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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term
2014

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

Spring Term
2015:

Starts - Monday
5th January 2015
Ends - Thursday
2nd April 2015

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week we hosted a visit by twenty **Chinese Headteachers** who were keen to find out more about our work. We are grateful to the students from Ms Philippou's form group who acted as guides to our visitors, and also to all the staff who made them so welcome by inviting them into lessons to see our classroom practice. They were interested in everything that we did, by our displays, the text books used and most certainly our strong emphasis on pastoral care, which was described to them by Assistant Headteacher Ms Pratt, who also presented them with some WSFG souvenirs in the form of school PE bags, WSFG lip gloss and stress balls! Ms Rae spoke to them about our extensive range of charity work whilst Ms Philippou shared some of our innovation work on our Green vision for the curriculum which is still under development.

Our hectic schedule of events continues. Our ball girls in the **NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters** from Thursday to Sunday received special congratulations from the organisers for their positive spirit and excellent conduct. WSFG ball crew were described as being 'the best school team' there. Congratulations to those girls and to the PE department who gave up their time at the weekend to be with the girls. The girls certainly looked very smart in their navy and red kit.

On Tuesday, the Year 9 winners of the **Languages Festival** last term were treated to a cinema trip with Mme Desbenoit. Also on Tuesday, Year 10 debaters took part in the school final of the **Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge**. The confidence of the speakers, who addressed the entire year group without the use of notes, was very impressive indeed. The judges had a difficult task. Congratulations to all the participants, particularly our finalists Atinuke Adeniji, Rebecca Dolphin, Tilly Douglas, Kate Jessener,

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Louise Rowe, Husna Shahid, and a special well done to Louise Rowe the overall winner and to Tilly Douglas the runner up. Louise will go on to represent the school in the Waltham Forest finals at Rushcroft Foundation School next week.

On Thursday afternoon, the Year 9 and 10 **volleyball teams** took part in a volleyball competition at Leyton Sixth Form College. Also on Thursday, over thirty Year 8 students hosted younger visitors from **Greenleaf Primary School** with their teachers, and taught them how to play **Oware**. For those of you unfamiliar with the game:

Oware is an abstract strategy game among the bigger Mancala family of board games (or Pit and Pebbles Games) played all over the world with slight variations across different societies. It is however widely believed to be of Akan origin and it is played throughout West Africa and the Caribbean- and WSFG in Walthamstow!

On Friday, just under fifty students will be visiting the **Clothes Show** in Birmingham as part of their Textiles studies. These are just a sample of some of our events this week!

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies
Headteacher

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION



COLLEGE ROADSHOW 14TH JANUARY 2014 6.30PM -8.00PM

We are holding a college roadshow in the Hewitt Hall in January for all Year 11 students to attend with their parents or carers. A number of colleges and sixth forms from the local area will be taking part in the roadshow, so it will be a great opportunity to have a look at the different options the Year 11 students will have when finishing at Walthamstow school for Girls. For more information, please come and see me.

Mr Shackson
Assistant Headteacher

Year 11 students

Professional Interview Day: Message to Parents and Carers

A reminder that 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 interviews and possible future employment. For current Year 11s, their Professional Interview Day will be January 21st 2015. In PSHE lessons and assemblies, students 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 in to Ms Bugden by 6th January 2015. Whilst this might seem like a long way off, we are launching the initiative now so that pupils 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, practise 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

Ms Bugden
Assistant Headteacher

Year 10 English Literature Controlled Assessment dates:

10 WSH: Monday 8th December, Tuesday 9th December, Friday 12th December.

10 GCF: Thursday 11th December (double lesson), Friday 12th December.

The assessment lasts a total of 1 hour 30 minutes spread across the 3 sessions. Your daughter should have these dates in her planner. This is a formal assessment that counts towards your daughter’s final English Literature grade at the end of Year 11. It is vital, therefore, that you daughter does not miss any of these sessions.

English Department

Year 10 Students

Work Experience: Message to Parents and Carers

Just a reminder that as a result of students 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 students 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 the time and opportunity to secure an aspirational placement in an area of work she is interested in.

WSFG will obviously provide students with all the guidance that the need 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.

Ms Bugden

Assistant Headteacher

The Focus of the Fortnight

1st - 12th December

CHEWING.

All students are clear that chewing gum is a **banned item** and is therefore not allowed in school. If a student is found to be chewing on school premises, she will have her conduct card signed and will get an automatic one hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team. Please support the school by ensuring your daughter does not bring chewing gum into school and please do not bring chewing gum into school yourself if you are visiting.

All students are clear that chewing gum is a banned item and must not be brought into school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. K.H.Pratt / Assistant Headteacher

STUDENT LEAVE DURING TERM TIME

A student's absence during term time can seriously disrupt her continuity of learning. Not only does she miss the teaching provided on the days she is away, she is also less prepared for the lessons building on that after her return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement which we and you must seek to avoid. Therefore, the school **DOES NOT** authorise absence during term time for family holidays or trips abroad.

Parents or carers do not have the right to take their daughter(s) out of school for holidays and the school will only grant leave of absence in truly exceptional circumstances.

A student who is absent longer than ten days after an agreed return date, or without authorisation, can legally be removed from the school roll.

Parents or carers who take their daughters out of school without the authorisation of the Headteacher face court action and a fine.

In considering whether or not to authorise leave of absence, the school will look at each case individually, taking into account a student's overall attendance, her stage of education, (eg. examinations), and the reason for the absence. It is very rare that any student is granted leave of absence.

Leave of Absence forms can be obtained from the school office and all requests should be submitted to our Attendance Manager **at least four weeks before the first day of requested absence.**

Arrangements for trips should **NEVER** be made before permission has been sought from the Headteacher.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager

STUDENT ABSENCE

We would like to remind you that if your daughter is absent from school, including the day following an illness/incident which has led her to be collected from school, you should notify the school office by **9.30am**.

Please note the telephone number for student absence is: **020 8509 9444**

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION - IN SCHOOL



Student Lunch Festive Menu

Friday 12th December

£1.95

Traditional Roasted Norfolk Turkey (Halal)

With sage and Onion Stuffing,

Chicken Chipolatas (Halal) and Cranberry Compote

Vegetable Wellington with a Rich Tomato Sauce (V)

Roasted Potatoes
Medley of vegetables
Roast Gravy

Traditional Christmas pudding

Contains no alcohol, nuts or meat products

Served with Vanilla Sauce

Or

Mini Mince Pies

Contains no alcohol, nuts or meat products

Or

Fresh Cut Fruit

Festive Crackers



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

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).

Councillors Ahsan Khan, Saima Mahmud and Mark Rusling

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
TOWN HALL, FOREST ROAD, WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON E17 4JF

Dear Local Resident,

The Council has allocated £50,000 to spend (by the end of October 2015) on refurbishing Vestry Road Park and Play Area, located at the junction of Vestry Road and East Avenue.

The money must be spent on improving play, sport, leisure and recreation facilities at the Play Area.

The official consultation process starts in April 2015, however, we wanted to make sure that as many people as possible have an opportunity to share their ideas about what the money should be spent on so we are starting an initial consultation now.

We would like to hear from as many people as possible from the local community who use Vestry Road Park and Play Area or want to use it but feel they are unable to or that something is missing.

If you would like to be involved in shaping the design work for the improvements to the Play Area or if you just want to be kept in-the-loop during the process – please feel free to contact us via:

Cllr.saima.mahmud@walthamforest.gov.uk

Mobile: 07810436651

The very best wishes,
Saima, Ahsan and Mark
Hoe Street Ward Local Councillors

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 5TH AND SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER: COLLEGE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY PRESENTS: HAPPY CHRISTMAS- WAR IS OVER! A CELEBRATION OF BRITISH SONG FROM 1914-2014, WALTHAM FOREST COLLEGE, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JB, 7.30PM, £12, £7 under 16s including supper. All music lovers are welcome, but advanced booking essential. Ring Thelma Vincent on 0208 989 4529 or email: damedoreen@yahoo.co.uk

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER: THE MILL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR, THE MILL, 7-11 COPPERMILL LANE, E17 7HA, 2-5PM, FREE. Stalls (eg Mill Knits), delicious teas, festive activities for children (for a small charge) and more. Contact Caroline Abbott at: info@themill.coppermill.org

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER: FOOD- A- FAIR, ORFORD HOUSE, 73 ORFORD ROAD, E17 9QR, 11AM-5PM, £1, FREE FOR UNDER 15s. locally produced food and drink plus seasonal gifts, vintage vinyl music and Miss Kameleon's Flea Circus! Contact organiser Auntie Maureen on 07432 430 386 for details.

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER: ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE, VILLAGE SQUARE, ORFORD ROAD, E17, 7PM FREE, ALL WELCOME. Join your neighbours for a rousing sing a long- song sheets and refreshments will be provided.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER: WINTER WONDERLAND AT THE VIEW, RANGERS ROAD, E4 7QH, 10AM-5PM, FREE. Enjoy the winter in the forest. See www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/eppingforest for full details of the winter's programme.

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER: THE SCIENCE MUSEUM PRESENTS THE GREATEST HITS SHOW, HALE END LIBRARY, CASTEL AVENUE, HIGHAMS PARK, E4 9QD, 4-4.45PM, FREE. Scientists from the Science Museum will demonstrate rockets, mega bangs, instant ice cream making and more entertaining scientific 'magic'- not to be missed! Limited places, so book in advance on: www.wflibraries.eventbrite.com or call in at any borough library.

WEDNESDAY 10TH- SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER: CADOS PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS CAROL BY JOHN MORTIMER, ADAPTED FROM DICKENS'S STORY, MORNINGTON HALL, THE GREEN WALK, NORTH CHINGFORD, E4 7EN, 7.45PM, £9.50, £8.50 CONCESSIONS/CHILDREN. More seasonal entertainment from this popular local theatre company; ring 0208 524 4380 to book, or visit: www.cados.biz

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT, CHINGFORD ASSEMBLY HALL, STATION ROAD, E4 7EN, 6.30PM, FREE. East London Brass will accompany traditional carol singing, plus seasonal refreshments on sale. Limited places, so arrive early. All welcome.

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore