

30th June 2023

Walthamstow School for Girls - Greensheet



Headteacher Message

Quote of the Fortnight: Compassion



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The Maya Angelou quotation above was mentioned by Ms Desbenoit in her speech on **year 11 leavers' day**. She described the kindness of our year 11 students and their support for one other throughout their time at WSFG. This made me think again of the culture of compassion we are promoting in school and the importance of our values of **integrity and compassion**. It reminded me of **Illinois Governor J B Pritzker's 'How to Spot and Idiot' graduation speech** at Northwestern University. It's been doing the rounds on social media and if you haven't already seen it, check it out. To give you a few highlights:

"When someone's path through this world is marked with acts of cruelty, they have failed the first test of an advanced society... the kindest person in the room is often the smartest."

It has been wonderful to see our year 11s grow and develop into the kind, funny and smart people they have become. They are a real credit to the school and their parents and carers. We celebrated with

them at the prom on Monday and on their leavers' day on Tuesday. A huge thank you to Ms Desbenoit, the year 11 team and all staff involved in organising those events.



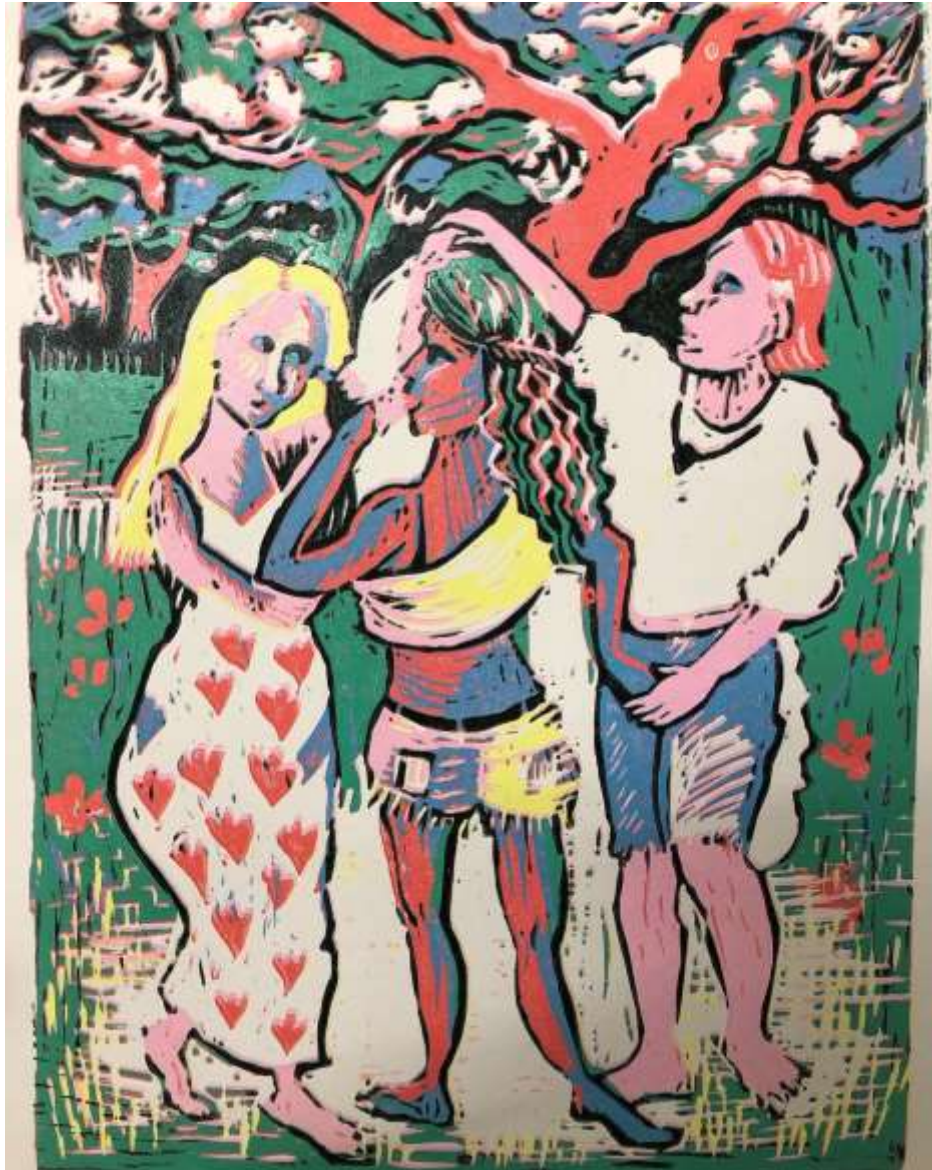
On Tuesday, we were treated to the **Art and Textiles exhibition** in school. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and to the ADT faculty for all their work. The biggest thanks, of course, goes to our year 11 students whose work is just stunning. The diversity of the work (paintings, ceramics, textiles) reflects how our staff truly 'bring out the gift' in each student. One of our parents wrote in to praise the faculty for the "rich and varied creative experiences they are facilitating."

