

14th July 2023

Walthamstow School for Girls - Greensheet



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This will be my final bulletin of the academic year so I want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you for your support and kindness throughout the academic year. I am very proud of our students and everything they have achieved, as well as their resilience, courage and compassion. I look forward to continuing to work with you all over the next year.

End of term activities

We have had a busy week with a number of educational visits and end of term activities. They have included: the year 7 visit to the Feelgood Centre; year 8 bowling; year 8 and 9 Interform; our KS3 marker event for year 9 students; year 10 visit to a local French restaurant for a crepe making and tasting workshop; the Donmar Warehouse trip to see 'When Winston Went to War with the Radio'; a Latin trip to the British museum; Drop Everything And Read day; and last, but definitely not least, our Duke of Edinburgh expedition last weekend which saw students (and staff) return exhausted and with blistered feet but brimming with stories of team-work and courage.

We have had **over 80 educational visits** since September, in addition to all of the clubs and events we run. Those visits can only take place because of the commitment of our staff. Parents may not realise that running a trip involves detailed planning and organisation, including risk assessments, liaising with staff, students and their families. A visit itself may only take half a day but the preparation work will have taken three times as long, if not more. When staff are out on visits, supply teachers are needed to cover their lessons which is costly and, with increasingly tight budgets, we may have to review how sustainable this is.

We are committed to our vision of lifelong learning, including opportunities for students to broaden their horizons, especially those students who would not otherwise benefit from those experiences. However, I hope that you appreciate that this commitment comes at a cost.

Welcome to our new year 6 students

It has been lovely to **welcome year 6 students and their parents** to the school over the last few weeks for transition interviews, workshops, coffee afternoons, Transition Day and Transition Evening. We are looking forward to getting to know your daughters during Summer School and in September.

Our School Curriculum

As a school, we've been working on developing our curriculum in line with our new school vision and values.

We are keen to ensure that teachers, students and parents alike have a clear understanding of what is being learned and what is being assessed at every stage of learning in each topic. This will enable students to feel confident they know what is being learned and assessed in each unit. We hope this supports parents to have a conversations about your child's learning and assessments at home.

These details have been collated in Learning Journeys which will be issued to all students for all topics. **Students will be putting these in their exercise books (these will all be green to help them to be easily identifiable) and they will be shared on department Teams channels from September.**

We know that some of you have also asked to know more about what your child is learning and how you can support them. You told us this in your recent parent surveys. This is absolutely right and will help us to work together in partnership with you. **Learning Journeys will be shared on the school website from September.**

Hello and Goodbye

We will be saying goodbye to Ms Brunas in the science department who is one of our longest-serving members of staff and who will be retiring this summer. We also bid farewell to Ms Simpson, SPL for year 7, who is leaving teaching, Mr Wooton, who will become head of geography at Isaac Newton Academy, Ms Mithawala, who has decided not to return from her maternity leave, Ms Colville-Paris, our art technician, who is moving to the coast with her family, Ms Vanlint, our Teaching School Hub administrator, Ms Herescu, our EAL Co-ordinator and Ms Wanya, our FLA.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all for their hard work and commitment to the school and to wish them well in their new roles.

In September, we will be welcoming Ms Futo, our new Deputy Headteacher, Ms Owen, as teacher of science, Ms Michaelis, as teacher of English, Ms Coelho Silva, as teacher of geography, Ms Miah and Mr Ranjha who will be working in our Teaching School Hub. Ms Ali will be returning to us as a science teacher and Ms Famiglietti returns to us following her sabbatical.

Inspirational Quotations Competition

Congratulations to Kiara Spence in 7G who is the inspirational quotations competition winner. Kiara wins a week's worth of Golden Tickets. Here is her quotation which will be displayed around the school:



Arrangements for the Start of Term:

Monday 4th September: INSET day

Tuesday 5th September:

- Year 7 students arrive at 10.30 and will leave at 3.30.
- Years 8 – 10 arrive at 11.30 to collect timetables and are dismissed at 12.30.
- Year 11 – WSF arrive at 9.30 and are dismissed at 12.30. GCH arrive at 11.30 and are dismissed at 3.30

This will allow time for year 7 students to familiarise themselves with the school and for year 11 students to benefit from a professional Study Skills session.

INSET Days:

Here are the INSET days for next academic year:

Monday 4th September; Friday 6th October; Friday 9th February.

Wishing you a safe, happy and healthy summer break and look forward to working with you all again in September.

Best wishes

Helen Marriott

Year 9 Trip to the University of Cambridge

On 4th July, 12 students from Year 9 had the opportunity to visit Gonville and Caius College at the University of Cambridge. After a talk by Gwyneth Hamand, the London Outreach Officer, several Cambridge students spoke about their experiences, including the interview process.

The importance of Super-Curricular activities was emphasized. These are activities that take your subject beyond what you have learnt at school. They are different to Extra-Curricular activities, which are activities outside of the curriculum.

Here are some examples of Super Curricular activities:

- Reading widely beyond the syllabus
- Starting a blog about your subject
- Tweeting about your subject, and following others who do the same
- Listening to subject-related podcasts
- Joining a society or club dedicated to your subject
- Visiting museums and galleries
- Watching relevant documentaries
- Watching TED talks
- Using [Explore | The Home of Big Questions](#)
- Using [Staircase12 - University College Oxford \(Univ\) - Staircase12](#)

Following this, there was a guided tour, followed by lunch in a grand dining hall.



Here is some feedback from the participants:

I had a really good time in Cambridge. Seeing it in real life is very different to reading about it online or hearing about it in a classroom in Walthamstow. One of my most memorable experiences was to see the Stephen Hawking memorial on the ground outside his old office. This was very interesting as he was a fellow at Cambridge. He died on 14th March 2018 which also happens to be World Pi Day and the birthday of Einstein. I especially love science so seeing that made me happy.

Nida H 9S

I found the trip to Cambridge very fulfilling. Seeing the entire city further solidified this as my university of choice. The first thing that stood out to me was the cleanliness of the public transport and streets, which was a nice contrast to the area where I currently live. Another thing that appealed to me was the activities the city had to offer, both in and out of school; the Universities of Cambridge have 700 clubs and societies to offer and punting, a great way to view the city and an activity Cambridge is well known for. I also found the unique variety of courses they offer quite interesting, and the Q&A cleared up the questions and doubts I had. Overall, this was a satisfying trip that I'm glad I signed up for.

Lia S 9C

Cambridge was an overall fantastic experience! I really enjoyed the food and especially the buildings. Cambridge has inspired me to work my hardest and someday go there. When we were in the lecture room and the students answered our questions, it helped me to think what I could potentially do for my degree. I have learnt that there are many courses and to work on what I love most. This was a wonderful experience and thank you for taking me.

Norah A 9H

I really enjoyed the trip to Gonville and Caius. I especially enjoyed learning about the history of the college and the building. The library was my favourite part. Going to the university gave me a helpful insight to university life!

Thank you

Haleema Z 9C

The Cambridge trip was very interesting, and it really helped me to get an insight into what life would be like at a university. I would recommend the trip to anyone who is considering going to university and wants to get a fuller understanding of life away from home. When we arrived, we had a talk about some of the courses and benefits of university, then some students came to talk about their individual experiences and answered questions. Afterwards we got a brief tour of the college which was quite pretty and had lunch in the dining hall. Then we left the university and got ice cream in the town before we went home. Overall, it was a very enjoyable experience and I would definitely recommend it to anyone who is interested.

Alexa E 9G

At the College we were able to learn about possible future paths and careers we could pursue and how we would do so , for example what A levels we should do if we were to do Medicine or History. After that we were able to meet real students from the University and hear their experience of being in different fields and their personal experiences from the transition from college to University. Personally, I found this whole trip specifically useful because I had the chance to people and ask questions about the degree that I was interested in.

Overall, I found the trip very informative and enjoyable as it gave me a stronger insight on what I want to be when I'm older.

Nusaybah A 9F

Thank you to Ms Warren who drove the school minibs and ensured that we had a safe journey there and back.

Ms Robinson

Challenge Coordinator

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.

Year 8 Summer Interform

I really enjoyed this summer interform because I love rounders and I was very happy I got to do it for the whole day. I also really love the social aspect of it, because I was able to spend time with my friends in other classes, who I normally don't get to see that much. I also liked the team spirit, and how supportive everyone was.

Agatha 8C

I really enjoyed interform this year, and as someone doing rounders, I got to spend the whole day outside with my friends and cheer people on. The games were fair and fun, even if it got a little competitive at times. When I was playing, I could hear people cheering me on from the side which boosted my confidence greatly. Of course, I would then cheer my friends on from the side when I wasn't playing either. Overall, I loved interform this year, despite being in the losing form, because everyone was supportive and had lots of fun together.

Molly 8H

Also congratulation to Year 8 Summer Interform winner 8F



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



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>

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 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>

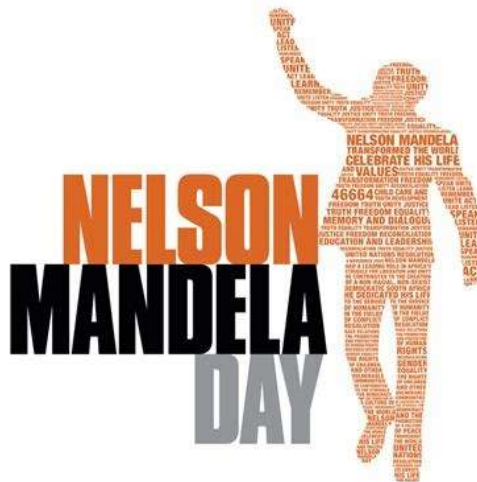


In 2011, the world reached a population of 7 billion. This year, the number will hit 8 billion.

“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
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 Willis	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

20th July 2023 - Sports Day

End of Term Arrangement

The final day of Summer Term is Friday 21st July 2023

- Lessons 1 – 3 are as normal.
- There will be a normal breaktime dining room service
- Friday 21st July will be a non-uniform day

(Cost £1.00 to be collected on the entrance gate in the morning)

Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm for the Summer holiday

Students Return to School in September 2023 Arrangement

Students return to school on

Tuesday 5th September 2023

This will be a Week A

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For a reminder of our term dates, please see our website here:

<https://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates+2023%2D24&pid=2366>

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

Community Events

Avengers Cricket Summer Camp 2023



AVENGERS CRICKET SUMMER camp 2023



10£
2 HOURS

STARTING FROM
1ST AUGUST (TUESDAY)
TILL 25TH AUGUST

(TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY)

First session free for trial
25 August Friday fun games for
parents/families & community day

AGE GROUP TIMES

TIME	TIME
4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM	6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
5-9 BOYS	10-13 BOYS
6-14 GIRLS	14-19 BOYS

**JOIN
NOW !**
LIMITED SPACES ARE
AVAILABLE



If Rain
Contact
To Confirm

LEYTON CRICKET GROUND
2 CRAWLEY RD, LONDON
E10 6RJ



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ACA.LONDON
Hassanahafiqmalik@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES:



- BOWLING PRACTICE
- BATTING PRACTICE
- FIELDING PRACTICE
- HARD BALL AND SOFT BALL
- GIRLS ONLY SESSION
- PRACTICE MATCHES
- STRENGTH & CONDITIONING
- SPEED & AGILITY (FITNESS)

**FULLY QUALIFIED ECB
COACHES**



PHONE:

COACH HASSAN MALIK (07951 242393)
COACH ADNAN CHOUDHRY (07791722263)
CLUB SAFEGUARDING OFFICER MR. ASGHAR (07583110300)



ACA MEDIA

CRICKET FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES

BEFORE STARTING EVERY SESSION, KINDLY ARRIVE 15 MINUTES EARLY TO DO THE REGISTRATION.

Find Us A Short Walk From Leyton Midland Station



Book Your Child for Their Free Summer Holiday Club

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 wholidayactivityprogramme@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

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





BREAK THE CYCLE

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ACTIVITIES

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BE THE CHANGE

KIDS

HOLIDAY CLUB

Scan the barcode

7th-18th Aug 2023 10AM-3PM

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DRAMA/SINGING • FAMILY FUN • GAMING • COOKING
SPORTS • ARTS AND CRAFTS • PODCASTING • CREATIVE

FREE FOR CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

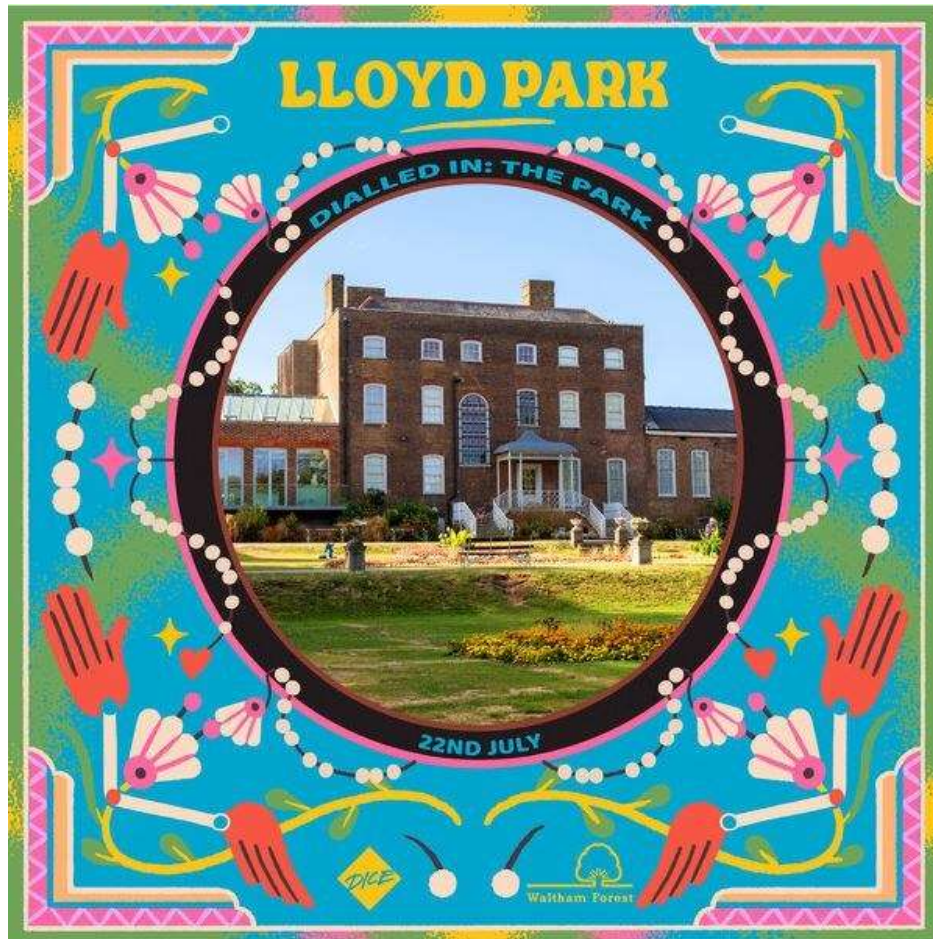
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More info: www.breakthecycle.org

Call: 07535280467

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
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Goal Keeper Training

Peter May Sports center 3G pitch

**Starting
17th April**

Mondays 19:00-20:15

£3 a session



Contactless
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Cash not accepted

Enquiries to Kevin at Ridgeway_KC1@mail.com

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



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



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

www.ridgewayrovers.org.uk



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KICKS



GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSION

**IT'S
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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

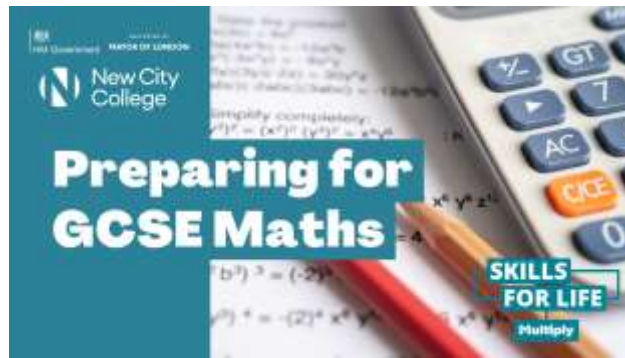
Aged 11-13 and want to get involved?

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

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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

