



# GREENSHEET



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20th November 2014

Week 'A'

## 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

### Community Party

Tuesday 16th  
December  
Early closure:  
Students  
dismissed  
2:30pm

### Autumn Term 2014 ends:

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

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once more we have our halls set out in rows for the **Year 11 mock examinations** - time is flying by - and we wish our senior students every success. For the rest of the school it is almost business as usual with another week packed full of activities.

Given the many big events which are going on in school at the moment, I think it is important not to lose sight of all our usual extracurricular events. As usual, we have had a large number of activities and competitions offered to the girls. Here is just a sample.

Many congratulations to our **WSFG Bake Off winners!** The Food Technology Department would like to thank everyone who participated. Ms Wilkinson felt that the quality of the entries this year was outstanding. Is that because of the popularity of a certain television programme, I wonder?

The winners are:

KS4: Aisha Amanat 10G, for her Blue Teacup Chocolate Cupcake.

KS3: Salome Smith, 7W, for her Allotment Cupcake.

Originality Prize: Anna Morate Bishop 7G, for her Chocolate Bonfire Cupcake.

Best Taste Prize: Hannah Coley 7G, for her Cupcake Explosion.

This week a number of **Year 7** students took part in the **Young Doctor's workshop** aimed at giving our girls a flavour of work in the medical profession. Also all of **Year 8** students were involved in a **Money Twist workshop** on Tuesday to further enhance their financial understanding.

Congratulations also to all the **Year 9 debaters** who took part in a workshop last week at Kelmscott. Well done to Hannah, Vidura,

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Ola, Desy, Faduma, Tanwalai, Maarya, Omotalani, Sabah, Lily, Nusayba and Noemi. Ms Bugden reported that you did incredibly well and made us proud.

Good luck to the **Year 7 and Year 8 Athletics Teams** who will be representing the school on Thursday:

Year 7: Folashade, Tiana, Becci, Eve, Salome, Melisa, Jessie and Shona.

Year 8: Erin, Remi, Savannah, Annalie, Kezia, Anna, Aliyah and Jessica.

A huge well done to all our **excellent October attenders: 8S, best in school: 98.98%**, 7G, best in Year 7: 98.80%, 9S, best in Year 9: 97.69%, 10S, best in Year 10: 98.61%, 11S, best in Year 11: 96.46%

Looks like S is close to being a whole school winner!

Our **overall attendance** this term stands at an excellent **96.95%** (96.15% same time last year). Let's aim to make it a record 97% by the end of this term!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Meryl Davies

Headteacher

## PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

### The Focus of the Fortnight 17<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 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, at 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

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FREE SCHOOL MEALS

## **Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium**

From November 3<sup>rd</sup> there is a new 'Free School Meals / Pupil Premium Service'. This can be accessed via the website [www.fsm.lgfl.net](http://www.fsm.lgfl.net) and will enable parents and carers to quickly and easily check eligibility for free school meals and, if eligible, also gain welcome additional funding (known as 'Pupil Premium') for their child's school. If eligible, you are not obliged to accept the free school meals for your child if you wish to make other arrangements, but we do want to encourage applications as the additional funding gained would still benefit education provision at the school.

## **What the service does for parents and carers:**

After entering essential details into the web site, the online application process links to the Department for Education system for checking eligibility and gives an immediate 'yes' or 'no' response, and will notify the school.

This system is being provided to encourage parents and carers to apply and take advantage of free school meals while at the same time increasing the benefit to schools from Pupil Premium funding, a substantial amount of which does not reach schools because not all parents or carers who are eligible apply for free meals for their child.

By way of a 'thank you' to parents and carers for taking part, and regardless of individual outcomes, The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) would like to provide you with Sophos Anti-Virus software, free of charge, to protect the computers used by pupils at home. To gain access to this software, there is a short registration process which will also give you access, if required, to other LGfL services and benefits that are available to your daughter's school. Please be assured there is no catch, no cost and no advertising. LGfL (a UK education charity set up in 2001 and owned by London's 33 local authorities) exists to support education and is leading this initiative to make it easier for parents and carers to apply for free school meals and to encourage the drawdown of unclaimed Pupil Premium.

## **What the service does for schools:**

It is more important than ever for schools to know the number of pupils for whom they can claim Pupil Premium funding as these funds enable schools to take on additional staff and invest in additional equipment, resources and activities to the benefit of all children.

Please visit [www.fsm.lgfl.net](http://www.fsm.lgfl.net) enter the necessary details and support this worthwhile initiative.

Yours faithfully  
Meryl Davies  
Headteacher

## **MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL**

Mobile phones are **NOT** allowed to be carried by students during the school day at WSFG.

If students choose to bring a mobile phone to school, it **MUST** be handed into the school office for safekeeping at 8.15am and collected at 3.30pm. They will be required to show their ID card for collection of the phone at 3.30pm.

At 3.30pm mobile phones can be used outside the inner school gates and not within the school grounds.

### **SANCTIONS.**

If a student is found to either have possession of, or to be using a mobile phone in school, the following will happen:

The mobile phone will be confiscated until the next school holiday.

If the student does not hand over the mobile phone straight away or argues with the member of staff, a further sanction will be applied.

Mobile phones will NOT be returned directly to students. Parents/Carers will receive a letter approximately 2 weeks before the next school holiday, inviting them into school to collect the confiscated phone.

#### **Important Note:**

If mobile phones are brought into school by students and are not handed into the office, this is done so at their own risk.

**The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage of mobile phones if they are not handed into the school office.**

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## **Community Party – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December WSFG will be holding its annual community party. This is a fantastic event where elderly people living in the area are invited to our school for a fun-filled afternoon of entertainment, food and a special guest appearance from Father Christmas!

If you know an older person who would be interested in attending the event, please ask your daughter to hand his or her name and address onto Miss Bugden in F32 and we will send them an invitation.

The Humanities Faculty will be collecting gifts to be given to the elderly people at the party. If you have any suitable presents, such as toiletries, scarves, gloves and so on, please ask your daughter to pass these onto the Humanities Faculty in S05.

**Finally, we will have an early closure on this day to allow the party to take place. Girls will be dismissed at 2.30pm.**

Miss Bugden  
Assistant Headteacher



### **PASSIONATE ABOUT PAISLEY**

**LRC Lunchtime Activities**

**All students welcome**

**November 2014**

**Stressbuster Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**Ambore Fundraiser**

**Craft sale**

## THE GREENSHEET HAS GONE 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/>



## EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION - IN SCHOOL

### WSFG STUDENT WINS VIP TICKETS TO THE OPENING OF THE NEW EMPIRE CINEMA!

**Malika Arshad, 9G**, has won a coveted pair of tickets to the VIP opening of Walthamstow's new Empire Cinema on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, with her stunning poster design.

Her winning poster will be displayed prominently in the foyer of the new cinema, so look out for it when you visit the Empire!

Malika entered the competition with only a few days to spare, so her success really shows that you have to be in it to win it! The Empire Cinema's publicist rang her with the good news, and interviewed her over the phone. Now Malika and one of her parents will be mingling with local dignitaries and other VIPs at the grand opening of Walthamstow's new cinema, so look out for photographs of her in the local press (and Greensheet) very soon.

Congratulations to Malika - and thank you to all the other girls who took the time to submit entries for this competition, which was open to all young people in Waltham Forest.

Mrs Finamore  
Community Liaison Co-ordinator

## 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 4492



## 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](http://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 – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

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

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

### WALTHAMSTOW:

**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: THE NEW EMPIRE CINEMA OPENS AT THE SCENE, CLEVELAND PLACE, HIGH STREET, E17.** The new cinema and some of the restaurants will be open. The Empire will be showing a wide range of adult, family and children's films, plus Bollywood films and not to be missed classics from time to time. See [www.empirecinemas.co.uk](http://www.empirecinemas.co.uk) for full listings and prices.

**UNTIL 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY: TORN JUSTICE - A NEW EXHIBITION OF WORK BY 16 - 22 YEAR OLDS, DISCOVERY LOUNGE, WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY, FOREST ROAD, E17, WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY, 10AM- 5PM, FREE.** The work is inspired by the Tangled Yarn exhibition (also showing) by textile artist Alke Schmidt and the history of textile workers' conditions in the past and present.

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER: 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BYA AWARDS, WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JP, 12-7PM, £9.50.** This prestigious black tie awards ceremony celebrates the achievements of young people of African and Caribbean descent from across the UK. All are welcome; see [www.bya-awards.com](http://www.bya-awards.com) for ticket information

**EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: SPORTS HUB FOR 11-18 YEAR OLDS, AT WALTHAMSTOW ACADEMY, BILLET ROAD, E17 5DP, 5 - 8PM, FREE.** Enjoy a range of sports and fitness sessions each week and build up your strength and energy levels. Contact [Kate.Anstey@acesssports.co.uk](mailto:Kate.Anstey@acesssports.co.uk) or ring 0207 993 9883

### BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW:

**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER - 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY: WINTER WONDERLAND OPENS IN HYDE PARK FOR THE ANNUAL FESTIVE SEASON, WITH RIDES, CHRISTMAS MARKET AND MUCH MORE, 5PM- LATE, FREE ENTRY.** Wrap up warm and get into the seasonal mood at this popular event. Nearest tube: Hyde Park Corner.

**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER: BUY IT LOCAL CELEBRATIONS, STATION ROAD, CHINGFORD, E4, 11AM - 4PM, FREE.** This is one of a series of free events to promote local shops and businesses in the run up to Christmas, with free entertainment (balloon artists, street dancing, pavement art and more) for all ages.

**UNTIL 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: ANNUAL WORLD PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR EXHIBITION, ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL, BELVEDERE ROAD, SOUTH BANK, SE1 8XX, 10AM-10PM, FREE.** This challenging exhibition features the 140 best entries to the annual competition for international press photographers, which received nearly 6,000 entries this year. The range of topics, styles and themes is huge, from the personal to the universal. See [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk) for more information. Nearest tube: Waterloo.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore