



# GREENSHEET



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22nd January 2015

Week 'B'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### Spring Term

2015:

**Ends** - Thursday  
2nd April 2015

### Year 11

**Parents**

**Evening**

Thursday 5th  
February  
4:30pm - 7pm

### Half Term:

Monday 16th  
February 2015 to  
Friday 20th  
February 2015

### Summer Term 2014/15:

**Starts** - Monday  
20th April 2015  
**Ends** - Friday  
17th July 2014

### Spring Bank

**Holiday:**

Monday  
4th May 2015

### Half Term:

Monday 25th to  
Friday 29th May  
2015

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school term is now well underway, with all years engaged in different activities.

Our Saturday School launched last week, attracting nearly fifty Year 7 students who had an entertaining and educational day in school. We are grateful to both the staff and older student mentors who gave up their time for the younger girls. Our emphasis on service to the community was illustrated again by the Year 10 assembly this week, which saw groups vying to support different charities to be nominated as the Year Charity. We await the results of that.

Year 10 Sports Leaders were busy on Tuesday afternoon as they led the borough tri-golf competition in school. This was attended by Year 1 pupils and staff from eight local primary schools – and what fun they had! Also on the theme of unusual sports at WSFG, Thursday sees the start of a new Dodgeball Club after school.

On Wednesday, our Year 11 students impressed by looking so professional in business dress. They were all involved in professional interview day, an opportunity for every student to be interviewed by adults from professions such as medicine, law and education amongst others. They did the school and their parents and carers proud and certainly made a lasting impression on the visitors. Thank you to Ms Budgen and Ms Janes and to all our volunteer interviewers for giving up their time.

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Thursday evening promises to be an entertaining one; last term a number of Year 9 students were successful in gaining a place in the Old Vic Schools Club which enables them to see four productions at the Old Vic Theatre as well as participate in a workshop led by facilitators from the theatre. On Thursday, parents and carers have been invited to see short pieces of drama performed by the girls in response to having seen Sophocles' *Electra*. This will undoubtedly be a very dramatic evening indeed.

Best Wishes  
Meryl Davies

## **PARENT/CARER INFORMATION**

### **Focus of the Fortnight 19<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015 lunchtime behaviour of students**

All students are allowed in their form rooms at lunchtime, but to ensure that good behaviour is maintained there is a clear Lunchtime Code they have to follow. This is displayed on the wall of each form room and students are now familiar with its contents. All students are expected to follow the code and form rooms are required to be clean, tidy and ready for learning and teaching at the end of break and lunchtime. Each form group has two "Room Reps" who have extra responsibility in ensuring that form rooms are used well and are ready for lessons.

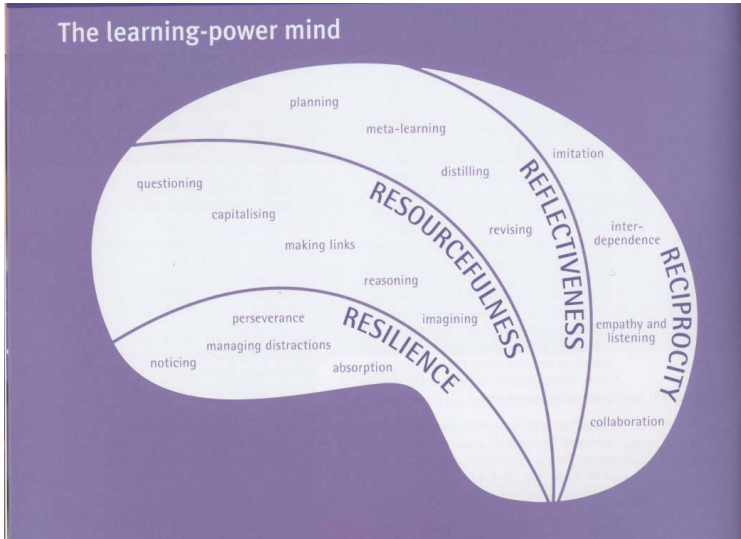
Thank you for your support in this and all other school matters.  
Ms. K.H.Pratt / Assistant Headteacher

#### **The Sanctions**

If a student breaks the Lunchtime Code, she will be excluded from her form room for two lunchtimes. She will spend one of those lunchtimes in the Duty Room as arranged by her Progress Leader. Her conduct card will be signed.

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.....is about helping young people to become better learners,  
both in school and out of school.



## Top Tips for Parents and Carers

The BLP Muscle in Reflection is Reviewing

*“Reviewing means stopping every so often to take stock of progress, and to ensure that any emerging product-an artwork, an essay, a draft business plan-is on track.”*

*Guy Claxton*

- Sit down together and actively review your daughter’s homework diary, including her most recent report.
- Watch a TV programme or read a news story together and review it.
- Actively talk about school and discuss progress and problems.
- Ask your daughter to write down the key words, phrases and concepts for 3 different subjects.
- Discuss with your daughter the ‘traffic lights’ system where she marks work with a green, amber or red dot to show thorough understanding, some understanding or no understanding of the topic. She can then go back to the red dots to see if she has made progress.

Ms Fearon  
BLP co-ordinator

**Year 11**  
**Message for all Parents, Carers and Students**

**Year 11 Parents Evening**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

As usual, your daughter will have made appointments with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress from **4.30 to 7pm.**

We encourage all Year 11 students and **their parents/carers or a family member** to attend this **last** consultation evening to discuss their daughter's progress and strategies to help them achieve their full potential in their GCSE exams.

It is a **crucial event** as it is your daughter's final GCSE year.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Over the coming months, we are putting a number of support strategies into place for students.

These include:

- One-to-one mentoring sessions to support organisation and focus.
- A motivation, study skills and revision seminar for all Year 11 students.
- Stress management group sessions
- One-to-one learning mentor and counselling sessions.
- Targeted subject interventions.
- Optional subject drop in sessions.

If your daughter is receiving one-to-one sessions or is being targeted for subject interventions, you will be informed by letter.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me in the first instance via email: [d.desbenoit@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:d.desbenoit@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) and I shall direct your issues to the relevant member of staff.

Ms Desbenoit  
Student Progress Leader, Year 11.

## Message for all Parents and Carers: Medical appointments during school time

As you know the safety of students is paramount at Walthamstow School for Girls. We have a concern about students signing out of school to attend medical or dental appointments during school time.

Our attendance policy states that unless unavoidable or in emergency circumstances, **medical or dental appointments should be made out of school hours.**

If your daughter has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment, the school requires that you send in the letter or appointment card as well as an accompanying letter from yourself requesting that your daughter be allowed to leave school.

The school needs to see evidence of the appointment before we allow the student to leave the premises. We will also be 'spot checking' by telephoning parents and carers of students who wish to leave the premises to ensure the appointment is genuine.

I hope that you understand that we require this further information to ensure the safety of your daughter at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation in this and all school matters.

Ms King  
Student Attendance Manager

### MFL Clubs

French		Spanish		Urdu
KS3	KS4	KS3	KS4	Y8-Y11
Thurs	Mon	Wed	Thu	Wed
12:30- 1:20pm	3:30- 4:30pm	12:30- 1:20pm	3:30- 4:30pm	12:45- 1:15pm
F21	F24	F26	F26	F23

## Ski Trip 2015 Parents Meeting

We now have a date for this year's meeting for students coming on the ski trip this Easter.

This meeting is for students and their parents, so please put the date in your diary. The meeting will take place in Norris Hall on:

**THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 at 6.00 p.m.**

You will soon receive a letter about this meeting, along with an information sheet that you and your daughter should complete and bring with you to the meeting.

See you there  
Mr Fowler  
Ski Trip Organiser



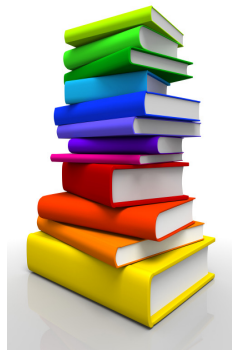
## OVERDUE LRC BOOKS

There are currently **430** books that students have not returned to the LRC since before the Xmas holidays.

Reminders have been sent out, so please support the school and your daughter by making sure that she returns her books to the LRC. If she has lost the book, you will be asked to pay for a new book.

Evidence from examination results show that students who develop a regular reading habit do better in their examinations.

