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5th February 2015

Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spring Term

2015:

Ends - Thursday
2nd April 2015

Year 9 Parents Information Evening

Tuesday 10th
February 2015
6:30pm - 7:15pm

Half Term:

Monday 16th
February 2015 to
Friday 20th
February 2015

**CORRECTION
TO PREVIOUS
PUBLISHED
DATE:**

**Training and
Development**
Thursday 12th
March 2015

**Early closure.
Students
dismissed
12:30pm**

Summer Term 2014/15:

Starts - Monday
20th April 2015

Ends - Friday
17th July 2014

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Our spirits were raised even higher than they were when we received the 2014 GCSE results for last August with the publication of the DFE Performance Tables last week. These are available for you all to see; there was one category which stood out for us. We have already informed you that our results are 20% higher than the national figures. When compared to similar schools nationally (schools with students with similar abilities on entry) we have come top of our group. This is a phenomenal achievement for our school, for our students, their teachers, their parents and carers and also for our Borough. There is no doubt that students in London comprehensive schools do make enormous progress in our schools and are well prepared for the next step towards higher education and beyond.

This week has been intensely busy. Congratulations to the January attendance winning forms: 7S, 7G, 8C, 9C, 10S and 11F. Both 7S and 7G came top in school with an attendance record of 97.98% which is an incredible achievement for a mid-winter month. Well done also to the Year 8 basketball team which, after a hard won victory against Walthamstow Academy, will play in the Borough finals at the Olympic Park.

The whole of Year 10 were involved in the LionHeart Challenge on Tuesday. This is a business and enterprise initiative which involves teams working to produce and evaluate ideas for products. This year the focus was on personal safety. In the final session, the girls had to present their ideas to the whole year group, as well as to staff. The atmosphere in the Hewitt Hall was electric. The organisers, who travel to schools across the country, told me that all the presenters were very enthusiastic about coming to WSFG as the girls were always so eager and well behaved. What a compliment!

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On Wednesday, students from Years 10 and 11 took part in the National Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. This was undertaken in examination conditions in the Hewitt Hall but I have every confidence in the girls who rose to the occasion with their usual resilience and good spirit.

Other events from this week will feature in our Bumper Greensheet.

Finally, please note the information about our Governing Body vacancies. We would be very pleased to welcome some new governors to the team – there has never been a better time!

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

Year 11 Parents' Evening Notice to parents, carers and students

The English Faculty will be selling study guides for Heroes at the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 5th February.

They are available at the greatly reduced priced of £3.50 each – please bring the correct change on the day.

Student Attendance League

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

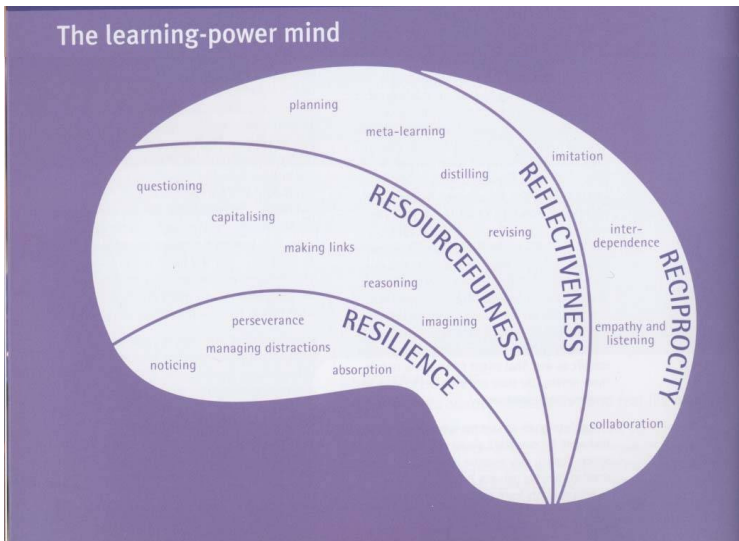
Highest attendance in the Year to date for each year group:
7G, 8S & 8H, 9C, 10S and 11G

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.

Building Learning Power

.....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 Resilience

Perseverance

"If you get upset and start to think there is something wrong with you as soon as you get stuck, you are not going to be able to maintain engagement"

Guy Claxton

- Your daughter has learnt how to make an origami crane. Ask her to teach you to make one and don't give up until it's perfect.
- Make a domino trail by standing them on end close together. When you are ready tip the first one to knock them over. Warning: as you are making the trail be careful not to knock them by accident. I have a number of sets of dominoes that you can borrow.
- Try and learn a new skill together such as juggling or even roller skating (for the more daring).
- Help you daughter to persevere with a difficult piece of homework by sitting with her and encouraging her not to give up.
- Build a house of cards together and see how high you can make it. A small prize will be awarded for the highest house. I will need photographic evidence of your entry!

Ms Fearon

BLP co-ordinator

Focus of the Fortnight 2nd - 13th February 2015

NOT Eating and Drinking in the corridors and classrooms.

The Focus of the Fortnight is on the students NOT eating and drinking in corridors and classrooms. All students are allowed in their Form Rooms at break and lunchtime but to ensure that good behaviour is maintained there is a clear Code they have to follow. This is displayed on the wall of each Form Room and Students are now familiar with it's contents. All students are expected to follow the Code and NOT eat or drink in their Form Rooms or in the school corridors. There are clear designated areas of the school where eating and drinking are allowed.

Eating and Drinking is ONLY allowed in the dining areas (inside and out) and in the school grounds.

Sanctions to be applied.

If a student is found to be eating or drinking in banned areas of the school her conduct card will be signed.

If a student is found to be eating or drinking in her Form Room at break or lunchtime, her conduct card will be signed and she will be banned from the room for 2 days. On one of the days she will be required to spend the lunchtime in the Duty Room.

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

Ms. K.H.Pratt

Assistant Headteacher.

NEW DATES FOR FREE FAMILY LANGUAGE (ESOL) COURSE AT WSFG

This course starts on Tuesday 10th February, 12.45- 3.15pm, and will run for ten weeks until 5th May, so if you'd like to improve your confidence in spoken English, please get in touch! The course will be run by experienced tutors from CLASS (the borough's adult learning service), a creche will be available (not 10th February- registration day) and refreshments will be provided.

Please collect a registration form from Reception.

Mrs Finamore

Community Liaison Co-ordinator

Year 10 Triple Science Message to parents and carers:

Your daughter's controlled assessment in Chemistry begins straight after February half term and will run through till Easter. Your daughter is expected to be present for every lesson so please do not book appointments or let them sign up for any visits that will involve her missing a Chemistry lesson during that period. This includes re-scheduling any music lessons or other in - school activities or meetings.

She will only have one attempt at this (no drafts) and it will count for 25% of their GCSE.

Ms Brunas
Science Department



LGBT Month in the LRC Celebrating Alan Turing(1912 -1959)



Stressbuster Thursday lunchtime in the LRC

Thursday 26th February 2015

Alan Turing – Write or Crack a Code

Use the LRC laptops to find out about Alan Turing and his world, create an Enigma Machine Code and then try to break a code.

Alan Turing Quiz – available from the LRC.

Return your forms to the LRC by Monday 23rd February and winners to be announced on Friday 27th February at 1pm in the LRC

Ms Kelly and Ms Guest
LRC

GOVERNING BODY SEEKING NEW PARENT GOVERNORS AND CO-OPTED GOVERNOR

The Governing Body of Walthamstow School for Girls is looking to recruit three new governors: two parent governors and one co-opted governor. Government regulations now require us to set out the skills we are looking for when we appoint or elect new governors.

Our Governing Body works as a team - no single governor is expected to have all the skills needed. The skills for governance may come from a person's work or life experiences. The capacity and willingness to learn and to undertake relevant governor training is a must.

We are looking for people who are:

- committed to improving education for girls in a diverse urban environment
- supportive of our school's vision and ethos
- keen to contribute to the governance of the school
- able to work co-operatively as part of a team
- willing to take collective responsibility for decisions
- committed to our Code of Practice (including Nolan Principles of Public Life)
- committed to increasing opportunity in the local area and community.

Governors need to have:

- numeracy and literacy skills
- basic IT skills (word-processing and email)
- strong interpersonal and communication skills.

Ideally, you should also have one or more of the following:

- understanding/experience of strategic planning and/or governance
- commitment to continuous improvement and striving for excellence
- the ability to ask questions and to provide challenge and support
- knowledge/understanding of current education policy
- experience of working or volunteering with young people
- experience as a governor in another school
- experience of chairing a board, committee, voluntary organisation or similar.

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Currently, our Governing Body is also interested in recruiting governors with any of the following:

- experience of premises and facilities management
- experience of human resources management
- strong links with the local community and/or local business community.

Walthamstow School for Girls is committed to equal opportunities and safer recruitment practices and procedures. We welcome applications from people with protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010.

Next steps

If you are interested in applying to become a governor, and would like to know more about what's involved, please take a look at the National Governors Association's leaflet, 'What do governors do?' in the Governing Body section of the school website which also includes current meeting dates and further information about what's involved.

If you apply to be a co-opted governor, you will be invited in for an informal discussion with the Governing Body, or its representatives, as part of the election process. Co-opted governor application forms are available on request from Donna Miller at LBWF Governor Services on 020 8496 6340 or via donna.miller@walthamforest.gov.uk

Current vacancies are advertised on the school website and in the Greensheet.

Parent governors are elected by the parent body. Parents of current students are not eligible to be co-opted governors. Guidance on what a parent or carer needs to do in order to stand for election may be found on the school website and in a letter being sent out to all parents.

Gillian Barker
Chair of Governors

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY: BLACKHORSE MARKET'S FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, 1-2 SUTHERLAND ROAD PATH, E17 6BX, 10AM-4PM, FREE. Enjoy the stalls, street food and special craft activities for children and young people eg screen printing sessions. Ring 0208 531 1612 or visit: www.blackhorseworkshop.co.uk/market for details.

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY: WALTHAMSTOW VILLAGE'S MONTHLY GARDENING DAY, 10.30AM-12.30PM, FREE. If you enjoy gardening and want to help keep the village looking lovely, just turn up at the village square on Orford Road, E17 and join in! Tools will be provided, but please bring your own gloves if you have some. Contact Helen Lerner on 07814 042499 for more information. All welcome.

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY: WALTHAMSTOW FAMILY BIKE RIDE, 1-5PM, MEET AT THE ANCIENT HOUSE, ORFORD ROAD AT 1PM, FREE. All reasonably confident cyclists welcome, helmets advisable. Contact Paul Gasson: paul.gasson@gmail.com

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY: FOREST PHILHARMONIC'S WINTER CONCERT WITH SUSAN BULLOCK (SOPRANO), WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JD, 6.30PM, TICKETS FROM £8. The programme includes works by Humperdinck, Wagner and Dvorak, including works Susan Bullock sang during the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games in 2012. Book tickets via: tickets@forestphilharmonic.org.uk or at the door.

WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY: CHILDREN OF THE GREAT WAR - A NEW FILM INSTALLATION, VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17, 6-7.30PM, FREE. How did the First World War affect Londoners? This new film is the result of extensive interviews with the descendants of local people whose lives were changed by the 1914-1918, with a cast of contemporary Londoners. All welcome; contact rowan.bain@walthamforest.gov.uk

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY - SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, MILTON COURT STUDIO THEATRE, 1 MILTON STREET, EC2Y 9BH, 7.30PM, TICKETS FROM £5. Beat the winter blues with a vibrant production of Shakespeare's magical summer play, performed by students of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Nearest tubes: Moorgate/Barbican.

Ring 0207 638 8891 to book, or visit: www.barbican.org.uk

BOOK NOW FOR FREE CYCLE TRAINING OVER HALF TERM AT LEYTON JUBILEE PARK, SEYMOUR ROAD, E10 7LX, 6TH- 20TH FEBRUARY, FREE. Cycle Confident will be running two sessions per day for anyone over 7 who wants to learn to cycle, or improve their confidence.

Booking essential: ring 0203 031 6730 or visit: www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/waltham-forest Jubilee Park is next to Lammas School, off Lea Bridge Road E10.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore