

## Headteacher's message 27th September 2024

Welcome back! For families new to the school, this is where you will find updates about all the most recent exciting events at WSFG. This includes the year 9 trip to **Boulogne, Jeans for Genes Day and Languages Day**. Please have a look at the photographs of the amazing cakes your children have made for the Languages Bake Off: some of them are better than the bakes on this year's GBBO! Students have donated their cakes for our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** so their compassion and culinary skills will help to raise money for a very worthy cause.

On a wild and windy night, on Thursday of this week, we welcomed over 900 visitors to the school for our **Open Evening**. As usual, our students were the very best ambassadors and it was wonderful to see the confidence and sense of responsibility with which they interacted with prospective students and parents. Thank you to all students and staff who made the evening such a success. Once again, I am a very proud headteacher.



I last wrote to you in our September welcome letter to share key dates and outline expectations about **uniform and equipment**. Most of our students dress very smartly and are mindful of the uniform rules. Please can you discuss our expectations with your daughter and ensure that she understands why we have such high standards.

It has been lovely to welcome our new **year 7** students to the school. They have settled in well and have quickly become part of our WSFG family. I wanted to remind you that our **'This is My School'** evening will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of October from 4 – 5p.m.** Students always enjoy taking their parents around the school site as part of this event and parents can see where and how your child spends the day. It is a great opportunity to meet staff and discuss how your child has started their journey of lifelong learning with us. We look forward to welcoming you.

Our year 11s have had a fantastic start to the year and continue to be great role models for the younger year groups. Since mock examinations begin on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, we are running a **GCSE and College Ready Parent Information Evening from 5.30 - 6.30 on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. This will be followed by a **College Roadshow on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 5.30 - 7p.m.** where they will have the opportunity to meet teachers and students from a range of local colleges and sixth forms.

Our extra-curricular activities list has now been published on the website. Please make sure that your daughter takes full advantage of all of the opportunities we offer here:

<https://www.wsfq.waltham.sch.uk/page/?title=Clubs+%26amp%3B+Activities&pid=2302>

I hope you have all had a good start to the term and wish you all the best for the weekend.

Ms Marriott