



GREENSHEET



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Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Half Term:

Monday 16th
February to
Friday 20th
February 2015

Spring Term

2015:
Ends - Thursday
2nd April 2015

Year 9 Parents Evening:

Thursday 5th
March 2015

Year 9 Options Evening:

Thursday 12th
March 2015

Training and Development

Thursday 12th
March 2015
Early closure.
Students dismissed
12:30pm

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from the excellent news I shared with you last week about our 2014 examination achievements and our ranking when compared to schools with students of similar abilities on entry in Year 7 (see Greensheet issue 20/14), we received some more exciting information this week.

Alongside Willowfield School, we are both winners for Waltham Forest in the national Key Stage 4 category of Pupil Premium Awards 2015. In a letter from the Rt. Hon. David Laws MP, Minister of State for Schools, reproduced in this Greensheet, we are described as:

One of the most improved schools in the country in terms of value added progress of our disadvantaged pupils since 2011.

We are now preparing a submission to apply for a further national award.

This year's Year 11 students spent time on Monday with external consultants being trained in revision skills and tips to help them prepare for their examinations. With the shift in the coming years to final examinations, rather than modular assessments throughout the course, this will become an even greater focus than it already is at WSFG. In order to prepare our parents and carers for these key changes, we held a special Year 9 information evening this week. We were delighted to see so many of you attended this evening; the packed hall underlined to us how important

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it is to keep you all informed of all the changes the government has introduced which will have a direct impact on your daughters. We are always responsive to requests for more information and would be happy to put on further information sessions for you all if there was sufficient interest in an issue. Please do contact myself or any of our parent governors if there is anything you would like us to organise.

There has been plenty of other activity this week. The Year 10 students on our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) outward bound trip to Aberdovey, Wales, with Ms Healey and Ms Bugden have had a strenuous time. Their expedition is taking place in very cold and snowy conditions - at least that makes a change from rain in Wales!

Also this week our sports women have been successful. Congratulations to our Under 14 badminton team who came fourth in the regional finals at the Olympic Copper Box Stadium. Well done to *Farah Mohd Azlin 9F, Tanwalai Wisutsirikun 9H, Hirah Awan 9W, Kalila Hambloch 8W and Maddy Hilton 7G*, as well as Ms Wood who accompanied them. Also our Year 8 basketball team were successful on Wednesday. Congratulation to *Jessica Darkwah 8W, Annalie Cole 8W, Mahnoor Ali 8W, Kezia Antubam 8W, Savannah Odeyemi 8F, Anastasija Cubra 8F, Anna Howles 8G, Renae Steele 8C, Jubilee Odeyemi 8C and also Kalila Hambloch 8W* and thank you to Ms Warren for accompanying the girls.

We wish our Year 10 and Year 11 steel pan ensemble every success at the Music for Youth Festival at Cecil Sharp House on Friday.

Finally, on behalf of all of us at WSFG I would like to wish you a restful half term break.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies

Lost Property

The lost property box will be emptied over half term. Please remind your daughter, if she has lost anything in school, that she checks the box urgently

Thank you
Front Office



Rt Hon David Laws MP
Minister of State for Schools

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**WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
PUPIL PREMIUM AWARDS 2015: CONGRATULATIONS!**

Dear Ms Davies,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you and congratulate your school on winning **£5000** in the key stage 4 category of the Pupil Premium Awards 2015. This prize will be paid automatically to your school following the conclusion of the awards in March 2015.

I am also inviting you to submit an application to win one of the larger prizes, including the national award of **£250,000**. You can find out more at www.pupilpremiumawards.co.uk. The deadline for applications is 18 February 2015.

The reason you have been selected is that you are one of the most improved schools in the country in terms of the attainment and value-added progress of your disadvantaged pupils since 2011. It is clear that you and your staff have provided your disadvantaged pupils with a good start in life and prepared them well for their futures.

I would like to congratulate your staff, governors, parents and pupils for their hard work and success, and thank you for your leadership in making such a difference to the future success of your pupils. Finally, I would also encourage you to share your achievements with other schools so that they can learn from your strengths and experience.

Yours sincerely,

David Laws MP



Focus of the Fortnight

23rd February – 6th March 2015

Punctuality to School

The school values good habits and being on time is an excellent habit to form.

It is very clear (see page 3 of the Student Planner) that students need to be at their desks, ready for registration, by 8.45am. If a student arrives any time after that she will be given a late mark. A student may be late for a legitimate reason, such as an early morning appointment, in which case please indicate this by writing a note for your daughter to explain her lateness and providing proof of the appointment. Please note that occurrences like getting caught in rush hour traffic is not a legitimate excuse for being late to school.

Punctuality is also commented upon in your daughter's report / data collection throughout the year.

The school sanctions for poor punctuality are detailed below.

Sanctions

- If your daughter is late to school (without a good reason such as an early appointment) she will be given a 10 minute detention at the end of that day with her tutor. (See page 3 of the Student Planner)
- If she is late twice in a week, she will be given a half hour detention with her SPL. You will be informed of this detention.
- If she is late three or more times in a week, she will be given an hour's detention with Ms Pratt. You will be informed of this detention.
- Once she is late eight times, she will be placed on a two week punctuality report by Ms King. Her punctuality will be closely monitored and you will be informed of any improvements. She will also be rewarded if her punctuality improves.

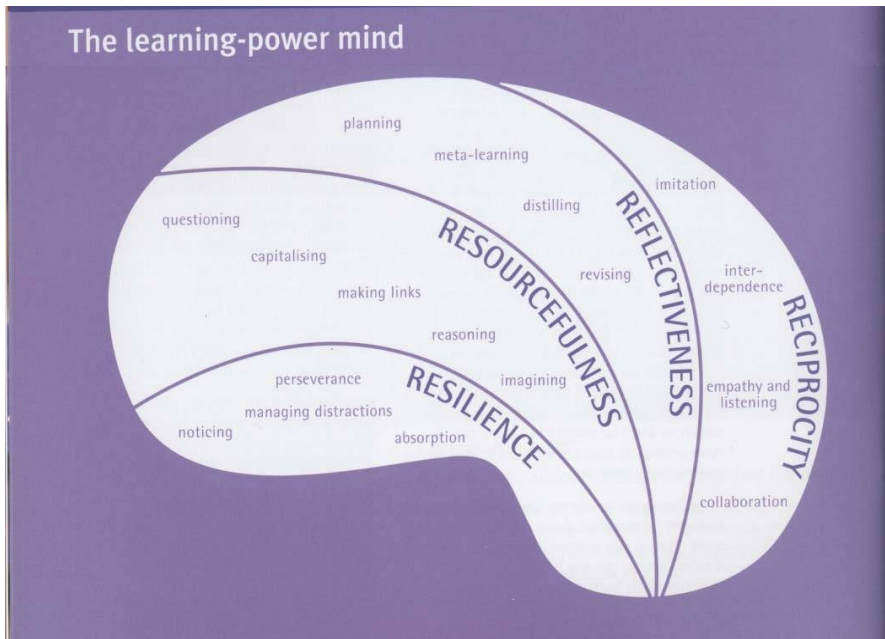
Remember - being on time is a good habit to form!

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms K H Pratt
Assistant Headteacher

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

Year 10 Message to Parents and Carers

A reminder that all Year 10 students have been asked to source their own work experience placement this year. Below is a table outlining the timeline to support your daughter in securing a work experience placement.

Work Experience dates: 6th – 10th July 2015

<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
Assembly introducing work experience to students	Tuesday 11 th November 2014
PSHE lessons dedicated to finding placements	Throughout December 2014 and January 2015
Parent/Carer evening to discuss work experience	Thursday 26 th February 2015
Support needed for finding a placement	Must see Ms Bugden by Friday 6 th March 2015
Final deadline to hand in placement forms	Monday 20 th April 2015
Contact organisation to reconfirm placement	May half term

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Bugden or Ms Janes if you have any queries or questions about work experience

Update on former students

We have recently heard of the following successes of former WSFG students:

- *Zahra Hussain* has received an offer to study Medicine at Imperial College.
- *Jale Turner* has been honoured with the Diana Award, recognised by the Prime Minister and HRH Prince Harry.
- *Lakrisha McPherson* won a silver medal for her skills as a junior chef at the Birmingham NEC Hospitality Show in January.

If you also have good news to share about our former students, please get in contact.

WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR
GIRLS



SPELLING BEE

Walthamstow School for Girls is once more proud to launch our highly successful annual Year 7 Spelling Bee competition and we need you, our parents and carers, to support learning at home over the half term break.

The Spelling Bee competition aims to promote spelling generally in all subject areas and is an immensely enjoyable way for the students to learn and be rewarded both individually and as a tutor group.

Year 7 students are encouraged to learn the word lists which follow, they will be **tested after the half term holiday** when they return to school.

The best spellers will go forward to our Spelling Bee Finals to compete for the title of 'Spelling Bee champion' and also 'Form Group Champions'. Prizes include trophies, medals and more. Everyone benefits! Please remember that spelling is an important part of your daughter's development in literacy and we would appreciate your support.

Ms Scott and Ms Chai
LLD department

WORDS FOR SPELLING TEST AFTER HALF TERM (THIS BOX ONLY)

accommodation
alkali
asteroid
Buddha
communication
community
chronology
design
effervescent
environmental
formula
library
mysteries
nucleus
parallelogram
isosceles
secondary
separate
simultaneous
tsunami

WORDS FOR SPELLING BEE COMPETITION (ALL 10 COLOURED BOXES)

School Community

bicycle
community
liaison
allotment
amphitheatre
sustainable
supplementary,
initiative
diplomacy
almshouse
nursery
pensioner
cluster
mentor

**YOU WILL
NEED TO
LEARN ALL
THE
SPELLINGS
FOR THE
SPELLING BEE
COMPETITION**

**THERE ARE
MORE OVER
THE PAGE!**

Science

Cells
Forces
Solar
Evolution
Alkali
Environment
Nucleus
Pressure
Combustion
Asteroid
Corrosive
Accelerate
Photosynthesis
Inheritance
Catalyst
Effervescent
Potassium
Emphysema
Cirrhosis
Kwashiorkor

Performing Arts

Somersault
Defending
Strategies
Appreciation
Consistency
Umpire
Travelling
Exercise
Agility
Trampolining
Performance
Composition
Technique
Gastrocnemius
Quadriceps
Cardiovascular
Rhythm
Bass
Ostinato
Crescendo

Modern Foreign Languages

bon appétit
rendez-vous
cul de sac
première
Café
déjà vu
chocolate
chorizo
tortilla,
desperado
fiesta
guacamole
guerrilla
jalapeño
loco
macho
nacho
Nevada
Oregano
Paella

Humanities

Buddha
disagree
commandments
agape
enlightenment
vegetarian
longitude
latitude
environmental
physical
tsunami
sustainability
volcanoes
Chronology
evidence
explanation
causation
judgement
interpretation
opinion
Caesar
mediaeval
ancient

Mathematics

parallelogram
obtuse
perpendicular
simultaneous
quadratic
equidistant
equilateral
hypotenuse
horizontal
isosceles
trapezium
approximation
circumference
coefficient
congruent
cyclic
denominator
polyhedron
Pythagoras
supplementary

Art Design and Technology

design
measurement
rendering
adhesive
broccoli
meringue
appetizing
imagining
observation
research
expressionism
acrylic
proportion
secondary
complementary
tone
shading
proportion
perspective
line
sketch
composition
process
contrast

ICT

information
communication
technology
spreadsheet
processor
computer
database
animation
presentation
software
control
programming
reliability
validity
manipulation
password
formula
keyboard
mouse
internet

LRC

Library
Bibliography
Dictionary
Thesaurus
Encyclopaedia
Historical
Reference
Languages
Genre
Dewey
Glossary
Diaries
Mysteries
Information
Literature
Author
Myths
Quotations
Lexicon
Anthology

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

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY: MUSIC IN THE VILLAGE WITH TREVOR PINNOCK (HARPSICHORDIST) AND FRIENDS, ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH END, E17, 7.30 PM, £13, £6.50 CONCESSIONS. Including Baroque works by Telemann, Bach, Rameau and others. Reserve tickets on 0208 223 0772 or email: VillageMusic@walthamSoft.com. Tickets are also available at the door from 7pm. All welcome.

THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY: CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH A KITE MAKING WORKSHOP, AVELING CENTRE, LLOYD PARK, FOREST ROAD. E17 4PP, 10AM - 1PM, FREE. The Conservation Volunteers will be exploring the ancient Chinese art of kite making and the importance of the New Year celebrations. Ring Rachel Hoyes, 07787 193 981 for details.

FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY: GLOW PARTY, THE SOUL PROJECT YOUTH SPACE, 245 WOOD STREET, E17 3NT, 1 - 4PM, £2. Food, drink and dance event for 11-14 year olds. Ring Cassie on 020208 045 4523 for more information.

SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY: WORKSHOP ON YOUNG FEMINIST ACTIVISM - PART OF THE TASTE OF ROOMS OF OUR OWN EVENT, HARMONY HALL, TRURO ROAD, E17 7BY, 3PM, FREE. Waltham Forest Women's Network will be running this workshop for girls and young women to raise awareness of women's issues and activities in Waltham Forest. It's part of an all day (2-9pm) event with stalls, music, food and more to promote the creation of a women's centre in Waltham Forest. Book your place by emailing info@wfwng@gmail.com

WINTER DAZE- SPECIAL EVENTS FOR HALF TERM ACROSS THE BOROUGH - see www.walthamforest.gov.uk/cypd for full listing of thing to do including : holiday scheme at Rushcroft School for 8-13 year olds, half term youth club for 8 -14 year olds at the Soul Project, sports activities, free film screenings and art workshops. Don't get bored!

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY: GIVE OR TAKE DAY, ST EDMUND'S CHURCH HALL, LARKSWOOD ROAD, CHINGFORD, E4 9DS, 12.30-3.30PM, FREE. Why not exchange books, toys, CDs, clothes, DVDs, clothes etc for items you want? Just take your unwanted/outgrown items along from 12.30-2.15pm, and then take something you want from 2.30-3.30pm. Large items can be collected: email Manuela@lcrn.org.uk to arrange this.

MONDAY 16TH - FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY: LONDON'S MUSEUMS, GALLERIES AND ATTRACTIONS ARE RUNNING A WIDE RANGE OF HALF TERM ACTIVITIES, MANY OF THEM FREE- see www.timeout.com and search for half term activities.

SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY: CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL, TRAFALGAR SQUARE AND SOHO, CENTRAL LONDON, 10AM- 6PM, FREE. The Year of the Sheep begins on Thursday 19th February, but the main celebrations take part on Sunday, with the spectacular Lion Parade, music and dance displays, food and craft stalls all around Trafalgar Square and Soho/Chinatown. Don't miss the largest New Year Festival outside China! Nearest tubes: Charing Cross/Leicester Square.

Enjoy your half term!

Mrs Finamore