye.

**The Marsh**

**Saarah Islam 11W**

Nature my melancholy marsh,

Manifest with me

Memorize with me

Do not mislead me, please do not manipulate me!

Marry the land and the sea

Do not mourn or mock

Modify.

My mother help me think straight!

You

Yes you! My antidote

I chose you

I admire you

Allow,

Or rather accept

You can trust, I applaud you!

Aren't aspirations just simply divine?

You flourish me in all your glory.

Help me reconcile

Reduce my bewilderment and raise my optimism

Reinspire my passion

I read you,

Can we read each other?

Help me be divine,

Let me feel as sweet as cherry wine

Are you satisfied?

Come, share my secrets

It swallows me

Let me scream in the name!

I sigh under your shelter

Do I morally sin?

I am surprised

Do you feel glorious?

I am happy.

I happen to hear your howling hope

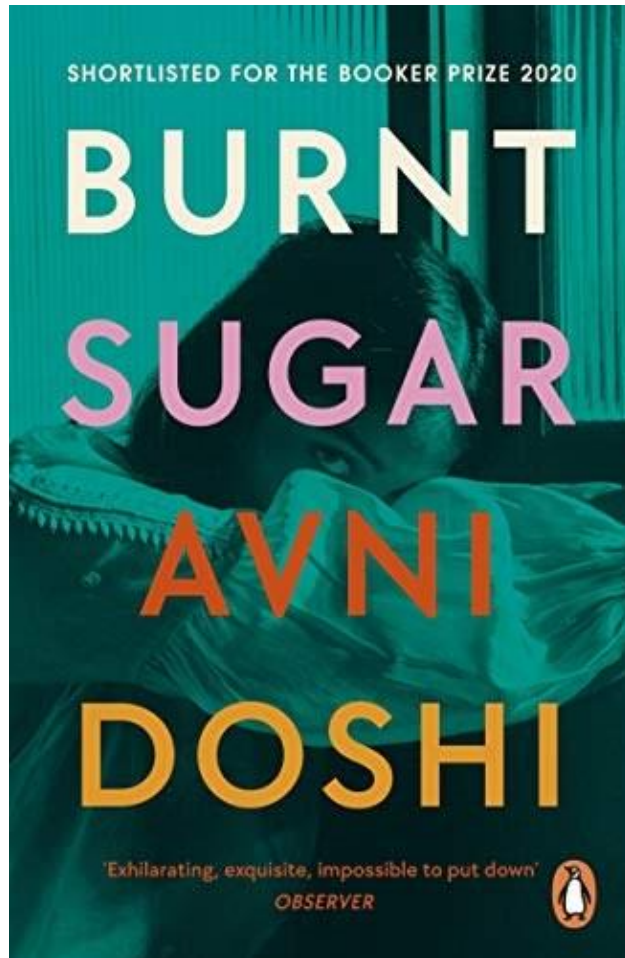


Oh, hug me  
I know I humiliate you,  
But there's no need to hesitate  
Grant me a wish with your harmony  
No need to be the hero  
I promise I won't rely on you  
Oh  
Nurture,  
My Marsh.

## Global Book Club

The School's Global Book Club has made its next selection. The next book is:

**Burnt Sugar by Avni Doshi**



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In her youth, Tara was wild. She abandoned her loveless marriage to join an ashram, endured a brief stint as a beggar (mostly to spite her wealthy parents), and spent years chasing after a dishevelled, homeless 'artist' - all with her young child in tow. Now she is forgetting things, mixing up her maid's wages and leaving the gas on all night, and her grown-up daughter is faced with the task of caring for a woman who never cared for her. This is a love story and a story about betrayal. But not between lovers - between mother and daughter. Sharp as a blade and laced with caustic wit, *Burnt Sugar* unpicks the slippery cords of memory and myth that bind two women together, and hold them apart. The book was shortlisted for the 2020 Booker Prize.

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The Book Club will meet to discuss the book on **Tuesday 6th June**, the first Tuesday after half-term. The Book Club is open to all students in Years 10 and 11. Updates will be posted on the WSFG Global Alliance Team. We focus on reading authors from a non-white background and meet approximately once a half term. Copies of the book, if they cannot be found at your local library can be collected from Mr Caps in the Humanities department. Any other questions about the Book Club can be directed at Mr Caps or Ms Cato. For more information, please see posters or the Global Alliance Team.

Mr Caps

# Benefits of Reading

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## *Why You Should Read Every Day - 10 Benefits of Reading*

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1. Mental Stimulation - The brain is a muscle which needs exercise to keep it strong and healthy, so the phrase “use it or lose it” is apt when it comes to your mind.
2. Stress Reduction - [Stress](#) slips away when you lose yourself in a great story.
3. Knowledge - Everything you read fills your head with new bits of information. The more knowledge you have, the better-equipped you are to tackle any challenge you’ll ever face.
4. Vocabulary Expansion - The more words you read, will lead you to use them in your everyday speech. Being articulate and well-spoken helps you to speak with self-confidence and increase your self-esteem.
5. Memory Improvement - When reading a book, you have to remember characters, their backgrounds, ambitions, history and sub-plots. [Every new memory you create forges new synapses \(brain pathways\)](#) and strengthens existing ones, which assists in short-term [memory](#) recall.
6. Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills – Solving a mystery before finishing the book, means that you were using your critical and analytical thinking skills.
7. Improved Focus and Concentration - When you read a book, all your attention is focused on the story—the rest of the world just falls away and you become involved in the world of the story.
8. Better Writing Skills - Reading expands your vocabulary: published, well-written work has a positive effect on writing and writing styles of authors will influence your own work.

9. Tranquility - Relaxing with a book, creates a feeling of inner peace and tranquility.

10. Free Entertainment - You do not have to buy books, for low-budget entertainment, you can visit your **school** or **local library** and it is free.

There's a reading genre for every literate person on the planet and something to capture your curiosity and imagination. Step away from your computer for a little while, crack open a book, and replenish your soul for a little while.

Ms Kelly, LRC

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### *TRY SOMETHING NEW AND JOIN YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY*

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You can join your local library online. Books and activities are free and there are also computers for you to use.

Just click on to the following link - <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/libraries>

Ms Kelly, LRC

## **Focus of the Fortnight - Lunchtime Behaviour**

### **The Focus will be on Lunchtime Behaviour**

- Key Stage 3 students are expected to be outside at lunchtime.
- KS3 Year Groups might be allocated different areas of the school grounds to spend break / lunch, so please make sure you are in the correct area.
- The school has clear expectations for use of KS4 Form Rooms. Doors should be open, lights on and students seated on chairs etc.
- KS4 please respect the fact that you have the privilege of going into your Form Room and ensure that you are following the expectations at all times.
- If the expectations are not met, individuals or the Tutor Group risk being locked out of the room by the SPL.

## **Global Alliance Calendar - June**

### **1-30 June – Pride Month**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52872693>

<https://lordslibrary.parliament.uk/pride-in-the-uk-50-years/>



On 1 July 1972, the UK's first Pride march was held in London.

Every year, during the month of June, the LGBT community celebrates in a number of different ways. Across the globe, various events are held during this special month as a way of recognising the influence LGBT people have had around the world. Why was June chosen? Because it is when the Stonewall Riots took place, way back in 1969.

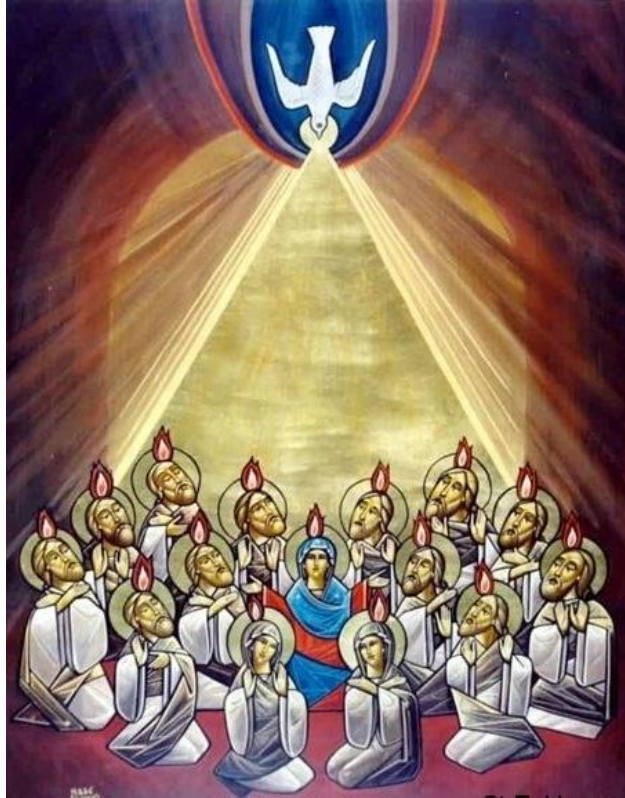


At UK Black Pride, we believe in the inherent and enduring power of LGBTQI+ Black people and people of colour to create the world we deserve to inhabit together. We do this in many ways, and UK Black Pride's annual event is only one of them. Across the country, our communities have harnessed their power to stand up against police violence and draconian legislation. They have created spaces for healing, connection and warmth. And they have sought each other out to provide support, friendship and love when it seems the world wants nothing more than to crush us. We continue to demonstrate a collective power - a power that UK Black Pride recognises and wants to celebrate.

<https://www.ukblackpride.org.uk/>

**4 June – Orthodox Pentecost**





Orthodox Pentecost is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter and takes place on June 4 this year. For hundreds of years, Orthodox Pentecost has been celebrated with tremendous zeal as an important Christian holiday.

#### **8 June - Corpus Christi**



Corpus Christi is a Catholic feast held every year on the second Thursday after Pentecost. The celebration is associated with the commemoration of Jesus's Last Supper with his Apostles before His crucifixion.

#### **28 June to 2 July - Eid al-Adha**



Eid al-Adha or the Feast of Sacrifice is the second and the larger of the two main holidays celebrated in Islam. It honours the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son Ishmael as an act of obedience to God's command.

#### **20 June - World Refugee Day**

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day>



The first generation who came to post-war Britain from the Indian subcontinent arrived with as little as £3 in their pockets - all the money they could bring in under strict currency controls. Their descendants, in their millions, are part of the make-up of contemporary Britain, but many of their stories are still to be told - and they reveal so much about the process of migration.

Mohammed Ajeeb arrived in Britain in 1957 from Pakistan with a battered suitcase. His first home was in Nottingham with 28 other men from Mirpur, in Pakistani-administered Kashmir. He'd had a clerical job in Pakistan but could only find work in a factory.

"I cried at night in my bed," he confesses. "I wanted to go back but I didn't want to be seen as a failure. I thought, 'I'm a determined young man, I want to succeed by hook or crook in this country,' and that carried me."

Over the years, he fought many battles for equal pay and against racism - but he stayed and went on to become the mayor of Bradford.



Nitin Sawhney is one of the most distinctive and versatile musical voices around today, achieving an international reputation across every possible creative medium.

In 2017 he received the Ivor Novello Lifetime

Achievement award, and is firmly established as a world class producer, songwriter, DJ, multi-instrumentalist,

orchestral composer and cultural

pioneer. Most recently, Nitin has been appointed Chair of Trustees for PRS Foundation, the UK's leading charitable funder of new music and talent development. Sawhney also holds 7 honorary doctorates.

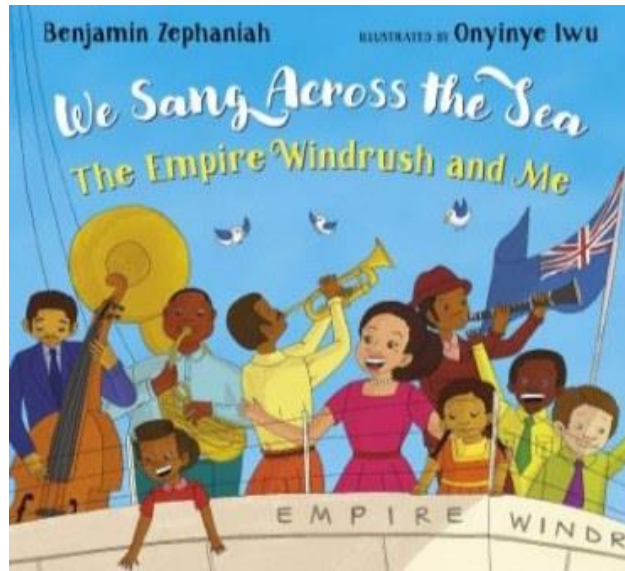
### **22 June - Windrush Day**

Windrush generations: Three stories - BBC News

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NME-9ot2Lqw>

Stories of the Windrush Children, with Benjamin Zephaniah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrtsLXFET8>



A powerfully moving and beautiful picture book about the voyage of HMT Empire Windrush from national treasure, Benjamin Zephaniah. The hopes, dreams and bravery of the Windrush generation are expressed in this vivid story through the real-life experiences of Trinidadian.







## School Clubs & Activities - Enrichment Timetable Summer 2023

	Enrichment Programme Summer Term 2022-2023			
	<p>Here are some of our clubs and support sessions to enjoy this term, a big thank you to the staff and students who volunteer to organise and run these activities.</p> <p>Please encourage the students to participate and display this list at home.</p>			
	Ms Philippou			
	Activity	When it runs	Room	The activity is run by
<b>Monday</b>				
Netball Club	12.30pm - 1pm	Sports Hall	Miss L Childs	Years 7
Voioe	1.00pm - 1.30pm	W33	Ms Bradshaw	All years welcome
Manga club	3.30pm - 4.30pm	LRC	Ms O Kelly	All years welcome
<b>Tuesday</b>				
Basketball club	12.30pm - 1pm	Sports Hall	Miss R Warren	All years welcome
Netball fixtures	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Sports Hall/Various	Miss Childs	Year 7
Glee Club	3.45pm - 4.45pm	W33	Miss H Bradshaw	Audition only - show choir
Study Club	3.30pm - 5.30pm	F18	Ms Desbenoit	Year 11 - Selected students
Q-Vees Movie & Art Club	12.45pm - 1.25pm	F18	Mr G Quest	All Years
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Netball club	12.30pm - 1pm	Sports Hall	Miss L Wood	Year 8
Netball Fixtures	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Sports Hall	Miss L Wood	Year 8
Year 7 Drama club	12.40pm - 1.20pm	G10	Ms C Wallace	Year 7
All Sewn Up (knitting, crochet, sewing & textiles)	3.30pm - 4.30pm	LRC	Ms O Kelly	All Years welcome
Key Stage 4 French Club	1pm - 1.30pm	F24	Ms Wanga	Years 10 & 11
Key Stage 3 Spanish Club	1pm - 1.30pm	F25	Mr Polo	Years 7-9
<b>Thursday</b>				
Badminton club	12.30pm - 1pm	Sports Hall	Miss L Childs	All Years welcome (30 max)
Tottenham football coaching (qualified coaches)	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Sports Hall	TBC	All Years welcome
History of Art Club	12.45pm - 1.25pm	F35	Ms Hepworth	Years 8, 9, 10 & 11
Orchestra	3.45pm - 4.45pm	W33	Miss H Bradshaw & Mr N Hitchman	All Years welcome who play an orchestral instrument or guitar (No audition)
Origami for Mindfulness	3.30pm - 4.30pm (Week B only)	F38	Ms S Robinson	Year 7 (with some Yr 8 coaches)
Philosophy Club	3.30pm - 4.30pm	S10	Mr Caps	All Years welcome (Week A - KS4 & Week B - KS3)
Key Stage 3 French Club	1pm - 1.30pm	F24	Ms Wanga	Years 7-9
Classics club	12.55pm - 1.25pm (Week A)	F21	Ms Cheetham	Years 7, 8 & 9
Key Stage 4 Spanish Club	1pm - 1.30pm	F25	Mr Polo	Years 10 & 11
Q-Vees Movie & Art Club	12.45pm - 1.25pm	F18	Mr G Quest	All Years welcome
Study Club	3.30pm - 5.30pm	F18	Ms Desbenoit	Year 11 - Selected students
Papercrafts	3.30pm - 4.30pm	LRC	Ms O Kelly	All Years welcome
<b>Friday</b>				
Jewellery club	12.45pm - 1.15pm	G58	Miss R Woodhouse	Year 8
Ceramics club	12.30pm - 1.15pm	F36	Miss A Wills	Year 7 & 8



## WSfG PE Extra- Curricular Timetable

DAY	<u>LUNCHTIME</u> <u>12:30pm-1:00pm</u>	<u>AFTERSCHOOL</u> <u>3:30pm-4:30pm</u>
Monday	Netball club Year 7 only Sports hall LCH	
Tuesday	Handball club Year 7 and 8 Sports hall RWE	Netball fixtures Year 7 LCH
Wednesday	Netball club Year 8 only Sports hall LWO	Netball Fixtures Year 8 LWO
Thursday	Badminton club Year 7,8,9,10 & 11 (30 max) Sports hall LCH	Tottenham football coaching (qualified coaches) Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11- Sports hall
Friday		

## After School Clubs in the LRC

3.30 - 4.30pm

### MONDAY

**MANGA CLUB** – Come along to draw, talk and share your love of manga and anime

### WEDNESDAY

**ALL SEWN UP** – sewing, knitting, crochet and textiles – share tips and skills and learn new techniques

### THURSDAY

**PAPER CRAFTS** – make your own cards, booklets and discover different ways to decorate your crafts

## Parent and Carer Information



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### *School Calendar*

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#### **June:**

Thursday 8th June – Year 8 Parent/Carer Evening 16.30-19.00 (Online)

Thursday 15th June – Year 7 Philosophy Day – all day

Monday 19th June - School closes at 13.30 for INSET afternoon

#### **July:**

Monday 3rd July – Year 10 Work Experience Week

Friday 7th July – Year 8 HPV Vaccination (2nd dose)

Thursday 20th July – Sports day

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*Term Dates 2023 - 2024*

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	<b>SCHOOL DAY</b>				
	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>				
	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE</b>				
	<b>INSET</b>				
	<b>Y8-11 Students collect timetables: Y7 in school</b>				
	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>
<b>Sept 2023</b>	4	5	6	7	8
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<b>June</b>	3	4	5	6	7
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<b>July</b>	1	2	3	4	5
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Please note that these dates are subject to change

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### *Student Absences*

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When reporting a student absence, please call the school absence line or text message in before 9am on the day of the absence. **Kindly do not email the school to report this.** Due to the high volume emails received, we cannot guarantee your notification will be seen and actioned before absence text messages are sent.

Thank you for your cooperation

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### *Emergency School Closures or Severe Weather*

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In the event of an emergency school closure, the decision on whether the school stays open will be taken by the Headteacher after carrying out a risk assessment.

In the event of severe weather, the school will remain open when possible.

**Information about any closure will be available on the school's website:**

**[www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)**

**by phone:**

**020 8509 9446**

**or via a text message**

We aim to send text messages to parents and carers, although there are sometimes delays in getting these messages through promptly, so please check the school's website for up to date information.

Please ensure that the School Office has on record up to date addresses and telephone numbers, including a mobile number and the person to contact in the case of a student emergency.

It is essential that the school has at least **one** land line and a mobile number.

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### *Blazers at WSFG*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **Blazers at WSFG**

The relaxed blazer rules that were brought in for the summer / warmer months are now being changed to winter / colder weather rules.

Blazers must be worn at all times during the school day.

Students need to arrive at the school gates wearing their blazers and they are not to be removed during the school day unless agreed by a member of staff.

Persistent non-wearing of a blazer will incur a sanction.

The winter blazer rule will be applied from Monday 7th November until further notice.

Your children will be reminded about the blazer rule starting on 7th November in assemblies and by their Tutor in registration.

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### *Mobile Phones*

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Dear Parent/Carers,

At WSfG we are aware that a number of you require your children to carry a mobile phone when on the journey to and from school for safety. To this end the school makes provision for your child to secure her mobile phone in the school office at the start of the day and collect it at the end of the day.

Children are NOT allowed to carry their phones with them during the school day and if they do, they run the risk of it being confiscated if it is seen or heard.

The confiscation period lasts for 48 hours and during that time you will be contacted by the school office to make arrangements to collect the phone from school.

Please make it clear to your child that they cannot keep their phone on their person during the school day and that if it is confiscated it inconveniences you as the family in a number of ways.

Thank you for your support

Ms Pratt

Assistant Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead

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### *iPads*

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It has come to our attention that some students are bringing their own iPads into school. This is a potential safeguarding concern. Please be aware that if we find students using their own iPads, they will be confiscated for 48 hours and parents will be asked to collect, as we do with mobile phones.

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### *Student Detentions*

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This year the late detentions and uniform/chewing gum detentions will take place during a Wednesday lunchtime. Tutors will read out the detention list during registration on Monday or Tuesday morning. Students will also receive a reminder note on Wednesday morning. Students should report directly to their allocated room at 12:30pm.

If students do not attend their detention they will be set an extended SLT detention after school that week and parents/carers will be contacted.

Here is a reminder of the detention categories this year:

***Late twice in one week = 30 minutes detention***

***Late three + times in one week = 60 minute detention***

***Chewing gum = 30 minute detention***

***3 x no lanyard = 30 minute detention***

***3 x no blazer = 30 minute detention***

***3 x no school shoes = 30 minute detention***

***3 x no planner = 30 minute detention***

Ms Warren

Assistant Headteacher Pastoral and Well Being

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### ***Pupil Premium and Free School Meals***

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Dear parents/carers

#### **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

**If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, our school will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.**

#### **What is pupil premium funding?**

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help students reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for students who:

- are registered for free school meals; or
- have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years; or
- are, or have been, in care; or
- have parents in the armed forces.

At Walthamstow School for Girls we get an extra £985 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

### **Is my child eligible for free school meals?**

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Your child might also be eligible if you're in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This is for children of:

Zambrano and Chen carers (non-EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)

- British National (Overseas) passport holders
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status
- Families with a right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- Certain failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

### **Does my child have to eat the free school meals?**

No. Students who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

### **How do I register?**

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please visit [Free school meals | London Borough of Waltham Forest](#)

### **More information**

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

Best wishes

Ms Snowsill

Deputy Headteacher

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### ***Work Experience 2023***

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Dear Parents/Carers and Governors,

### **Work Experience 2023: Monday 3rd July – Friday 7th July**

We have just launched Work Experience 2023 with our Year 10 students. Work Experience is a wonderful and incredibly valuable experience. It provides students with an insight into the world of work, helps build key life skills (such as independence, empathy and initiative) and helps students to think more about their futures.

We need your help! If you are able to offer a placement to one or more of our Year 10 students, or if you know of anyone who can, please contact the school via [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk).

Thank you so much for your support. We cannot offer opportunities like this without the support of our school community.

Kind regards,

Ms Philippou

Assistant Headteacher

## Community Events

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### *Tea & Cake Party on Friday 16th June*

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Charity No:1044296

In aid of  
**ANEN HOUSE**  
children's hospice

# TEA & CAKE PARTY

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE  
FROM 11AM-7PM



Any cake donations welcome.

12 Derby Road, South Woodford, E18 2PU

Cakes, Tea, Coffee & Pimms Plus Stalls Including Chutneys,  
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For more Info please contact Michelle on [msvanlint@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msvanlint@yahoo.co.uk)

**ANEN HOUSE 20**  
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## **New Members**

This term we are offering the first 50 new forum parent carer members a chance to have a free ticket for a SEND child and a carer to London Zoo. The ticket is valid until 9th Sept 2023.

If you would like to join the forum you can do so via our website.

## **Join the Forum**

Membership of the forum is free, and we do not ask anything of you unless you want to become involved in forum activities and consultations

[www.walthamforestparentforum.com](http://www.walthamforestparentforum.com)

## **Evening Get Togethers**

We have secured funding from LBWF Community Chest to run some evening get togethers for parent carers.

There will be five meals per month, one for each of 5 age groups, and we will move the meals around the borough so hopefully they will be accessible to as many people as possible.

Booking forms are below

We will confirm who will be attending by email- those who can't attend because we have too many people, will be offered a place at the next meal.

- each meal is for 15 plus a lead forum rep who will pay the forum bill
- we can fund £15 per person. Anything spent above our budget will need to be paid for by the attendees so please remember to bring some means of payment. We cannot fund alcohol.
- one family member per meal please.(adults only, no children)
- anonymous feedback forms will need to be completed on the night- the rep will give you one to complete. This will help with our monitoring of the event for the funders.

## **Meals**

22nd May 7PM- for parents of secondary aged children- Lydia Restaurant 85-87 Old Church Road, London E4 6ST Chingford

<https://forms.gle/gCKaGZ95h4ifxU3j7>

23rd May 7PM-La Cafeteria Forest Road) for parents of reception, year 1 & year 2 children)

<https://forms.gle/f4U16PStbPaR374YA>

25th May 7PM- Uffizzi , 753-755 Lea Bridge Road E17 9DZ for parents of Early Years children(0-5)

<https://forms.gle/RfWiQYd1YYrjfkHf7>

30th May 7PM (Venue -TBC -Saffron Kitchen 300 Lea Bridge Road E10 7LD) for parents of Post 16 young people

<https://forms.gle/W1mgPZdiMro6gvqd7>

Further meals will be organised for June and July

### **FREE FAMILY MUSIC SESSIONS- final 2 months of funding**

27th May 10.30-11.30- Wriggle, Move and Play!!

<https://forms.gle/mwUQHMTVkJHuXQvz38>

24th June 10.30-11.30

<https://forms.gle/eg4z9w55ACMuRMNe9>

27th May 11.45-12.45 - Join the Band! Bring along your own instrument if you play one!

<https://forms.gle/b1mG3cJAKchg86A4A>

24th June 11.45-12.45

<https://forms.gle/GujrGiVbF5CxSmmC6>

### **LEGO CLUB**

Saturday 20th May 10.30-12.30

FREE- no need to book

Wingrove Hall, Beech hall Road E4

### **Football Club**

Saturdays 2PM-3PM

Wadham Lodge

Booking via the website shop: [Waltham Forest Parent Forum | Join Us Today | Shop](#)

### **SEND Team Family Surgeries**

Wednesday 24th May 11AM-12PM

If you would like to discuss any issues you may have re EHCPs, Annual Review, school or anything else you can book a slot with a member of the SEND team. We are hoping there will be evening slots too



11am-11.20am x 1 slot

11.20am-11.40am -2 slots

If you would like to book a slot let me know by email and I'll send you the meeting link

([walthamforestparentforum@live.co.uk](mailto:walthamforestparentforum@live.co.uk))

### **Coffee, Chat & Lunch with the charity Shelter**

We have organised an additional support group/lunch with guest speakers from Shelter to explain how they can support with housing issues

5th June

10.30-12.30-Shelter- Discussion

12.30-2pm- lunch and chat

William Morris Gallery Forest Rd

Booking required as spaces limited

<https://forms.gle/CEfmgHbnv2euTQeD6>

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*Inclusive dance session at Leyton*

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# DASH dot DANCE

## SUMMER TERM 2023



DashDotDance's creative contemporary dance workshops are an accessible and welcoming space for disabled children, young people and their siblings to explore, create and dance together.

**Dates:** 24th April, 15th May,  
5th & 19th June, 3rd July

**Cost:** £1.50 per session  
(free spaces available)

**Venue:** Leyton Children and Family Centre  
215 Queen's Road, Walthamstow, E17 8PJ

### JUNIOR DANCERS

(5 – 11 years)

**5.15 – 6.00pm**

### SENIOR DANCERS

(12 – 21 years)

**6.15 – 7.00pm**



To find out more and book please contact  
**Vicki** at [hello@dashdotdance.com](mailto:hello@dashdotdance.com)  
or call the children's centre on 0208 496 2442

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*Girls Sports Opportunity*

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# RIDGEWAY ROVERS FC GIRLS ONLY



**Suitable for girls 11-16 years old**



Scan QR Code to  
book a session

## Goal Keeper Training

Peter May Sports center 3G pitch

**Starting  
17th April**

**Mondays 19:00-20:15**

**£3 a session**



Contactless  
payments only  
Cash not accepted.

Enquiries to Kevin at [Ridgeway\\_KC1@mail.com](mailto:Ridgeway_KC1@mail.com)

 [Ridgewayroversfc\\_girls](https://www.instagram.com/Ridgewayroversfc_girls)  
[www.ridgewayrovers.org.uk](http://www.ridgewayrovers.org.uk)



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**FOR  
ALL**

# RIDGEWAY ROVERS FC

New girls' football  
programme for  
12 - 14 year olds  
lauching 17th April 2023  
Be part of it.

## SQUAD GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Mondays 19:00-20:30  
Peter May Sports Centre  
Wadham Road,  
E17 4HR.

For more information and to register  
[Ridgewayrovers.girls@gmail.com](mailto:Ridgewayrovers.girls@gmail.com)



Scan here  
to book

**£3**  
A Session



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# KICKS



## GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSION



Premier League Kicks is a series of free football and multi-sport sessions, run by Tottenham Hotspur Foundation, open to girls of a variety of ages.

**DOUGLAS ERYE**

144 Coppermill Lane,  
Walthamstow,  
E17 7HE

**FRIDAY**

5:30 – 7 pm

Age 11-15

For more information and to register for the sessions,  
please contact Omari Chambers-Alert by email:

[Foundation@tottenhamhotspur.com](mailto:Foundation@tottenhamhotspur.com)

To learn more about what Tottenham Hotspur is delivering on its doorstep, download the **Spurs Official App** or visit [tottenhamhotspur.com/passionate-about-tottenham](https://tottenhamhotspur.com/passionate-about-tottenham)



## FREE HOCKEY SESSIONS FOR GIRLS AGED 12-18

From February, Tottenham Hotspur Foundation is running a series of Girl's hockey sessions over 6 weeks, in partnership with Waltham Forest Hockey Club. All abilities welcome.

Aimed at girls aged 12-18 who want to play hockey, whether it is for fitness, enjoyment, social or all of the above! It's fun. It's fast. **It's FREE!**

### Where and when

Waltham Forest Hockey Club  
Walthamstow Academy, 144 Billet Rd, London E17 5DP

FRIDAYS (from 3rd March) – 17:00-18:00

To find out more and to register for the sessions,  
email: [THF.activities@tottenhamhotspur.com](mailto:THF.activities@tottenhamhotspur.com)

Please scan the QR code  
to register your interest



If you'd like to know more about the ways Tottenham Hotspur is supporting our local community, download the **Spurs Official App** or visit [tottenhamhotspur.com/passionate-about-tottenham](https://tottenhamhotspur.com/passionate-about-tottenham)

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*National Youth Theatre*

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### **Auditions now open!**

It's time to audition for National Youth Theatre if you want to join our company in 2023.

Here's 5 simple steps to follow to audition:

- Step 1: Join our NYT [Hub](#) to be eligible to audition for just £2-a-month or a one-off £24 (Free bursary places are available - [apply here](#))
- Step 2: Record and upload a Audition Video, [watch our top tips](#)
- Step 3: We'll watch your tape and if we think you could be ready to join us, we will invite you to a recall with a NYT Auditioner on a Video Call
- Step 4: If you pass your recall you'll be invited to attend a NYT Intake Course in 2023
- Step 5: When you finish your course you'll be a official NYT Member, who can perform in NYT shows, audition for professional stage and screen jobs, train to be a creative leader and much more

### **Aged 11-13 and want to get involved?**

The Hub is a great introduction to National Youth Theatre, where you can access Start-Up discounts, skill-workshops and resources before you can audition when you turn 14.

