



GREENSHEET



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Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Training and Development

Wednesday
26th November
Early closure:
Students dismissed
12:30pm

Year 11 Parents and Carers Support and information Evening:

Tuesday 9th
December 2014
6pm to 7pm

Autumn Term 2014 ends:

Friday 19th
December 2014
Students dismissed at
12:30pm

Spring Term 2015

Start - Monday
5th January 2015
End - Thursday
2nd April 2015

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

In November 2012, this is what I wrote to tell you about our work with MyBnk:

'We have just heard some very exciting news. In September Mr Marley submitted an entry to the 2012 Community Education Awards in respect of our work with MyBnk in the Commitment to Saving Category. MyBnk is an in-school and online saving and lending bank run by a group of our Year 9 students. The Community Education Awards celebrate the efforts of those actively helping children and young people to become positive members of their communities. Organised by the Police Community Clubs of Great Britain, they are aimed at UK schools that use education to encourage good citizenship and responsible decision-making. Our initiative involves a huge number of our students; including all of Year 7 who have been offered financial awareness training and all of Years 7 and 8 who have been offered savings schemes. Almost twenty Year 9 students are MyBnk managers. The girls have been involved in school assemblies to just under four hundred students and have also spoken at the Royal Festival Hall. Our project is being used across the country - and internationally, following our appearance on Swedish TV - to try and encourage other schools to set up similar schemes. The exciting news is that we have won! Many congratulations to Mr Marley and the WSFG team of MyBnkers'

Since then our links with MyBnk have gone from strength to strength and, last year, we became the biggest MyBnk school in London. In recognition and celebration of the girls' work and our now well established and successful links with MyBnk, we have been selected to host a special event next Thursday. Nick Gibb, MP, and Schools Minister for Reform, will be visiting the school along with the two Chief Executive Officers from MyBnk, Lily

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Lapenna and Guy Rigden. Also attending are Councillor Mark Rusling, Waltham Forest Lead Member for Children and Young People, and Vice Chair of WSFG Governors, Joe Billington, will be representing the Governing Body. There may even be some coverage in the local and national news so watch out for a mention!

As the GCSE mock exams loom closer, we wish our intrepid Year 11 students all the very best of luck. They are experiencing the move to end of year examinations and the end of modular examinations, so the pressure is mounting up. If this week's after school English Controlled Assessment was anything to go by, our students already have the mind-set which will bring them the success they deserve next summer.

Finally, please remember that we have an **early closure on November 26th** for a staff training afternoon. Girls will be dismissed at **12.30pm**.

Best wishes
Meryl Davies
Headteacher

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

The Focus of the Fortnight 17th - 28th November STUDENT PLANNERS

At the start of the Year, all Students are issued with a PLANNER that has been carefully designed to support them with their school work, homework and general organisational skills.

Students are required to have their PLANNER in school with them at all times and if they do not, they will have an automatic 1 hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team.

If a student loses her PLANNER, she should purchase another from her Progress Leader, for the cost of £2.00.

In order to support your daughter with this Focus, please ensure she has her PLANNER with her every day for school and sign the planner as required.

Ms. K.H.Pratt / Assistant Headteacher

Year 10 Students

Work Experience: Message to Parents and Carers

Work experience was launched with Year 10 students in their assembly on Tuesday. As a result of student feedback, current Year 10s will have one week work experience from Monday 6th July 2015 – 10th July 2015.

This year, **ALL students will need to find their own placement for this period.**

In PSHE lessons and assemblies, student will be given guidance regarding how to approach a potential employer, writing CVs and interview practice. We are encouraging your daughter to begin searching for her placement now to enable her to have enough time and opportunity to secure an aspirational placement in an area of work she is interested in.

WSFG will obviously provide you daughter with all the guidance that she needs in sourcing a placement but your support and encouragement throughout this process will also be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding work experience, do not hesitate to contact myself or Ms Janes

Miss Bugden
Assistant Headteacher

THE GREENSHEET GOES DIGITAL.

