

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER: A PEAL FOR THE BELLS - FUNDRAISING CONCERT WITH ERROLLYN WALLEN AND SPECIAL GUESTS, ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, E17 9RJ, 7.30PM, £25/£10 CONCESSIONS. Help raise money to restore the famous old bells, and enjoy the music of this award winning composer/performer and her special guests, including Richard Wilson (One Foot in the Grave) and Lisa Hammond (East Enders)! Contact: Ewan Marshall on 07985 282 201 or email: ewan.marshall2@gmail.com

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER: EAT OR HEAT'S AUTUMN FAIR, ST MARY'S WELCOME CENTRE, CHURCH END, E17, 12-6PM, £1 ADULTS, DONATION OF A TIN OR PACKET OF FOOD FOR CHILDREN. In aid of Eat or Heat's food bank, this event will include food and drink from local producers, plus a vintage lounge (homewares and vintage clothes etc.) music and a tombola with fabulous prizes! See www.eatorheat.org
UNTIL 5TH OCTOBER: THE HOUSE OF HOOP- HULA HOOP DISPLAYS AND WORKSHOPS AT THE POP UP SHOP, HOE STREET CENTRAL, 3 CENTRAL PARADE, HOE STREET E17, 12-5PM EVERY DAY EXCEPT TUESDAYS, FREE. If you'd like to learn the hula hoop, why not visit this new venture? Customised hula hoops are on sale too. See www.thehouseofhoop.com

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

EVERY SATURDAY: GOSPEL SINGERS OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE AWARD WINNING B.I.G. CHOIR, ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHURCH AVENUE, HIGHAMS PARK, E4 9QD, 4.30-6PM. Free membership to new members who join this September! See www.britishgospelarts.com/bigchoir for details.

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER: FREE FAMILY ART DAY, BEN URI GALLERY, 108A BOUNDARY ROAD, NW8 ORH, 11M-1PM. Be inspired by the current exhibition- Max Weber, an American Cubist in Paris, and make your own cubist collage. All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Booking advisable- ring 0207 604 3991. Nearest tubes: St John's Wood or Swiss Cottage. Check www.benuri.org.uk for details.

SATURDAY 27TH AND SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER: COUNTRYSIDE LIVE, LEYTON MARSH, LEA BRIDGE ROAD, E10 7QL, 10AM-5PM, £5 ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE; 2 DAY PASS £7. Enjoy falconry and sheepdog displays, ferret racing, dancing sheep, willow weaving, animal handling, workshops, food and much more at this popular annual event, which takes place just behind Lee Valley Ice Centre. Check www.visitleevalley.org.uk

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER: FREE COMMUNITY ARTS FESTIVAL, THE CORNERSTONE, CORNER OF ESSEX AND CANTERBURY ROADS E10 6EH, 12.30-5.30PM. Enjoy live music, arts and crafts, photographic exhibition, poetry, puppetry workshop, children's activities and the Walthamstow International Film Festival. Free barbecue and refreshments- all welcome. Ring Runa Folkes for more information on 0208 558 2121.

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER: FREE WALK- EPPING FOREST IN THE GREAT WAR, MEET AT CHINGFORD STATION, STATION ROAD, E4 6AL AT 2 PM FOR A CIRCULAR 2 HOUR WALK. Discover how the First World War affected Epping Forest and East London. Ring 0207 332 1911 for more information, or visit eppingforest@cityoflondon.gov.uk. Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared for all weathers.

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore



No. 04/14

Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term 2014 Start -

Monday 1st September 2014

End -

Friday 19th December 2014

Half Term

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

School closures this term:

Please see Information on page 3

GREENSHEET



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25th September 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

The confidence of our youngest students is increasing daily and they are certainly more self assured whilst they make their way around school. They have all been taking their online assessment tests this week, which helps us assess their academic levels at entry to WSFG. According to Mr Shackson, Assistant Headteacher, and the ICT staff, they have been very focused and mature in the way they have approached this. Well done, Year 7!

Next week, we will be at our full compliment with the return of our Year 11 students from their work experience. Every girl has been given a personal visit by a member of staff and they have come back full of praise for how well our students have adapted to the rigours of the working week and the challenges of being in a different environment. Comments from placements have been far ranging:

'very impressed with student and has been offered regular voluntary work. Is a definite asset to Oxfam'

'student has been involved in auditioning actors for the Pantomime at Hackney Empire'

'Student would be very good as a future scientist'

'student has been embedding specimens at University College Hospital. Particularly likes handling body tissue! Has been offered a summer placement within the hospital'

.... and so on.

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Well done also to all our budding Year 10 reading mentors - almost seventy girls have signed up for the training which begins this week. Once trained, they will be supporting Year 7 with their reading.

Our focus of this fortnight with the girls is the Home School Agreement which was signed when your daughter started in Year 7. Please contact the office if you would like a replacement copy. It is an important reminder of the commitment that the school, you and your daughter made when she joined WSFG so I thank you in advance for your support with this.

Best wishes
Meryl Davies
Headteacher

Medical Appointments during School Time

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know the safety of students is paramount at Walthamstow School for Girls. We have a concern about students signing out of school to attend medical or dental appointments during school time.

Our attendance policy states that unless unavoidable or in emergency circumstances, **medical or dental appointments should be made out of school hours.**

If your daughter has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment, the school requires that you send in the letter or appointment card as well as an accompanying letter from yourself requesting that your daughter be allowed to leave school.

The school needs to see evidence of the appointment before we allow the student to leave the premises. We will also be 'spot checking' by telephoning parents and carers of students who wish to leave the premises to ensure the appointment is genuine.

I hope that you understand that require this further information to ensure the safety of your daughter at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation in this and all school matters.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager



Walthamstow
SCHOOLFORGIRLS

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 16th October 2014 6-8pm

'There is a strong focus on excellent academic outcomes'

'Inclusive care for individuals lies at the heart of the school's ethos'

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To find out more visit www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

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



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 have also issued 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



MAY MORRIS EMBROIDERY CLUB

This club is for students who would like to extend their skills and join in group projects.

**Every Tuesday 3.30 to 4.15pm
in the LRC**

To enrol please sign up in the LRC by 30.9.14.

Classes start on Tuesday 7th October 2014.

Lost Property

Students are reminded that they can collect lost property at **3.30pm** every day.

Parents and carers may also collect lost property any day after school.

A reminder to parents and carers that if your daughter's clothing has her name and form marked in it, it can be returned to her more easily.

Front Office

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURES THIS TERM

Dear Parents/Carers,
Please note the following partial school closures this term:

School Open Evening

The school Open Evening for prospective parents/carers and Year 6 girls will take place on Thursday October 16th from 6.00 - 8.00pm. As a consequence of this, as usual, students will be dismissed from school at **2.30pm** in order to facilitate preparations for the evening. A number of the girls will also be involved in the evening and parents/carers will be notified separately. On the following day, Friday October 17th, there will be a later start at **9.45am**.

Year 7 Settling in Afternoon

On Wednesday, October 22nd, Year 7 parents/carers will have an opportunity to meet with their daughter's tutor to discuss progress and any other settling in issues. There will therefore be an early finish for Year 7 students only after lessons 1-3. More details on this will follow.

Training and Development

Wednesday, 26th November is a staff training half day. The focus of the training will be the launch of the school coaching and feedback processes for staff. As a consequence of this, there will be a half day school closure. Students will attend lessons 1-3 and will be dismissed after that.

Last Day of Term

On Friday, 19th December, the last day of term, there will be a half day closure. Students will attend lessons 1-3 and will be dismissed after that.

Celebrating Black History Month October 2014



Paul Crooks, expert in African Caribbean genealogy, will be visiting the school on Monday 6th October 2014. He will be talking to students about writing and tracing his family tree.

He was described by 'The Voice' magazine as Britain's answer to Alex Haley.

We will be looking at his book 'Ancestors' at our Book Club meeting at lunchtime in the LRC on Wednesday 8th October.

Look out for his other book called 'A Tree Without Roots' which you can order from your local bookshop.

Ms Kelly LRC

Ribbon Embroidery Club

This is a new club that will take place every Friday 12.30 to 1.15 pm in G67



To register see Mrs Gerdellja or leave a note with your Name and Form Group in G68

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight from 29TH Sept - 10th Oct 2014 will be on student lanyards, one cards and conduct cards. These items are ESSENTIAL pieces of your daughter's uniform at WSFG. She is expected to have them and wear them every day at school.

If she does not have one or any number of these items with her on a school day, she will be given an automatic detention of one hour the following week, of which you will be informed by letter and / or text.

Please ensure she has these items ready for school.

Thank you for your support in this and in all school matters.
Ms. K.H. Pratt / Assistant Headteacher

Focus of the Fortnight 29th Sept - 10th Oct 2014. Lanyards, One Cards and Conduct Cards.



All students have been given a lanyard, a photo ID One Card and a Conduct Card that they must wear at all times during the school day.

Sanctions to be applied:

If a student is not wearing any of the required items (Lanyard, photo ID One Card or Conduct Card) a detention of one hour will be set.

She will also have her conduct card signed.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award for Year 10 students

We are delighted to announce the launch of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award at WSFG. Achieving this award will give you skills, confidence and a view on life that everyone is looking for, from employers to colleges and universities. You will be getting recognised for doing things you want to do (and may even be doing already). You will make a difference to other people's lives and your community, be fitter and healthier, make new friends and have memories to last you a lifetime.

This opportunity is open to all Year 10 pupils. To apply, write a letter to Mr Mace outlining the reasons why you will be a good DofE candidate and bring this to the Humanities office (S05) before the deadline of Tuesday 7th October.

For more information go to: www.dofe.org and click on the "Doing your DofE" tab.

Mr Mace

SKI TRIP 2015

There are now **only 5 places left** for next years ski trip.

We travel from Friday, April 3rd, until Saturday, April 11th, to Arosa in Switzerland.

The cost of the trip is £820 for everything* that you need apart from your clothing.

If you would like to come, please collect a booking form from either Mr Fowler or Mr Salmon in the Maths Office, Ms Wood in the PE Office or Ms Careless in her Office.

The trip is a great opportunity and is open to everyone in Years 8 to 11.

*including travel to and from Arosa, accommodation, food, ski lessons In Arosa, ski hire (boots, skis, poles and helmets), 6 day ski pass and insurance.