[Join the Hub](#)

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*Free classes to boost parents' everyday number skills*

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Find out more at: <https://www.ncclondon.ac.uk/adult-courses/multiply-maths-skills-for-life>

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# Preparing for GCSE Maths

SKILLS FOR LIFE  
Multiply

A close-up photograph of a calculator and a piece of paper with algebraic equations. The equations include  $(x^2 - 2x + 1)(x^2 - 2x + 1) = (x^2 - 2x + 1)^2$ ,  $(x^2 - 2x + 1)(x^2 - 2x + 1) = (x^2 - 2x + 1)^2$ , and  $(x^2 - 2x + 1)(x^2 - 2x + 1) = (x^2 - 2x + 1)^2$ . The calculator shows  $x^6 y^6 z^{12}$  on its display.

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# Upskilling for promotion

SKILLS FOR LIFE  
Multiply

A photograph of a man in a warehouse setting, wearing a green puffer jacket and a beanie, holding a tablet. He is looking at the tablet with a focused expression.

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# Boosting number confidence

SKILLS FOR LIFE  
Multiply

A photograph of a man and a young girl in a kitchen. The man is wearing a white t-shirt and a patterned apron, and the girl is wearing a yellow t-shirt and a patterned apron. They are both smiling and looking at each other.

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# Supporting home-learning

SKILLS FOR LIFE  
Multiply

A photograph of a woman and a young girl sitting at a desk. The woman is wearing a white t-shirt and the girl is wearing a white t-shirt and glasses. They are both looking at a book on the desk.



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*Educational Psychology Service Free Monthly Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions*

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## Educational Psychology Service Free Monthly Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions

### **Dates:**

28th September 2022  
12th October 2022  
23rd November 2022  
7th December 2022  
18th January 2023  
1st February 2023  
15th March 2023  
12th April 2023  
10th May 2023  
14th June 2023  
12th July 2023

To book a 30 minute  
consultation, please  
contact our  
Business  
Support Officer  
below

### EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

Thorpe Hall School  
123 Hale End Road  
E17 4DP

Phone: 020 8496 1732  
Mobile: 07776589597

Email:  
educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk

Do you have concerns about your  
child?

Would you like to talk to an  
Educational  
Psychologist in confidence?

### Appointment Only Sessions

Afternoon sessions are 12.30-2pm  
Evening Sessions are 3.00- 5.00

Individual consultation with an Educational  
Psychologist are offered via phone/zoom or in person for  
Parents and Carers living in London Borough Waltham  
Forest.

Sessions last for no more than 30 minutes and provide an  
opportunity to ask any questions or discuss concerns  
with a member of our culturally diverse Educational  
Psychology Team.

Educational Psychologists are qualified specialists in child psychology and child  
development, with particular expertise in supporting children and young people with  
special educational needs, learning difficulties, and social, emotional and behaviour  
difficulties. All LBWF Educational Psychologists are registered with the Health  
Care Professionals Council.

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*The Drive Food Stall*

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## Are you struggling to make ends meet?

- If so, you are very welcome to come to our free food stall on The Drive. It's open every Thursday 12-2pm, underneath Gaitskell House, E17 3DD (we're by the post box halfway down The Drive). We've been here each week since April 2020!
- We have free surplus food that otherwise could go to waste: fresh veg, tinned foods, basics such as milk, tea, rice, pasta, cereals.
- We also have clothes and - from time to time – bedding, toys, household items, even furniture
- The Stall is a community self-help project, run by people living on The Drive and Attlee Terrace estate and surrounding area.

## Come and say 'hi'!

- Pop by to see what's on offer (it changes every week!) – for yourself, your family, or a neighbour.
- No referral or proof is needed to use the stall, all are welcome!

## Can you help?

- We need more volunteers to help set up and serve on Thursdays from 10 am till 2
- Food donations – please bring these to the stall on Thursday between 10.30am to 11.30am (or contact us by email).
- People to spread the word.

To contact us, visit us at the Food Stall any Thursday or email:

[thedrivefoodstall@gmail.com](mailto:thedrivefoodstall@gmail.com)





## Contact Us



**Church Hill, Walthamstow, London, E17 9RZ**

**Telephone:** 020 8509 9446

**Email:** [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

**Website:** [www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

**Student Absence Line:** 020 8509 9444