The work ranged from political polemics using text and image to painted portraits; from an exquisite specimen case using textiles depicting sea creatures to a surcoat made from locks of hair. It was lovely

to talk to students about their ideas and see ways in which they have been developed over time in their sketch books. We also enjoyed musical accompaniments from KS3 students. What a fantastic evening!



Many of you will know that Ms Hepworth from our art department was successful in having her work selected for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. Her lino print, 'The Three Graces of London Fields' will be exhibited at Burlington House, Piccadilly, from 13th June to the 20th August.



Wishing you all a great weekend.

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**.

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.

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!

The deadline for applications is Friday, 14th July.

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

Year 11 PROM

It was Year 11 PROM on 26th June 2023. Let's see some photos of that night!











Year 11 Leavers' Day

On Tuesday 27th June 2023, Year 11 students and teachers were celebrating the Leavers' Day. The event was held in the Greek Theatre with steel pans and singing performances, students' and teachers' speeches, and also signing on their shirts.

All the best to our Year 11 students!

















Opportunity for Current Year 11s for Next Year

Current Year 11s:

Would you like to study **History of Art on Saturdays** next academic year with **Art History Link-Up**, at the **Courtauld Gallery**, leading to an **EPQ (or a full A Level** if you do two years)? If so, here is the application form. It does not involve practical art, but is a discussion-based course with written work, that is suitable for people who enjoy looking at art, finding out about artists and perhaps subjects such as history, film studies, classics, humanities, religious studies, philosophy, literature etc. Many opportunities can arise from this course, including work experience and/or apprenticeships at Christies, the famous auctioneers,

networking with important curators and people in the Art world and meeting like-minded peers. Students need to be studying at a state school or college to be eligible. See Miss Hepworth in the Art Department or e-mail nhepworth@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Ms Hepworth, Art

Applications are now open for Art History Link-Up (AHLU) September 2023 - The Courtauld

<https://courtauld.ac.uk/news-blogs/2023/applications-are-now-open-for-art-history-link-up-ahlu-september-2023-en/>

<https://courtauld.ac.uk/news-blogs/2023/applications-are-now-open-for-art-history-link-up-ahlu-september-2023-en/#top>

The Windrush Freedom Walk

On Monday 12th June, 21 Year 7 students accompanied by Ms. Cato and Dr. Rose went on a Windrush Freedom Walk in sunny Walthamstow.

Our tour guide, Peter Ashan took us to local places filled with historical evidence of Walthamstow's multi- ethnic community.

Here is what some of our students said about the tour:

I really enjoyed the trip. I learned about many things, like evidence of the slave trade in Walthamstow, and Beryl Swain the first woman to take part in a motorcycle race. I also really liked the mural about Rock Against Racism and the story behind it. Thank you!

Humaira. S

Interesting, exciting and historical!

Akeelah

I enjoyed how we explored different areas and were told the history of things. The highlight for me though, was when we saw a painting of Beryl Swain and we were told many great things about her. Another highlight was when we saw Sarah Bonell's plaque in St. Mary's Church and learned how she left money in her will to open a school for girls in the 18th century because they were not given a proper education.

Abigail





During the Windrush tour, we were showed a number of monuments located in St. Mary's Church, one of which mentioned a woman named Sarah Bonell who donated lots of money in order to build an all girls school which was unheard of at that time. The Sarah Bonell School is still around now. Our lovely tour guide Peter Ashan was enthusiastic and made the trip all the more interesting; he also spoke to us about 'Sunday bests' where people of West Indian heritage dressed up in their best clothes to go to church on a Sunday, or to visit relatives. Whilst walking around Walthamstow, our guide led us to see a beautiful mural of the motorbike racer Beryl Swain who took part in an endurance race where she had to race around the Isle of Man in 24 hours.

WSFG Pride Month June 2023 Highlights

Pride Cupcake Sale on 22nd June

Pride Cupcake Sale on Thursday 22nd June 2023.



Zunairah's Artwork

7S Zunairah Zahid's artwork to celebrate Pride Month.



Decoration of Pride flags





Faculty News



English

Year 9 Up for Debate 2023

Congratulations to the winning debate team who won as the proposition of the motion: 'This house would ban key workers from striking.'

Opeyemi Adegoroye

Noa Chodokufa

Nida Hussain

The standard was extremely high this year and we want to say well done to the runners up

Isabelle Francis Famous,

Rodo Awfarah, and

Nicole Beach,

and to the whole of Year 9 for demonstrating such great debating skills. ☆

The English Department



Global Book Club

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

Yellowface by R.F. Kuang



Athena Liu is a literary darling and June Hayward is literally nobody.

When Athena dies in a freak accident, June steals her unpublished manuscript and publishes it as her own under the ambiguous name Juniper Song.

But as evidence threatens June's stolen success, she will discover exactly how far she will go to keep what she thinks she deserves.

What happens next is entirely everyone else's fault.

This Book Club is our Book Club's summer read. This means that students have the summer holidays to read it and the meeting date will be confirmed in September. The Book Club is normally open to all students in Years 10 and 11. However, Year 9 Students that are interested are welcome to read the book in preparation for formally joining the Book Club next year. Updates will be posted on the WSFG Global Alliance Team.

WSFG's Global Book Club has a focus on reading authors from a non-white background. We 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

Why You Should Read Every Day - 10 Benefits of Reading



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

TRY SOMETHING NEW AND JOIN YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

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

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.

Bedrock Learning



Year 9-10 BEDROCK PIZZA PARTY CHALLENGE



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)

Year 9 Bedrock Learners

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

To prepare for next year, you can log on to this section of Bedrock. This will give you access to the GCSE Jekyll & Hyde unit and the vocabulary used within a variety of different literacy texts - giving you the opportunity to prepare for the unseen element of future exams. You can still use Bedrock over the summer holidays, giving you a head start on your next year's learning.

Ms Kelly, LRC.



Focus of the Fortnight - Acts of Kindness

3rd to 21st July 2023

The Focus will be on

Acts of Kindness

Students will be rewarded with a green point if staff witness acts of kindness which may include the following:

- Holding a door open for someone
- Offering someone help
- Picking up litter that is not yours
- Emptying recycling in Tutor Rooms
- Supporting a friend in need

- Any generous act of kindness

Global Alliance Calendar - July

1-31 July – South Asian Heritage Month

What is South Asian Heritage Month?

The month was established to honour and celebrate South Asian history and culture. It is an opportunity for everyone to appreciate the countries in South Asia and learn new things about their heritage.

<https://www.inclusiveemployers.co.uk/awareness-day/south-asian-heritage-month/?cn-reloaded=1>



Which countries are in South Asia?

Here is a list of the eight countries that make up South Asia:

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- India
- Maldives
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka

When did South Asian Heritage Month start?

The first South Asian Heritage Month event was conceptualised and launched by the South Asian community in the UK in July 2019 at the House of Commons. The Grand Trunk Project, The Partition Commemoration Campaign, City Sikhs, and Faiths Forum for London worked together to establish the initiative.

Why is South Asian Heritage Month important?

Along with providing learning opportunities for others, the month enables people of South Asian heritage to reclaim their history and identity by sharing their own stories and experiences.

11 July – World Population Day

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

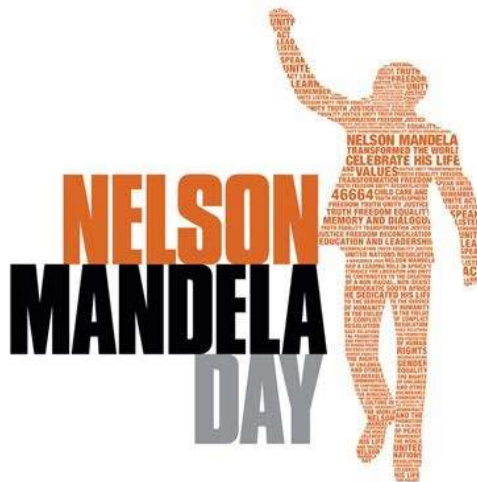


In 2011, the world reached a population of 7 billion. This year, the number will hit 8 billion.

“Reaching a global population of eight billion is a numerical landmark, but our focus always be on people. In the world we strive to build, 8 billion people means 8 billion opportunities to live dignified and fulfilled lives” UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.

18 July - Nelson Mandela Day

<https://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/>



“It is easy to break down and destroy. The heroes are those who make peace and build.” Nelson Mandela.

Nelson Mandela Day is an annual international day in honour of him and celebrated on his birthday 18th July.

Why is Nelson Mandela Day important?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/62176590>

30 July - International Friendship Day

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



Our world faces many challenges, crises and forces of division - such as poverty, violence, and human rights abuses – among many others – that undermine peace, security, development and social harmony among the world’s peoples.

To confront those crises and challenges, their root causes must be addressed by promoting and defending a shared spirit of human solidarity that takes many forms – the simplest of which is friendship.

School Clubs & Activities - Enrichment Timetable Summer 2023

	Enrichment Programme Summer Term 2022- 2023				
	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. Please encourage the students to participate and display this list at home.				
	Ms Philippou				
	Activity	When it runs	Room	The activity is run by	Year Groups
	Monday				
Netball Club	12.30pm -1pm	Sports Hall	Miss L Childs	Years 7	
Voice	1.00pm - 1.30pm	W33	Ms Bradshaw	All years welcome	
Manga club	3.30pm - 4.30pm	LRC	Ms O Kelly	All years welcome	
Tuesday					
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	
Wednesday					
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	
Thursday					
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	
Friday					
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> 12:30pm-1:00pm	<u>AFTERSCHOOL</u> 3:30pm-4:30pm
Monday	Rounders club Year 7 & 8 MUGA LWO	
Tuesday	Cricket club All years MUGA FCA	Athletics Fixtures Year 7&8 LCH
Wednesday	Rounders club Year 9 & 10 MUGA LCH	
Thursday	Badminton club - Starting on 29 th June Year 7,8,9,10 & 11 (30 max) Sports hall LCH	
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



School Calendar

July:

Monday 3rd July – Year 10 Work Experience Week

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

Thursday 20th July – Sports day

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

	SCHOOL DAY				
	BANK HOLIDAY				
	SCHOOL CLOSURE				
	INSET				
	Y8-11 Students collect timetables: Y7 in school				
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Sept 2023	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
Oct	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27
	30	31			
Nov			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	
Dec					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
Jan 2024	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31		
Feb				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	
March					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
April	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30			
May			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31
June	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28
July	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19

Please note that these dates are subject to change

Student Absences

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

Emergency School Closures or Severe Weather

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

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.

Summer use of Blazers / Student Summer Advice

Dear Parents/Carers,

Summer use of Blazers / Student Summer Advice

In this hot weather, students are not expected to bring their blazers to school. If you would like to continue to wear your blazer that is fine, but it is not a compulsory item in these high temperatures.

We do expect students to be in school shoes and not trainers, Crocs or sliders.

Lanyards must continue to be worn at all times unless you are invited to remove them by a member of staff.

Please ensure that you stay hydrated and fill your water bottles, before school, at break and at lunchtime. You will not be allowed out of lessons to fill your water bottle.

It is advisable that you either bring a hat or an umbrella for shade to use when outside in the school grounds. You may also wish to bring sunscreen to apply.

The WSfG uniform allows you to wear summer items such as ankle socks and short sleeved shirts in order to stay cooler during the hot weather.

Mobile Phones

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

iPads

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.

Student Detentions

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

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

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

Work Experience 2023

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.

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

Book Your Child for Their Free Summer Holiday Club

Peoples Directorate



Waltham Forest Town Hall, Fellowship Square, Forest Road, London E17 4JF

Ask for: Lindsay Jackson
Email: Lindsay.jackson@walthamforest.gov.uk

Date: 19th June 2023

Dear Parent,

Re: Book your child for their free summer holiday club

I am pleased to be writing to invite you to book your child onto the free Waltham Forest's Holiday Activity and Food Programme for Summer 2023.

These free holiday opportunities are funded through the government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which enables us to provide a holiday programme across the borough for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

By visiting the website below you will be able to book your child onto range of sessions throughout the Summer holiday, at no cost to you. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day.

To ensure all eligible children have access to our programme, **your child is able to book up to 10 sessions during the Summer holidays from Monday 24th July – Friday 18th August 2023.**

- To find out more and the places available to book, please visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/holidays
- To book a place you must enter your unique code: **W5GHAF23** for your child when asked for the 'FSM Code' at checkout.
- If you have any queries regarding the holiday activity programme, please email wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk or call 0208 496 4720

In addition to this free programme, families who are eligible for Universal Credit may be able to claim back up to 85% of their childcare costs. Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit> to find out more.

Yours faithfully,

Lindsay Jackson
Assistant Director Post 16 & School Operations

walthamforest.gov.uk

Waltham Forest Holiday Activity and Food Programme Summer 2023






WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

SUMMER 2023

24 JULY – 18 AUGUST

**ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 5-16
AND IN RECEIPT OF BENEFIT-
RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

This Summer we have the opportunity for you to try a wide range of free activities, have fun, make friends and enjoy a free meal every day across the borough.

To book your place and find out more scan:



or visit
WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/HOLIDAYS

Booking is essential on all activities so book early to avoid disappointment

For queries please contact the Waltham Forest Holiday Activity Programme team on:

**WFHOLIDAYACTIVITYPROGRAMME@
WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK**

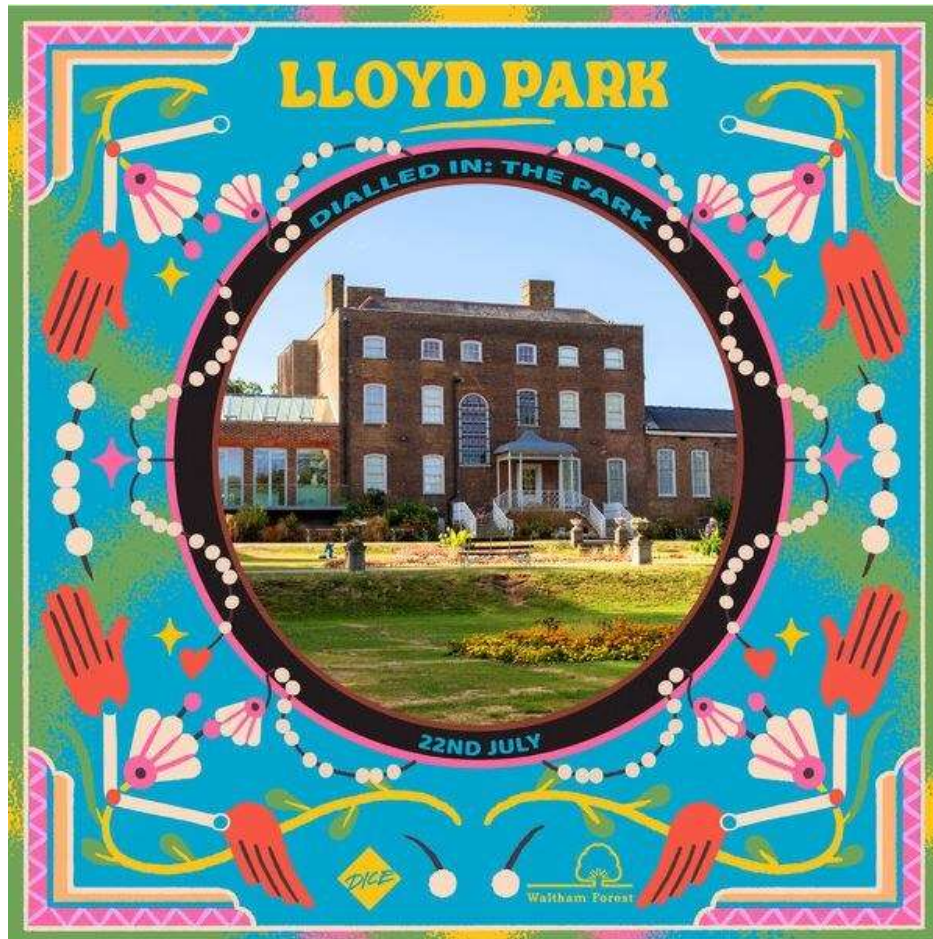
020 8496 4720





What's New at William Morris Gallery

To find out more: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3604d07>



William Morris Gallery



WILLIAM
MORRIS
GALLERY



Creative Kids: William Morris' Garden

Thursday 20 July, 10am and 1pm

Inspired by William Morris' love of the outdoors, sessions will be taking place in the William Morris Garden, making paper flowers and exploring the garden in a 'spot the flowers' activity. Booking opens 6 July.



Ashish: Fall in Love and Be More Tender: Free tours

Thursday 22 June & 27 July, 2pm

See the exhibition with one of our curators as your guide. A great opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the work and ideas behind Ashish's creations. Free, drop-in.



Family Day for Waltham Forest Pride

Saturday 29 July, 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Celebrate Waltham Forest Pride on 29 July with a special Family Day at William Morris Gallery. Enjoy a Rainbow Storytime with the colourful and creative Belle, who'll be telling stories that highlight the beauty of difference and inclusivity. Storytelling sessions at 2.40pm, 3.10pm, 3.40pm and 4.10pm. Free, drop-in.



Summer Living at the William Morris Gallery Shop

Make the most of this sunny weather.

Stay hydrated with our Useful & Beautiful water bottles, grab a pair of Brother Rabbit sunglasses and explore our book collection for some relaxing holiday reading. After sunset, wrap yourself up in one of our Willow throws. Summer essentials now available from the William Morris Gallery online shop.

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

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.

Football Club

Saturdays 2PM-3PM

Wadham Lodge

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

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

 [Ridgewayroversfc_girls](https://www.instagram.com/Ridgewayroversfc_girls)
www.ridgewayrovers.org.uk



@Ridgeway_fc



ridgewayroversfc



Ridgewayroversyfc



**FOR
ALL**

RIDGEWAY ROVERS FC

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



Scan here
to book



£3
A Session

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



**FOR
ALL**

[Ridgewayroversfc_girls](https://www.ridgewayroversfc_girls)

www.ridgewayrovers.org.uk



@Ridgeway_fc



ridgewayrovers



Ridgewayrovers



**ACCREDITED
CLUB** ★ ★
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL



KICKS



GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSION

**IT'S
FREE!**

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

To learn more about what Tottenham Hotspur is delivering on its doorstep, download the **Spurs Official App** or visit 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

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

National Youth Theatre



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

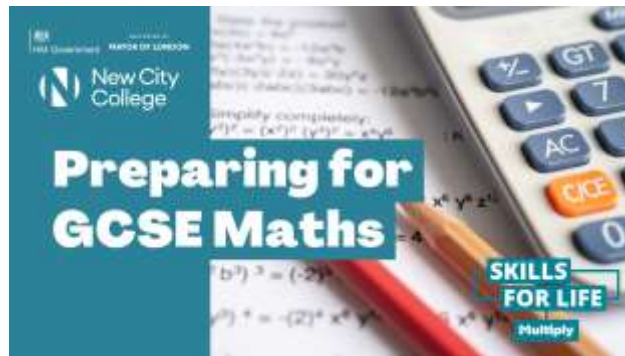
Aged 11-13 and want to get involved?

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](#)

Free classes to boost parents' everyday number skills

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





Educational Psychology Service Free Monthly Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions

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:
educationalpsychology@nwlh.nhs.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.

Contact Us



Church Hill, Walthamstow, London, E17 9RZ

Telephone: 020 8509 9446

Email: info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Website: www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Student Absence Line: 020 8509 9444

