



GREENSHEET



No. 14/14

Church Hill, Walthamstow, London, E17 9RZ

Telephone: 020 8509 9446

Email: info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Website: www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Student Absence Line: 020 8509 9444

11th December 2014

Week 'B'

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term
2014

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:

Students

return: Tuesday
6th January 2015

Ends - Thursday
2nd April 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been several highlights recently, but for me one of the most emotional must be our Celebration of Success Evening last Thursday. It was a pleasure to see our former Year 11 students return to school alongside their proud parents and carers for the presentation of their examination certificates. The last time we saw our students gathered together was at the tense results day in August, when the year group collectively achieved the very best results the school had ever recorded.

Our GCSE results, using the key measure of 5+ A*-C grades with English and mathematics, stand at 75%, 20% higher than the national average. Whilst those students have now gone on to post 16 provision, it was a huge pleasure to see them gather together for one last time with family members, their tutors, Ms Anderson their SPL and other members of staff to celebrate their success. Each and every one of them has made us feel extremely proud.

Not to be outdone, our youngest students have also been record breakers. They have been making their way through the books in the LRC (our library) at a phenomenal rate. The average number of loans per student this term has been 10 books, up from 6.3 last year.

Ms Kelly, our LRC Manager has analysed the loans: From September 2013- October 2013, last year's Year 7 borrowed 1070 books.

(Continued Overleaf)

(Continued)

From September 2014-October, this year's Year 7 borrowed 1792 books. Congratulations to 7S who have averaged 11.4 loans already this term! We know there is a clear correlation between academic success and reading-so we have high hopes that this year group has already laid the foundations for its success in the GCSE examinations in 2019.

Also this week we have had our annual Carol Service at St Mary's Church, so thank you to the Music Department and to all staff, students and governors who helped to make this annual event a success for the school.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

The final day of the Autumn Term **Friday 19th December 2014**

ALL lessons 1 - 3 are as normal.

At 12.25, students will go back to their form rooms to clear up and will be dismissed by SPLs and Leadership Team at approx 12.45pm.

No student will be allowed to remain in school and the gates will be locked at 1.15pm

There will be a normal break time offer in the canteen.

If you are entitled to a free school meal and would like to order a take-away packed lunch, please see Ms. Pratt **IN PERSON** by Wednesday 17th December.

Friday 19th December will be a non-uniform day.

The cost of wearing non-uniform will be **£1.00** and must be paid **IN ADVANCE** to Form Reps.

The jewellery rules still apply on this day and lanyards must be worn.

The first day of the Spring Term for students is Tuesday 6th January 2015

All students are expected in school on time for registration at 8.45am and in **FULL** uniform.

The Focus of the Fortnight from 6th January will be on uniform and lanyards

This will be a Week B.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!
Ms.K.H.Pratt / Assistant Headteacher.

The Focus of the Fortnight
15th December 2014 - 16th January 2015
All aspects of school uniform.

This will include clothing, jewellery, lanyards, conduct cards and one-card. It is vital that your daughter is correctly equipped for school, including wearing the correct uniform. The school has clear rules about uniform and jewellery which are detailed on page 9 of your daughter's Student Planner. The sanctions for not following the school rules are detailed below.

In addition, we are also asking that your daughter does not wear brightly coloured underwear that shows through her white school shirt as this is inappropriate for school. She must also be wearing a school skirt of a modest length and there will be a sanction applied if she is not. We expect all our students to be dressed modestly for school and if the uniform rules are followed correctly this will be the case.

Thank you for your support of the school in this Focus and in all other matters.

Ms. K. H. Pratt / Assistant Headteacher

- If a student is wearing a non-uniform item, it will be confiscated and she will be asked to change into an item of correct uniform provided by the school. The student will collect any confiscated items at the end of the day from her SPL. The conduct card will be signed.
- If a student is wearing a skirt that is too short, she will be asked to adjust it but if it is still too short, she will be asked to change into an item of correct and appropriate uniform provided by the school. The conduct card will be signed.
- Any items of non-uniform jewellery will be confiscated and Parents / Carers will be sent a letter asking them to collect the item just before the next half term holiday. These will NOT be returned at the end of the day. The conduct card will be signed.
- If the lanyard or conduct card are not worn, there will be an automatic one hour detention that the Parents / Carers will be informed of by letter. The conduct card will be signed.

Please see page 9 of the Student Planner for uniform and jewellery regulations at WSG.

Community Party – Tuesday 16th December

On Tuesday 16th 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 on to Ms 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 unused 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.

Ms Bugden
Assistant Headteacher

Student Attendance League

Highest attendance in each year group for the month of November:
7G, 8C, 9C, 10S and 11F

Highest attendance in the Year to date for each year group:
7G, 8S, 9F, 10S and 11S

Don't forget students will receive a star badge for every term they attain 100% attendance, and their name will be put into a draw for a fantastic prize at the end of the year if they achieve 100% attendance for all three terms.

There will also be prizes for the forms with the highest Year to date figures each term, so there is time for the front runners to be caught, although I'm not sure that 7G will ever be caught with attendance at a huge 99.03%.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager



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

Christmas Card Competition 2014

There was a tremendous response to our Christmas Card competition this year, with a very high standard being set and over sixty entries received.

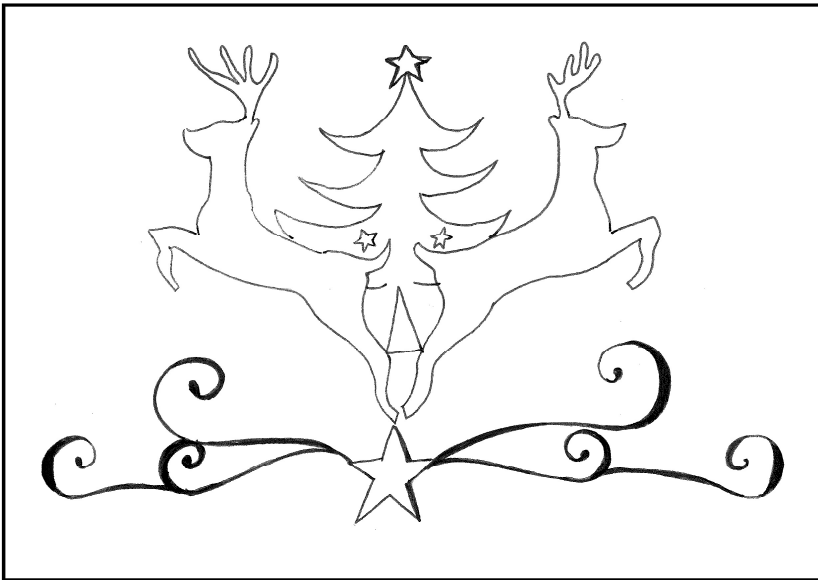
Congratulations and thank you to all students who participated on a achieving a very high standard of design and work produced, we do have some very talented students at WSFG.

The brief this year was to produce a card inspired by a favourite artist. Many students opted for cut out cards, influenced by the work of Henri Matisse. Congratulations to our overall winner Elizabeth Humphries in Year 7 whose colourful and inspirational Christmas tree design particularly impressed the judges and was chosen as the official Walthamstow School for Girls Christmas card for 2014.

The five prizewinning finalists were Elizabeth Humphries, Emily Rakeltaite 11W, who was the winner for KS4 with her beautiful design in the style of Alphonse Mucha (Art Nouveau); Karimah Ali 7H, Renee Walton 8F and Rawdhat Juma 10S who produced a card in the style of Karl Schmidt-Rottluff who uses woodcut prints. Their designs follow overleaf and I am sure you will agree they all deserve special congratulations.



Card designed by Elizabeth Humphries, Year 7C
Inspired by the work of Henri Matisse



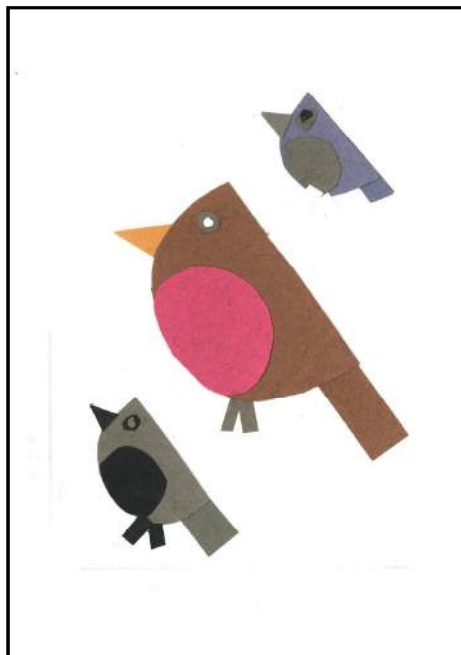
Card designed by Emily Rakeltaite 11W
Inspired by the work of Alphonse Mucha (Art Nouveau)



Card designed by Rawdhat Juma, Year 10S
Inspired by Karl Schmidt-Rottluff's woodcut prints



Card designed by Renee Walton 8F
Inspired by the work of Henri Matisse



Card designed by Karimah Ali, Year 7H
Inspired by the geometric shapes used in African Mask design

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION - IN SCHOOL

Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) Presentation



The DofE participants were lucky enough to meet Captain Dacre Watson from the Honourable Company of Air Pilots last week.

He was visiting the school to present a cheque that will allow us to buy new tents and trekking equipment for next year's expedition.

He was very impressed by the school and in particular by the enthusiasm shown by the DofE participants. Some lucky students even got to hold the oversized cheque as can be seen in the photo!



WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



EduPayment.co.uk is a school fundraising marketplace. You can shop online at your favourite places and raise money for our school play fund at the same time.

The EduPayment retailers pay commission for purchases made through the website that is passed on to the selected school. Your purchase will cost you the same.

EduPayment.co.uk is fast and simple to use. There is no need to sign up and with over 1000 retailers (and a search engine) you are sure to find what you need.

There are over 1000 retailers, some are below. Most retailers also sell Gift Vouchers.



How to use EduPayment.co.uk

- 1 Go to edupayment.co.uk or follow the link on our school website.
- 2 Enter the school name or postcode (E17 9RZ) to ensure that the commission comes to the correct place!
- 3 Click on the retailer you wish to shop with (there are over 1000!).
- 4 Shop as usual!!!

Spread the word!

Please tell as many people as possible about our play fundraising and EduPayment.co.uk.

School Allotment News

We are so fortunate to have our Gardening Club on our tailor made school Allotment. Gardening Club has become a hugely successful and integral part of our school.

The allotment development was a planned consequence of our Building Schools for the Future programme.

Since returning to our new site in January 2010, the allotment has gone from strength to strength through fund raising events, charitable events, donations and everyone giving generously of their time.

Currently we are listed in the London Growing Schools as one of two secondary schools in London growing food in school. This is a very significant achievement and one that we are duly proud of.

All of our food growing is undertaken ethically, using only organic methods and approaches. We are currently working in partnership with *Organiclea*, a workers' cooperative that grows food and is based in the Lea Valley.



Our Gardening Club and the allotment has enabled our school to become a flagship school for 'Food for Life'.

We currently run training sessions for other schools in and around London and are training a large number of our students to support them in obtaining an accredited AQA qualification in Horticulture Gardening.

As a school community, Gardening club has enabled us to have many social gatherings centred on the allotment, where we have worked, harvested, cooked and shared many meals together.

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



UNIFORM REMINDER

As the weather gets colder, your daughter will need to wear a coat or jacket to school.

The uniform rules which apply to coats and jackets are simple.

Hoodies, denim, leather or faux leather are NOT allowed to be brought into school.

Please do NOT send your daughter to school in one of these items, as they will be confiscated for the day.

School jackets and coats should be sensible, plain and dark coloured. Please ensure that your daughter complies with the uniform rules at all times. See page 9 of your daughter's planner for our full uniform code.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Pratt
Assistant Headteacher

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION - OUT OF SCHOOL

British National Synchronised Swimming Championship

Four of our girls competed in the British National Synchronised Swimming Championship held in Gloucester over the weekend. Three were from Year 10, Alicia Day, Nell Short, Savannah Gracy and one from Year 9, Hannah Khairul Azaham.

All compete for local club Aquavision, based at the College Pool, Forest Road. They all did brilliantly and Savannah has been invited to trial with the GB talent squad.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

UNTIL SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY: MENAGERIE MAKES - A POP UP SHOP WITH AN ANIMAL THEME, HOE STREET CENTRAL, UNIT 3, CENTRAL PARADE, HOE STREET, E17, 10AM-7PM MON - SAT, 11AM-5PM SUN, FREE. If you like animals, this is ideal if you need small gifts or stationery. Closed 25th, 26th and 31st December.

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER: EAT OR HEAT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR, THE WELCOME CENTRE, CHURCH END, E17, 12-6PM, £1 ADULT, FREE FOR CHILDREN WITH A DONATION OF A TIN/PACKET OF FOOD. Support our local foodbank and sample vintage clothes and homewares, craft stalls, homemade refreshments and more .

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DECORATION WORKSHOP, THE COMMUNITY ROOM, AVELING CENTRE, LLOYD PARK, FOREST ROAD, E17 4PP, 10AM-1PM, FREE. This drop in family workshop will show you how to make decorations from natural and/or recycled materials. Contact Rachael Hoyes: r.hoyes@tcv.org.uk for details.

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER: AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC HALL WITH THE DRAWING SHED, 11 FANSHAWE HOUSE, THE DRIVE, E17 3BY, 3-6PM, FREE. Take your grandparents or older neighbours and join in the sing-a-long featuring music hall favourites and classic songs from the musicals. Free mulled drinks and hot food too! Contact Esther Carolin: thedrawingshed.projects@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER: HANUKKAH CELEBRATIONS 2014, THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JF, 5.45PM-9PM, FREE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED. Celebrate the Jewish festival of light with traditional music and food. All welcome- book on 0208 496 3589 or email: arts&events@walthamforest.gov.uk. Maximum 5 tickets/family.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

UNTIL 4TH JANUARY: CHRISTMAS PAST AT THE GEFFRYE MUSEUM, 136 KINGSLAND ROAD, E2 8EA, 10AM-5PM TUESDAY - SATURDAY, FREE. The Geffrye Museum celebrates the history of interior design in Britain from 1600 to the present day; appropriate decorations show how our ancestors would have celebrated Christmas. The museum has an extensive programme of workshops and activities for children and young people- ring Rachel Crofts on 0207 739 9893, or visit www.geffrye-museum.org.uk nearest overland station: Hoxton.

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER: FOREST YMCA'S CHRISTMAS EVENT AT BROOKS FARM, SKELTONS LANE, E10, 10AM- 4PM, FREE. Brooks Farm has been transformed, so why not see what's on offer? Pony trap rides, stalls, live music, Christmas photo booth , lamb feeding, carol singing and more for all the family. See : <http://forestymca.org/brooksfarm>

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore