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8th January 2015

Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spring Term

2015:

Ends - Thursday

2nd April 2015

Wednesday

14th January

Year 11 College

Roadshow

6:30pm - 8pm

Hewitt Hall

Year 11

Parents

Evening

Thursday 5th

February

4:30pm - 7pm

Half Term:

Monday 16th

February 2015 to

Friday 20th

February 2015

Spring Bank

Holiday:

Monday

4th May 2015

Half Term:

Monday 25th to

Friday 29th May

2015

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Happy New Year to you all!

Our staff returned refreshed on Monday and we greeted new colleagues to the school. We welcomed Ms Wilkins our new English teacher who has relocated from Birmingham. We also welcomed experienced Drama teachers Ms Flynn and Ms De Paris and History teacher Ms Bekir.

We then spent a purposeful day together looking at different aspects of our work including:

- How to further consolidate our work on diversity and equal opportunities, including the development of links with girls in other parts of the world who are less fortunate than we are, following the creation of a new responsibility post within the school.
- The introduction of a new on line scheme for measuring the progress the girls make with their reading. You will be hearing more about this initiative in the near future.
- A review by all staff of our policies for sustaining a positive ethos and good attitude towards learning.
- An update on all the curriculum changes we are preparing for.
- An update also on the new legislation concerning our provision for students with special educational needs.
- Faculty planning time for working to meet the needs of the most able. Whilst our able students achieve very highly at WSFG, Ofsted is of the view, with which we concur, that all schools could do even more.

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- The remainder of the day was spent on preparing for the return of your daughters and the new term.

The highlight once more for me was the opportunity to work together on whole school issues with every member of our staff, both support staff and teachers. The overwhelming response in recent feedback was that everyone feels passionately committed to our school and also to ensuring that your daughters receive the very best education we can offer here. Our staff are our most valuable resource so these are very strong and positive messages restated at the start of 2015.

Please note some important dates for Year 11 students this half term:

January 14th College Roadshow
January 21st Professional Interview Day
February 5th Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening

Finally, a reminder that I would be very pleased to meet with you informally at my weekly 'Headteacher's Surgeries' on Monday evenings between 5 and 6 pm. If you would like to drop in, please make an appointment with my PA Ms Royds on 0208 509 9448.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

New English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) class for Parents/Carers starting in January

We are pleased to announce that Waltham Forest CLASS will be running a **FREE** introductory course in **ESOL** at Walthamstow School for Girls.

The course will start on:

WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2015, 12.45 - 3.15PM.

Please contact Mrs Finamore on 0208 509 4494 (Monday-Wednesday) for an application form.

This course will be open to all parents/carers, so please spread the word!

Mrs Finamore
Community Liaison Co-ordinator

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

Since November 3rd there has been a new 'Free School Meals / Pupil Premium Service'. This can be accessed via the website www.fsm.lgfl.net and will enable you to quickly and easily check eligibility for free school meals and, if eligible, also **gain welcome additional funding (known as 'Pupil Premium') for our 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 Walthamstow School for Girls. 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 enter the necessary details and support this worthwhile initiative.

Yours faithfully
Meryl Davies
Headteacher

The Focus of the Fortnight

6th - 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.

**Year 11 Students
Additional and Triple Science
Controlled Assessment Deadline:**

All Controlled Assessments are to be completed by Friday 23rd January.

Catch-up sessions will be held in G02 from 3:30 - 4:30 every Tuesday and Thursday until Thursday 22nd of January.

Mr Kerr.
Head of Science.

Student Attendance League

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

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

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.

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**

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

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 have been given guidance regarding how to write a CV, completing an application form and interview skills. Your daughter will have also been provided with a booklet containing a number of “mock” jobs to apply for and an application form. This form should have been handed in to Ms Bugden by 6th January 2015.

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

Ms Bugden
Assistant Headteacher

Message about Attendance and Punctuality.

Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that your daughter attends school regularly.

The majority of our students live within a quarter of a mile of the school and yet the morning punctuality across the school is poor. Most students who are late to school are late by only a matter of about 10 minutes, but as you will appreciate, this is not a good habit to get into.

At WSFG we have a system of detentions in place for poor punctuality:-

- 10 minutes detention at the end of every day when late,
- half an hour detention with SPL for two lates in a week,
- an hour detention with the Assistant Headteacher for three or more lates in a week.

Any student who accumulates eight or more lates in a term will be placed on a punctuality report to Ms. King, the School Attendance and Punctuality Manager. The student will be required to report to Ms. King every morning for two weeks. You will be informed if your daughter is placed on this report.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support and trust that you will continue to support your daughter in making sure she gets into school on time.

If you have any queries or questions about attendance and punctuality at WSFG, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. King, School Attendance and Punctuality Manager.

Ms. K.H.Pratt
Assistant Headteacher

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION - IN SCHOOL



Music
Extra-curricular timetable
starts next week

Flute Group: Monday breaktime
String Group: Monday breaktime
Jazz Band: Tuesday lunchtime
Choir: Wednesday lunchtime

Thank you
Mr Burstow.
Head of Performing Arts.

School Production of The Wizard of Oz

**Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March and
Wednesday 1st April 2015**

The rehearsals for The Wizard of Oz have started.

Please could all cast members ask their form tutors to check the student bulletin every day and keep an eye on the window of the Performing Arts Office for rehearsal updates.

Thank you





Examination Invigilators

Required for May/June 2015

Scale 3, Point 14

**Rate of pay: £9.41 per hour
(plus holiday entitlement)**

We are looking for Examination Invigilators to join our team.

Previous experience is not essential, but you must enjoy working with young people. You will be required to work as part of a team and deal sensitively and intelligently with issues that may arise in the exam room.

These posts are subject to enhanced D.B.S. checks. You will be required to attend a training session prior to taking up your duties.

Hours: Morning session start at 8.15am
Afternoon session start at 1.00pm

Finishing time: Depends on the length of the exam, which varies between 1 hour to 3 hours.

For an application form and further details please contact Mandy Madhani on 020 8509 9447. Alternatively an application form and further details can be downloaded from the school website: www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk.

Completed application forms should be returned to the school by post or by email to m.madhani@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk. Please note CVs will not be accepted.

Closing date: Monday 19th January 2015 (Noon)

Interview date: Wednesday 4th February 2015

Walthamstow School for Girls is committed to Equal Opportunities and Safer Recruitment practices and procedures.

Olive Dining

Menus for the Spring Term

All menus are subject to change. This week, we are on Menu Week 1.

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'.

All students have also been given usernames and passwords to enable payments to be made online via our SQUID system (see the school website for details).



[WEEKLY MENU]



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Caribbean brown Beef stew served with Rice & peas	Penne Polio Arrabbiatta Served with focaccia Bread	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding Horseradish sauce	MEXICAN DAY Beef Tacos salsa and sour cream, mixed leaves and coleslaw	Fish & Chips With Fresh Minced Mushy Peas & Homemade Tartare
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Roast butternut squash, baby spinach in a basil sauce served with rocket salad	Roast Vegetable & Mushroom Carbonara with focaccia	Roasted Vegetable and feta Frittata with mixed leaves salad	Vegetarian Enchiladas mixed leaf salad	Chick peas & vegetable patty with sweet Chilli dip
Fusion Corner	Mushroom & Vegetable Noodles	Chilli con Carne with the Choice of Jacket potato or Pasta	Pad Thai Noodles	Nachos with Quorn Chilli	Oriental Beef & Vegetable Noodles
Fusion Corner	Chicken Korma	Chilli Noodles	Chicken Madras	Mexican lime Chicken	Vegetable Korma
Vegetable of the Day	Chefs Selection of Seasonal Vegetables	Chefs Selection of Seasonal Vegetables	Chefs Selection of Seasonal Vegetables	Chefs Selection of Seasonal Vegetables	Chefs Selection of Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert of the Day	Apple Crumble & Custard	Sicilian lemon Cake	Golden syrup & sultana Sponge	Chilli Chocolate beetroot Sponge, chocolate sauce	Rice Pudding With Poached Peaches sauce
Cold Selection	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches Saled Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches Saled Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches Saled Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches Saled Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches Saled Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots

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Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Irish stew	Italian Meatballs served with Penne Pasta	Roast Garlic & herb Chicken Roast Gravy	BEST OF BRITISH Sausages & mash with Caramelized red Onion, Gravy	Catch of the Day Chips, Peas & Tartare Sauce
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Cheddar and Caramelized tart served with seaweed	Vegetable Milanaise with pesto infused spaghetti seasonal salad	Quorn Sausages served with Creamy mash red onion marmalade	Bubble & squeak cake topped with Cauliflower rarebit	Pearl barley and candied roast vegetable risotto with a seasonal salad
Fusion Corner	Stir Fry Vegetable Noodles	Jacket potato with a selection of toppings	Lamb HoI sin Noodle	Vegetarian Cornish pasty	Beef & spring onion Noodles
Fusion Corner	Jerk chicken rice & peas	Chicken Malaya & Rice	Chick pea and Cauliflower Jalfrezi	Chicken Tikka masala & rice	Vegetable Rogan Josh & Rice
Vegetable of the Day	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables
Dessert of the Day	Banana Sponge Pudding With Butterscotch sauce	Apple Tatin served with a vanilla sauce	Orange & Chocolate Chip sponge & Chocolate sauce	Orchard Fruit Crumble & Custard	Almond & Plum Tart With Custard
Cold Selection	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Pots

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Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Creole Chicken stew with Mustard dumpling	Beef Ragout served with pasta	Roast Turkey with stuffing, Cranberry sauce and roast gravy	STREET FOOD DAY Goumer Olive Beef burger served with seasoned wedges	Catch of the Day With Chips & Tartare Sauce
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Moroccan Vegetable Tagine served with lemon cous cous	Macaroni Cheese with a seasonal side salad	Portuguese Bean Stew	Vegetable Paella	Pesto lasagne with spinach & mushrooms
Fusion Corner	Oriental Vegetables Noodles	Jacket potato with a selection of fillings	Ginger & spring onion Noodles	Street Noodles	Beef Chow Mein
Fusion Corner	Escovitch of fish	Sweet & sour chicken Noodles	Thai red beef curry & Rice	Barbeque Pulled chicken in a bun with a sweet corn & red pepper relish garlic potatoes	Vegetable Tikka Masala Minted Yoghurt & Rice
Vegetable of the Day	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables	Chefs Selection OF Fresh Vegetables
Dessert of the Day	Baked spiced apple & Custard	Pear & Ginger Cake with Vanilla sauce	Peach upside down pudding & custard	Hot fruit slump	Warm chocolate brownie
Cold Selection	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit	Cold Selection of Baguettes, Sandwiches, Salad Boxes, Fresh Fruit

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY: WALTHAMSTOW FAMILY WASSAIL, VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17, 1.30-4.30PM, FREE.

Welcome the New Year with traditional wassailing carols and art activities - all welcome. Contact Lucy Gibson: walthamstowwassail@gmail.com No booking required- just turn up!

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 9TH AND SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY: THE WOODHOUSE PLAYERS PRESENT HANSEL AND GRETEL, WELSH CHURCH HALL, 879 HIGH ROAD, E11 1HR, 8PM FRIDAY, 2.30 and 7.30pm on Sunday, £8, £5 concessions. This new version of Grimms' chilling tale by Archie Wilson makes an ideal pantomime for all the family. Book on 0208 504 3872 or via www.woodhouseplayers.co.uk . Also 16th and 17th January. Nearest tube: Leytonstone.

SATURDAY 10TH AND SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY (AND EVERY WEEKEND):VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT BROOKS FARM, SKELTONS LANE, E10, 10am-12pm. If you enjoy animals and the outdoor life and are between 11 and 16, why not join the team of volunteers who work at this award winning local farm? Register by emailing brooksfarm@ymca.org.uk or ring 0208 509 4636. They need help with animal feeding, cleaning, gardening and general farm duties - all supervised by qualified staff.

UNTIL 29TH JANUARY: WINTER WONDERLAND - AN EXHIBITION BY LOCAL ARTISTS AT THE VIEW, 6 RANGERS ROAD, CHINGFORD, E4 7QN, 10AM - 5PM DAILY, FREE. Enjoy the paintings, drawings and photographs of Epping Forest in winter, then step outside and explore the forest itself! Nearest station: Chingford.

UNTIL 1ST MARCH: DRAWN BY LIGHT - AN EXHIBITION OF THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S COLLECTION AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM, EXHIBITION ROAD, SW7 2DD, 10AM-5PM DAILY, £8, CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AND CHILDREN. Don't miss this chance to see some of the most striking and innovative photographs from the beginning of photography to modern times. Booking recommended via www.sciencemuseum.org.uk. Nearest tube: South Kensington.

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore