



# GREENSHEET



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Week 'A'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Spring Term  
2015:**

**Ends - Thursday  
2nd April 2015**

**Summer Term  
2014/15:**

**Starts - Monday  
20th April 2015**

**Ends - Friday  
17th July 2015**

**Spring Bank  
Holiday:**

Monday  
4th May 2015

**Half Term:**

Monday 25th to  
Friday 29th May  
2015

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is a lot to update you on with this week.

Firstly, we have just heard the excellent news that we have been given **three SSAT National Educational Outcomes Awards** for our students' exceptional progress and attainment in the 2014 GCSE examinations. More specifically, the awards recognise our achievement in being in the **top 10% of schools nationally for value-added progress**; being in the **top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for high attainment** based on our students' best eight average point scores for GCSE; and **attaining high levels of performance for students eligible for the pupil premium**. We will be issuing a press release shortly but we felt it was important that you heard this from us directly. Many congratulations to last year's Year 11 students, their proud parents and carers, and of course, their teachers.

Members of the Leadership Team and others were put under the spotlight this week when we were grilled by our intrepid school reporters preparing their news item for the schools **BBC Report** event on Thursday. In my case, Year 9 reporters Martha Bowsher and Malika Arshad interrogated me on the impact of all the changes in the national curriculum. As the first year group to be affected by the most radical change since the introduction of GCSEs nearly thirty years ago, I can well understand their interest. Whilst our students were busy with Ms Wilkins preparing their broadcast, Malika, Salwa and Salena went to New Broadcasting House accompanied by Ms Ray and Ms Mannan to be interviewed for a **live broadcast on the BBC Asian Network** and spend a day at the BBC. The girls will share this exciting event with you in the Bumper Greensheet.

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Also this week our Drama students have been busy. One Year 7 student and fourteen Year 8s, who form part of our **Barbican in a Box** group, participated in a workshop with their artist /mentor from Complicité, whilst on Tuesday thirty members of the **Old Vic Schools Club** took part in a workshop in preparation to see Kevin Spacey in his final Old Vic performance as 'Clarence Darrow'. Thank you to Ms Cornford for all the time she has spent with the girls on this.

On a sporting note, last Thursday the **Year 8 netball team** played in the borough netball finals and came third.

Finally, many congratulations to all of our **Year 7 Spelling Bee** competitors. After a nail biting finish, witnessed by all of Year 7 and many staff, Emily Jeffrey 7W was the winner with Tenzin Lobsang 7C a close runner up. The girls both received trophies, whilst medals were handed to the ten runners-up. 7S was awarded the form prize as the form with the highest results. Congratulations to all participants and to Ms Chai and Ms Scott for organising the event.

Best Wishes  
Meryl Davies

## **Focus of the Fortnight** **23<sup>rd</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015** **Litter in the School Environment**

All members of our school community deserve to learn and work in a clean, healthy, litter-free environment. We have litter bins all around the areas of the school buildings and grounds where students are allowed to eat and drink.

There are also bins with lids in each classroom. We want to keep our school environment clean and litter free. We expect staff and students to model positive litter management by picking up litter when it is seen. By working together, we can keep WSFG litter-free.

During the Focus Fortnight, there will be rewards for picking up litter, so check any litter picked up **BEFORE** putting it in the bin as you may have won a prize which will be written onto the piece of litter!

Ms Pratt  
Assistant Head Teacher

# IMPORTANT PARENT/CARER INFORMATION

## Governor Elections

All parents and carers with parental responsibility should by now have received a letter from me, enclosing a ballot paper and statements from prospective governors.

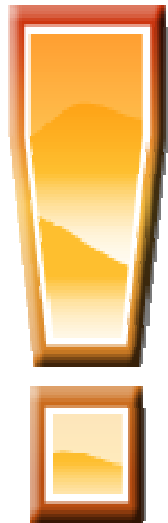
Thank you to those parents and carers who have already returned their ballot sheets.

We need to elect two parent governors from a field of five candidates.

Details of the voting process are contained in the letter and I hope that you will all support the school by voting for two of the candidates. If you have not received a letter or ballot slip, please contact my PA, Yvonne Royds.

**The ballot closes at 3:30 on Friday 20th March 2015.**

The count will take place at 5pm on the evening of Monday 23rd March and you will be advised of the outcome in the following issue of Greensheet. I would again like to thank all of you who have put their names forward for election.



## Pioneering Year 7 G.R.E.E.N. Project

WSFG is pleased to announce a pioneering project for Year 7 pupils. They will be planning and organising an exciting event to raise money for our link school; Ambore Read School in Pakistan. It will take place on Thursday 23rd April 2015 and will be an opportunity to showcase the many talents of Year 7 students. Further information will be available nearer the time.

Year 7 G.R.E.E.N. Reps

## Year 7 WSF Message for Parents and Carers

The deadline for the Year 7 WSF to pay for the Boulogne trip is **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Mrs Dowling will be collecting the slips and the money outside the front office from 8.30 to 8.45 from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Students also have the opportunity to pay online via sQuid, which the preferred method of payment.

There will be a prize for the first form to hand in all the slips and the money.

Ms Bourboin  
MFL department

### Create an account and register with sQuid

#### Simple to set up, simple to use

You would have received a Welcome Letter from the school with your own unique sQuid registration number (16 digits long) and a 3 digit security code when your daughter started at the school.

You need to **Register with sQuid**, create an account and enter these numbers. You will then be able to top-up your account and view your balance and transactions.

This account will allow you to top up your daughter's lunch payment as well as paying for events and trips.

Please contact the school office if you have not received your own unique sQuid registration number (16 digits long) and a 3 digit security code.

See the schools website for further details: [www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)



Would you like to use IT to enhance your life and work skills, save time, money and energy? If so come to the drop in IT support session.



**Walthamstow School for Girls is offering FREE afternoon and evening IT training**



12 spaces - book early for one or all session times, by calling Mrs Finamore, Community Liaison Co-ordinator 0208 509 4494 or email: [r.finamore@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:r.finamore@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) or the school office on [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) office phone number 0208 509 9446

**IT support offered each week in a friendly relaxed environment.  
Do come along and ask for what YOU need.**

**Skills taught during sessions include**

resources to help you improve your typing,  
including learning to touch type  
help to use your computer to produce  
documents in word, excel and email

use the web to buy and sell goods, save  
money and seek advice

use the computer to find jobs and know  
where they are advertised (\*free interview  
coaching)

CV writing and updating

\* free CV feedback session

\*booked separately at session

**Session dates and times**

**Spring Term**

Session 3: Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March  
4.30 – 5.30 & Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March  
7.00 – 8.00 pm

Session 4: Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March  
4.30 – 5.30 & Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March  
7.00 – 8.00 pm

Session 5: Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March  
4.30 – 5.30 & Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April  
7.00 – 8.00 pm

# ICT International Women's Day Competition



**International  
Women's Day**

This competition is open to all Year 7 and Year 8 Students at WSGF.

**To enter the competition:** simply create a presentation about an important woman in the history of computing. The presentation must include information and images about the person and explain the importance of her contribution to the history of computing.

Your completed presentation must be handed in on Fronter by the end of term.

The 40 students who produce the **best entries** will get a **free** trip to Legoland on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015**. As part of the trip you will attend a workshop and use LEGO WeDo Software to build and program an interactive model.

Mr Bryant  
Director of ICT

## Polite reminder to Parents and Carers

Please do not stop or wait on the road markings outside the school.

This endangers the lives of our students and the local community.

Thank you



## **STUDENT LEAVE DURING TERM TIME**

A student's absence during term time can seriously disrupt her continuity of learning. Not only does she miss the teaching provided on the days she is away, she is also less prepared for the lessons building on that after her return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement which we and you must seek to avoid. Therefore, the school **DOES NOT** authorise absence during term time for family holidays or trips abroad.

Parents or carers do not have the right to take their daughter(s) out of school for holidays and the school will only grant leave of absence in truly exceptional circumstances.

A student who is absent longer than ten days after an agreed return date, or without authorisation, can legally be removed from the school roll.

Parents or carers who take their daughters out of school without the authorisation of the Headteacher face court action and a fine.

In considering whether or not to authorise leave of absence, the school will look at each case individually, taking into account a student's overall attendance, her stage of education, (e.g. examinations), and the reason for the absence. It is very rare that any student is granted leave of absence.

Leave of Absence forms can be obtained from the school office and all requests should be submitted to our Attendance Manager **at least four weeks before the first day of requested absence.**

Arrangements for trips should **NEVER** be made before permission has been sought from the Headteacher.

Ms King  
Student Attendance Manager

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

Due to staff sickness, this section is unavailable this week.

To see “what’s on” in Walthamstow, please visit:

<http://www.visitlondon.com/discover-london/london-areas/events/walthamstow>

<http://www.guardian-series.co.uk/events/in/Walthamstow/>

<http://www.wherecanwego.com/whats-on/whats-on-in-walthamstow/events.aspx>

Or search “what’s on in Walthamstow”