To allow Walthamstow School for Girls to continue to improve its environmentally friendly status and to continue to reduce the amount of printed material produced, parents and carers are being sent an e-mail link to the Greensheet on-line.

The on-line version will also have more photographs as well as obviously being in colour.

All back issues of the Greensheet are available via the school website:

<http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/>



Year 11 Students

Professional Interview Day: Message to Parents and Carers

Professional Interview Day was launched with Year 11 students in their assembly on Monday. As part of our preparation for life after WSFG, we organise a day of mock interviews for Year 11. The activity helps prepare our girls for their college and sixth form interviews and possible future employment.

For current Year 11s, their Professional Interview Day will be January 21st 2015. In PSHE lessons and assemblies pupils will be given guidance regarding how to write a CV, completing an application form and interview skills.

Your daughter will be provided with a booklet containing a number of “mock” jobs to apply for and an application form. This form needs to be handed into Miss Bugden by 6th January 2015.

Whilst this might seem like a long way away, with mock and BTEC exams looming, we are launching the initiative now so that students are not pressurised and have adequate time to manage this workload.

WSFG will obviously provide your daughter with all the guidance that she needs throughout this process, but your support and encouragement to meet the application deadline, practice interview questions with her and discuss her professional outfit for the day, will also be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Professional Interview Day, do not hesitate to contact myself or Ms Janes

Miss Bugden
Assistant Headteacher

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

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION - IN SCHOOL

WSFG Christmas Card Competition

The annual WSFG Christmas card competition has arrived. We would like to invite students to design their own Christmas card to be used by the school. Students can choose from two tasks.

Task 1: Christmas Cut-out

Design a Christmas card using only coloured card, scissors and glue. Inspiration could come from the illustrator Rob Ryan or the “Cut-outs” by Matisse



Christmas Cut-out

Task 2: Artist response

Design a Christmas card in the style of your favourite artist. You could produce a Picasso inspired Cubist Christmas Tree or a William Morris Inspired Robin.



Cubist Christmas Tree

See Ms Howie or Ms Heath for ideas and advice.

Hand your design into Ms Janes in the front office, with your name and tutor group written clearly on the reverse side.

Closing date Friday 28th November.

EXTRA – CURRICULAR SPORTS TIMETABLE

DAY	LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-4:30pm
Monday	GCSE PE Leadership (RW) F12 Volleyball (LW) Sports Hall Football (FC) MUGA	
Tuesday	Basketball (RW) Sports Hall GCSE PE Revision (FC)	Year 7 & 8 Football Fixtures (FC & LW) ‘Goals’ Basketball Fixtures (RW) Sports Hall
Wednesday	Keep Fit (WF) Sports Hall	GCSE PE Practical Sessions (FC & RW) Sports Hall
Thursday	Football (LW) MUGA	Year 9, 10 & 11 Football Fixtures (FC & LW) ‘Goals’ Basketball Fixtures (RW) Sports Hall
Friday	Badminton (CB) Sports Hall	

PASSIONATE ABOUT PAISLEY

LRC Lunchtime Activities

All students welcome

November 2014

Stressbuster Thursday 20th November

Paisley Henna Fundraiser

Get a design for 50p

Stressbuster Thursday 27th November

Ambore Fundraiser

Craft sale

Waltham Forest Indoor Athletics League



On Monday 10th November a group of students from Years 7-10 competed in a Borough Indoor Athletics Competition at Lea Valley Athletics Centre.

The girls competed in events including the 600m, 60m, shot putt and long jump and they did a fantastic job of representing the school. All students gained points for their events

and these points will be added up over future competitions and winners will be announced later in the year.

Well done to all the girls who competed!

Ms Warren
PE Dept



Love Cooking?

Then you might be interested in the Cooking Club.

The club takes place on Thursday's week B from 12.30-1.20pm. It is open to all students. If you are interested please see Ms Tingling in the Food Room office (G49a) or the ADT Office (G46) for more information and to sign up.

Please note that places are limited and are on a first come first served basis.

Olive Dining

Required: Relief Food Service Assistant

Olive Dining are looking for someone to cover sickness and maternity, and be ready to come in at a moment's notice. Good knowledge of catering essential.

Please contact Wayne Clark on 020 8509 94492



EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION - OUT OF SCHOOL

Attention all Year 7s!

Do you love computer games, apps or animations?

On Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November (10am - 2pm each day) an intensive coding workshop is taking place at The Mill (7-11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HA), for 7-12 year olds. You will get the chance to create your own digital projects and take part in a Dragon's Den style competition with the chance to win some great prizes. The weekend is free and you will have the chance to have some computer fun with your friends.

If you are interested then contact Esther Freeman at www.hackjam.it

Mr Bryant

HACKJAM.IT

Photography Competition – Changing World

Open to all students aged 14 -18. Take a photo that shows how the world has changed over the last 50 years. The total prize fund is £2,000.

Closing date – 9th December 2014.

To enter, or for more information, visit www.esrc.ac.uk/photocomp (or see Ms Robinson in F03).

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER: CEILIDH DANCE IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH UK AND HEADWAY TRUST, ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH HALL, NORTHCOTE ROAD, E17, £8, CHILDREN OVER 12 £5, 7.30PM. Local ceilidh band, The Stowicks, will get all ages up and dancing to raise funds for these 2 charities. Contact: thestowicks@gmail.com to book tickets. Take your own drinks and nibbles to keep your energy up!

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER: TABLE TOP SALE AT THE SOUL PROJECT, 245 WOOD STREET, E17, 11AM - 4PM, FREE ENTRY. Funds raised will be used the Youth Space at the Soul Project; younger children can join in with the activities at Tumble in the Jungle downstairs. Phone 0870 626 0710 if you'd like to book a table (£10) - contact Kay or Rani.

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER: CRAFT FAIR, ADULT LEARNING SERVICE, QUEEN'S ROAD LEARNING CENTRE, 97 QUEEN'S ROAD, E17 8QR, 10AM-3PM, FREE. All the items on sale (jewellery, textiles, cards etc) have been made by local people, so support talented students! Ring 0208 496 2974 for more information. Refreshments available.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

EVERY SATURDAY FROM 15TH NOVEMBER: YOUTH THEATRE, STRATFORD CIRCUS, THEATRE SQUARE, E15 1BX, 1-3PM, £50 PER TERM. 11-13 year olds work with theatre directors to create new performances. Ring 0844 357 2625 or visit: www.stratford-circus.com Nearest tube: Stratford.

EVERY TUESDAY FROM 18TH NOVEMBER: GIRLS ONLY BASKETBALL WITH THE WALTHAM FOREST FLAMES, PASTURES YOUTH CENTRE, 15 DAVIES LANE, E11 3DR, 4-6PM, £4 PER SESSION. Fun basketball session for all abilities- contact Michael.gainsborough-adam@accesssport.co.uk or ring 0787 501 8011. There's a mixed basketball session on Wednesday evenings too, also 4-6pm.

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 19TH NOVEMBER: HIGHAMS PARK FENCING CLUB, JUNIOR CLUB, RUSHCROFT SCHOOL, RUSHCROFT ROAD, E4, 6-7.30PM, £2.75. Beginners and confident fencers aged 8-16 are welcome to try this exciting sport - all equipment is provided. Members: £2 per session, and an annual fee of £17.50. Contact Ian or Jane on 01992 610295(not Wednesdays).

UNTIL 11TH JANUARY 2015: THE SOUTHBANK CENTRE'S WINTER FESTIVAL, BELVEDERE ROAD, SE1 8XX, 10AM-11PM, FREE. This year's festival has an even bigger Christmas market, plus a Christmas Tree Maze, Scandinavian Lodge, plus lots of pop - up activities for all ages. See www.southbankcentre.co.uk for full programme of events.

Enjoy your free time! Mrs Finamore