So keep reading!  
Ms Kelly and Mrs Guest  
LRC





## **Our Bodies Our Future**

A free conference for parents, pupils, teachers and campaigners of all ages in Walthamstow for our campaign to ensure the best sex and relationship education is provided in every school

**CONFIDENCE ABOUT OUR BODIES GIVES US CONFIDENCE ABOUT OUR FUTURES!**

**Featuring:**

Free refreshments!  
#doingitforthegirls theatre performance, Jenny Smith  
Frederick Bremer School,  
Laura Bates Everyday Sexism, Yas Neclati No More Page 3, Nimko Ali Daughters of Eve, Cllr Mark Rusling Waltham Forest, Borough Commander Jacquie Sebire, Simon Blake Brook, Hibo Wardere, Stonewall and more...

**Topics covered include:**

Age Appropriate teaching  
Cyberbullying  
Empowerment  
Supporting young men  
Gangs  
Street harassment  
LGBT+ and Homophobic bullying  
FGM and Forced marriage  
Sexual Health Services  
and more...

**Frederick Bremer School,  
Siddeley Road E17 4EY  
10.30am - 4pm  
Saturday 24th January 2015**

Contact Stella Creasy MP for more information or to RSVP  
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## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

### WALTHAMSTOW

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY: OUR BODIES, OUR FUTURE! A FREE CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, THEIR TEACHERS, PARENTS AND CARERS, FREDERICK BREMER SCHOOL, SIDDELEY ROAD, E17 4EY 10.30AM- 4PM.** Are you concerned about body image issues, cyber-bullying, street safety, everyday sexism, FGM and forced marriage? If so, then this conference is for you! The programme includes talks, workshops , discussions and performances, organised by Stella Creasy MP and a team of young campaigners. Refreshments will be available. Please RSVP to 0208 521 1223 or email [stella@workingforwalthamstow.org.uk](mailto:stella@workingforwalthamstow.org.uk)

**UNTIL 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY: FUN PALACE RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION, THE MILL, 7-11 COPPERMILL LANE, E17 7HA. TUESDAY- THURSDAY 10AM-7PM, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 10AM-6PM, 11AM-2PM SUNDAYS, FREE.** Memories, drawings and photographs of Walthamstow, plus film screening of the Fun Palace Weekend (October 2014). Ring 0208 521 3211 for details.

**UNTIL 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH: RAIDS, RATIONING AND RIOTS: A HISTORY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR IN WALTHAM FOREST, VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17, WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY 10AM-5PM, FREE.** Find out what life was like for local people during the 1914-1918 war. Ring 0208 496 4391 or email:

[vhm.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:vhm.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk)

**FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY AND EVERY FRIDAY: TEENAGE STREET DANCE, SHERNHALL STREET METHODIST CHURCH, SHERNHALL STREET, E17 9HX. 6.45-7.15PM.** Ideal for aspiring street dancers aged 11+. Contact Nicola of Avola Dance on 07814 781 642 or email [avoladance@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:avoladance@hotmail.co.uk)

### BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY: THE YEAR OF THE BUS SCULPTURE WEEKEND, QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK, STRATFORD, E15, FREE, WITH SPECIAL ACTIVITIES 10AM-4PM.** Don't miss this chance to see 60 London buses which have been decorated by well known artists before they are auctioned for charity. There will also be free art and music workshops and a chance to board a 1914 battlebus as well as some of the art buses. Ring 0800 0722 110 or email:

[customerservices@queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk](mailto:customerservices@queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk) for the full programme of events. Nearest tube: Stratford. NB The Park offers free fitness sessions to all ages during the week- see website.

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY: WINTER WANDERS WEEKEND - FREE GUIDED WALKS AROUND LONDON FOR ALL AGES, FROM 10.30AM.** This annual event gives Londoners the opportunity to explore the River Thames, the West End, East London and other fascinating areas in over 40 special guided walks, from 1 to 9 miles. Wrap up warm and explore! Visit: <http://walklondon.org.uk> for details, maps and more.

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY: TUDOR STUFF EVENT, QUEEN ELIZABETH'S HUNTING LODGE, RANGERS ROAD, E4 7QH, 2-4PM, £1.** A Tudor themed event for families with arts and crafts, and Tudor conversation . Ring 0207 332 1911 or visit: [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/eppingforest](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/eppingforest) for details.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore