

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER: BARE TRUTH THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS LITTLE STITCHES, WALTHAMSTOW CENTRAL LIBRARY, HIGH STREET E17 7JN, 6-7.30PM, FREE. 4 playwrights present new works exploring the human stories behind the brutal facts of FGM, which affects over 66,000 women in the UK today, and threatens many more girls. Book via: www.eventbrite.com Suitable for age 14 plus.

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER: AUTUMN GARDENING DAY AND SEED AND PRODUCE SWAP, CORNER OF ORFORD ROAD BY THE ANCIENT HOUSE, E17, 10.30AM-2PM, FREE, ALL WELCOME. If you enjoy gardening, why not help to mow the wildflower meadow next to the Ancient House, and then swap seeds, plants and garden/allotment produce with other keen gardeners? Take gardening gloves if you are going to mow the meadow!

SATURDAY 6TH AND SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER: THE WALTHAMSTOW MYSTERIES WILL BE PERFORMED AT COPPERMILL FIELDS, E17, AT 12.30 AND 3PM ON BOTH DAYS, FREE. Don't miss the chance to see this amazing site specific production, featuring local history, live music, herbal folklore and tree climbing! Meet outside the Coppermill Pub, 205 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HF at 12 or 2.30pm to walk to the Fields with the cast. Wear comfortable shoes! See: walthamstowmysteries@gmail.com for more information.

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER: VILLAGE FETE IN AID OF EAT OR HEAT AND THE LIMES CENTRE, ELMSDALE ROAD, E17, 1-5PM, FREE. Enjoy the open gardens, open mike, tombola, refreshments and stalls and help to raise funds for these 2 local charities. Volunteers needed- contact gary@eatorheat.org or phone 07841 476567 for more information.

BEYOND E17

SATURDAY 6TH AND SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER: LEYTONSTONE BIG WEEKENDER- A FREE FESTIVAL TO END THE SUMMER, WITH LIVE MUSIC, CLIMBING WALL, ART TRAIL, CRAFT WORKSHOPS, STALLS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE, CATHALL GREEN AND CHURCH LANE, E11, 1-5PM. 60s soul and blues legend, Geno Washington, will headline on Sunday, and Dr Bike and his mechanics will be available to help with free cycle advice and maintenance. See the council website for more information: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/events.

SATURDAY 6TH AND SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER: ROYAL GREENWICH TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL, GREENWICH AND WOOLWICH, SE10, 11AM- AT LEAST 10PM (FIREWORKS AT 9.45PM), FREE. Don't miss the spectacle of 50 tall ships in this famous regatta, with stalls and entertainment on land. Nearest station: Cuty Sark DLR.

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER: PICNIC IN THE PARK, THE HIGHAMS PARK, E4, 3-6PM, FREE. The Friends of the Highams Park will be providing live jazz, a treasure hunt, stalls and more- just bring your own picnic and enjoy the lake and parkland. Entrance via the gates in Tamworth Avenue and Keynsham Avenue, E4. Contact: beaburton@hotmail.com for details.

UNTIL 14TH SEPTEMBER: WALTHAM FOREST, LONDON- A CELEBRATION IN PHOTOGRAPHS, LEYTON LIBRARY, HIGH ROAD, E10 5QH, FREE. Works by Image 17 and the winners of Waltham Forest's photographic competition will inspire young and old photographers. Open 9am- 7pm Monday- Friday, 9am-6pm on Saturdays and 12-4pm Sundays.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore



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4th September 2014

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term 2014

Start -
Monday 1st
September
2014

End -
Friday 19th
December 2014

Year 11 Work Experience
Monday 15th
September to
Friday 26th
September
2014

Year 7 Settling in afternoon
Thursday 9th
October

Half Term
Monday
27th October
to Friday
31st October

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly we would like to wish all our new students and their parents or carers a very warm welcome!

SPECIAL EDITION: GCSE Results 2014

On the first day back, we celebrated the fantastic GCSE achievements of our Year 11 students. Their results once again broke the school records for gaining the highest number of the all important 5+A*-C grades including English and mathematics which, at 73%, is much higher than the local and national figures and represents a 3% increase on last year's figures and a massive 17% increase on the dip we had in 2012.

This is in the context of turbulence in GCSE grades nationally and changes to the way GCSE performance has been assessed. This summer, students took linear (end of year) examinations rather than being assessed in a modular way over the course of their studies. Also, schools were discouraged from entering students early and repeatedly for examinations, a practice which WSFG has not used, as we have always focused on terminal examinations in Year 11. There were also changes in subject areas to increase the challenge for students. For example, in English the Speaking and Listening element was not counted this year, whilst in Geography, students took a completely new examination. Also, schools are no longer able to use the vocational BTEC examination results to the same extent to count in their overall figures.

There has been an increased emphasis on the subjects which make up the English EBacc (English, mathematics, science, languages and a humanities subject). At WSFG we believe that a student should have an entitlement to a wide range of subjects and experiences including the creative and performing arts and design, technology and engineering. At the same time our EBacc A*-C figures have risen from 23% (2012) and 36% (2013) to 40% (2014). The national figure for the EBacc in 2012 was 16%! We are confident that this year's results will continue to compare very favourably with other high performing comprehensives nationally.

Large numbers of our girls achieved the very highest grades at GCSE level and they have all made us and their families very proud. I have included in this issue just a sample of some of our high achievers who have now secured places at excellent sixth form provision.

Year 11 students with 8 or more A*/A grades at GCSE

Student	A*/A grade Results	Student	A*/A grade results
Summaya Abbas	2 A*s, 7 As	Laura March-Feiley Bowles	9 A*s, 2 As
Sarah Abu-Amero	7 A*s, 2 As		
Yasmin Ali	2 A*s, 6 As	Aisha Moolla	1 A*, 7 As
Rihab Attioui	5 A*s, 4 As	Ramsha Rukhsar	1 A*, 7 As
Amysofia Harrington	6 A*s, 4 As	Sharmila Savatherajan	8 As
Hafsah Hussain	3 A*s, 5 As + A* A level Urdu	Salina Siddiqui	4 A*s, 7 As
		Ray Sims	6 A*s, 3 As
Erin Keegan	1 A*, 7 As,	Rosa Watmough	5 A*s, 5 As
Maeve Lawrence	1 A*, 8 As	Eleanor Williams	5 A*s, 4 As
Alannah Lewis	9 A*s, 1 A	Mimi Zhou	6 A*s, 3 As + A in Additional Mathematics
Mariam Majid	5 A*s, 4 As		

Catering at WSFG

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

We will also soon be issuing out usernames and passwords for the new Year 7s so that payments can also be made online via our SQUID system.

Many thanks
Mr Jalil
Business Manager



COMING SOON-

FREE FIRST AID CLASS FOR PARENTS/
CARERS/AUNTIES/UNCLES/
NEIGHBOURS

SEE NEXT WEEK'S GREENSHEET FOR
DETAILS OR RING
MRS FINAMORE ON 0208 509 4494.

MRS FINAMORE
Community Liaison Co-ordinator

Polite reminder to Parents and Carers

Please do not stop or wait on the road markings outside the school.

This endangers the lives of our students and the local community.

Thank you



PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/15

Autumn Term 2014

Start - Monday 1st September 2014
2014

End - Friday 19th December

Monday 15th September to
Friday 26th September
Thursday 9th October
Thursday 16th October

Year 11 Work Experience
Year 7 Settling in afternoon
Open Evening 6-8pm

Holidays

Half Term - Monday 27th October 2014 to Friday 31st October 2014
Christmas - Monday 22nd December 2014 to Friday 2nd January 2015

Spring Term 20145

Start - Monday 5th January 2015

End - Thursday 2nd April 2015

Holidays

Half Term - Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2015
Good Friday - 3rd April 2015
Easter Monday - 6th April 2015

Summer Term 2014

Start - Monday 20th April 2015

End - Friday 17th July 2014

Holidays

Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May 2015
Half Term - Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2015

Details of training days and other closures to follow.

Many more students also did exceptionally well, a large number surpassing their predicted grades. We particularly congratulate students such as **Susana Anang, Marwa Fares, Fatema Hidari, Sidrah Hussain and Kara Benjamin** whose hard work ensured excellent progress and outcomes. **Fatima Turay** was seriously ill in hospital for a large part of Year 10 and 11 yet still managed to achieve 6 A*-Cs including English and mathematics. They have made us all very proud and there are other stories like these.

We have also received some lovely letters from our former students and parents:

To the staff at Walthamstow School for Girls I'd like to thank you all for the encouragement and support you have delivered throughout my five years at the school. Your diligence and passion for creating an atmosphere of learning, ambition and harmony has been truly inspiring for me. It is thanks to you that I am progressing into sixth form with confidence (and of course a few nerves!).

*I wish you all the best of luck for the future.
Year 11 student 2013-14*

Thank you so much for all your hard work in teaching, inspiring and supporting [our daughter]..[who]has been able to take advantage of lots of creative opportunities which she may not have had elsewhere. We're so proud of her achievements and hope that she will enjoy the next stage of her education (Latymer; Physics, Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry).

*Thanks again for everything.
Parents of Year 11 student 2013-14*



Start of term and introductions

It was a real pleasure to see all our other students return this week after a much deserved break. Our Year 7s seem to be settling in very well and are quickly getting used to their new routines and responsibilities, as well as our school ethos and expectations. The fact that the girls have already spent time in school with their teachers before term started has really made a difference, helped by the support of our older student peer mentors.

They have also been meeting our excellent new teachers. We welcome the following new teaching colleagues this term: Ms Rowan and Ms Brown, English; Mr Doree and Ms Atchia, Science; Ms Eveleigh and Mr Hefer, Humanities; Ms Heath, Art; Ms Bourboin, MFL; and Ms Farrukh, Mathematics. A number of our current staff have taken on different roles within the school but they will be familiar faces to both you and your daughters. This includes Ms Kennedy, our former Head of English, who is our new Deputy Headteacher in charge of KS4.

Finally, I look forward to working once more in partnership with you this year and to seeing you at one of our school events.

Best wishes,

Ms Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Message from Sally Kennedy, Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As the newly appointed Deputy Headteacher and former Head of English here at Walthamstow School for Girls, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have worked in education for the past twenty years and feel passionately committed to the ideals of comprehensive education. I was a member of the local community for over fifteen years and so I really understand how special our "Green School" is.

I want for our students what I would want for my own children; a safe, calm environment where students can grow, develop and explore the world around them with confidence. A place where students expect the best for themselves and of themselves and a place where all students are challenged through excellent teaching and a wide range of activities beyond the classroom curriculum.

We face many challenges in the years ahead, as the curriculum and examination system changes. As Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Key Stage 4, my task is to make sure that we face these challenges head on and continue to offer wonderful opportunities for the future to all of our girls.

I look forward to working with Ms Davies, our Headteacher and the rest of our excellent staff, your daughters and yourselves in the years ahead.

Ms Sally Kennedy
Deputy Headteacher

Message about Attendance and Punctuality.

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that your daughter attends school regularly.

The majority of our students live within a quarter of a mile of the school and yet the morning punctuality across the school is very poor. Most students who are late to school are late by only a matter of about 10 minutes, but as you will appreciate, this is a poor habit to get into.

At WSFG we have a system of detentions that we have put in place as the sanctions for poor punctuality:-

- 10 minutes detention at the end of every day when late,
- half an hour detention with SPL for two lates in a week,
- an hour detention with the Assistant Headteacher for three or more lates in a week.

Any student who accumulates eight or more lates in a term will be placed on a punctuality report to Ms. King, the School Attendance and Punctuality Manager. The student will be required to report to Ms. King every morning for two weeks. You will be informed if your daughter is placed on this report.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support and trust that you will continue to support your daughter in making sure she gets into school on time.

If you have any queries or questions about attendance and punctuality at WSFG, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. King, School Attendance and Punctuality Manager.

Ms. K.H.Pratt
Assistant Headteacher

