



# GREENSHEET



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Week 'B'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Summer Term 2014/15:**

**Ends - Friday**  
17th July 2015

**Year 10 Parents**

**Evening:**  
Thursday 14th  
May  
4:30pm - 7pm

**Year 7 and 8 Examinations Week:**

**18th - 22nd May**  
(English, Mathematics and Science)

**Year 7 and 8 Information Evening GCSE Reform:**

19th May  
6:30pm - 7pm

**Half Term:**  
Monday 25th to  
Friday 29th May  
2015

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been an eventful one for our Year 9s. They have been lining up and taking their seats in the examination halls in the same way that our most senior students will be doing next week when they begin their actual GCSEs. This has been quite a challenge for the Year 9s but they have risen to it extremely well. Their GCSE outcomes will now all be measured by Year 11 end-of-year examinations so it is important that they are well prepared for this when the time comes.

I cannot ignore in this issue the tragic news of the earthquake in Nepal. There is no way to describe the horror and enormity of what has happened and which has been portrayed over social media and our television screens on a daily basis. Our Leadership Assembly theme this week will focus on our response as a school to natural disasters of such enormous proportions. You will recall that the school raised over £40000 to rebuild a school in Ambore, Pakistan following the 2010 flooding – so I know that our community will do all it can to support others in such desperate need. You may already have read this article by a nurse working for Médecins Sans Frontières who was quickly on the scene:

*Anne Kluijtmans, an MSF nurse from Holland, was on holiday in Nepal when the earthquake struck on Saturday 25 April. She quickly joined the MSF teams who had arrived in the country to respond.*



*I was in Lumbini, near the Indian border, when the earthquake hit. I felt*

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*like we were on a rocking boat. We asked people what was happening as we thought this was just a tremor. I joined the team in Kathmandu and now I'm helping run mobile clinics via helicopter, trying to reach people in remote areas who have not received any assistance yet..*

*When I had arrived in Kathmandu I thought it would be completely flat. It is bad, but what I saw in the remote areas is much worse. When you get up in the air you see how devastated these areas are. Some villages are 80-100 percent destroyed. It was beyond my expectations.*

*It was very tough before touching down each time, but I knew that people wouldn't benefit from me being upset. So I tried not to show my emotions and let them show theirs. I'm in emergency mode right now and am only concerned about trying to reach people.*

*People are very scared that there will be another earthquake or landslide, or that they will run out of food. In Kyanjin Gumba village, there were people who were obviously traumatised and couldn't talk to us. But there was also a woman who had started cooking for everyone. So people are coping in different ways. They're very much in survival mode and mental health care is going to be crucial.*

*In one of the villages – Thulo Shyaphru, Rasuwa district – we found a young nurse named Dechen. Around 600 people are living there and all the buildings, including the clinic, have been destroyed. Dechen asked us for some supplies so she could continue treating people after we left. It was good to be able to do that, in case we couldn't get back soon.*

*At MSF, we tried everything to reach these remote places as quickly as possible, but there were many constraints, mainly the very few available helicopters. At the moment we have helicopters to use for medical activities and for distributing blankets, food and shelter kits. With the monsoon season coming and without proper shelter, people are going to be susceptible to pneumonia and health problems will generally increase.*

*If I had to describe the situation here in one word: devastating.*

Meryl Davies

## **School Alumnae Information**

### **FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

An informal get together for the Alumnae (former Students and Staff) will be held in Hewitt Hall 7 - 9:30pm, with drinks, light refreshments and a display of archive material.

Tickets cost £8, and can be booked via the special email account: [wsgalumnae@gmail.com](mailto:wsgalumnae@gmail.com) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Mrs Finamore  
Alumnae

## Year 10 Key Dates Summer Term Notice to Parents and Carers

5 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> May	English Controlled Assessment: Of Mice and Men
14 <sup>TH</sup> May	Year 10 Parents Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> May	D of E Practice Expedition (Fri night and all day Saturday) (25)
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Period 1-3 Science Exam
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Catering Practical Assessments (all day)
4 <sup>th</sup> June	ICT Thorpe Park Visit (all day) (57)
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Period 1-3 Science Exam Period 4-5 Sports Day
8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> June	MFL Examinations Interform
15 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Year Exams begin (2 weeks)
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Art Exams (all day)
6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> July	Work Experience
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> July	Weekend rehearsals of Wizard of Oz
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Wizard of Oz rehearsals (all day)
14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> July	Wizard of Oz performance (evenings)
15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> July	PE Sports Day Visits (all day) (25 students)

## Notice to all Parents and Carers Year 10 Work Experience Request for placements

Year 10s will be participating in a five day work experience programme from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**If you/your employer would be interested in the opportunity of offering a WSFG student a placement at your place of work for these dates please contact Miss Bugden by emailing [gbugden@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:gbugden@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk).**

Work experience placements vary greatly in the opportunities they offer our students and the tasks that our girls might be involved in. A work placement offers an opportunity for our students to develop their employability skills and personal qualities.

However, it also has numerous benefits for employers, including: a hard working student for a week, building links with young people and promoting your area of work/career amongst successful young women of the future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Ms Bugden  
Assistant Headteacher

# Year 7 and 8 Examinations

## Notice to Parents and Carers

Students will be sitting examinations in English, Mathematics and Science in lesson times in the final week of this half-term (18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May). These examinations are intended to start preparing students for a new GCSE system that puts significant emphasis on examinations.

At the end of the year all Year 7 and 8 students will receive a final Examination Report with the results of these examinations, alongside the overall final level for the year in core subjects.

### Preparing for the Examinations

#### English

##### **Year 7 and 8:**

**Reading Paper (45 minutes)** Students will be given short fiction and non-fiction extracts and be required to answer questions about the texts.

**Grammar paper (15 minutes)** Students should be able to understand, recognise and comment on different parts of language (for example adjectives, nouns, verbs, alliteration and synonyms).

**Writing Paper (30 minutes)** Year 7 students will be given a story title and be required to plan and write a short story.  
Year 8 students will be given a choice of two tasks (speech or review) and will choose one of these to plan and write.

***A sheet of key terms and definitions will be given to the students to help with their revision.***

#### Mathematics

Year 7: Students will be tested on numeracy. This includes all four rules of numbers using integers.

Year 8: Students will sit two tests; one calculator, the other non-calculator.

Students should refer to the level descriptors given to them by their teacher for their respective tests.

#### Science

Year 7: 55 minute exam covering the Year 7 topics along with some skills based questions. In order to prepare students should use their Exploring Science 7 text book and on line resources including BBC Bite Size and Pearsons website.

Year 8: 55 minute examination covering the Year 8 topics along with some skills based questions. In order to prepare, students should use their Exploring Science 8 text book and on line resources including BBC Bite Size and Pearsons website. Year 8 students can also request past test papers from their teachers.

## **Focus of the Fortnight Lunchtime Behaviour 5<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015.**

The Focus of the Fortnight is about the lunchtime behaviour of the 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 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.

### **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. The conduct card will be signed.

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

Ms Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher

### **Student Reminder**

The school has a clear Lunchtime Code for use of Form Rooms which is on the wall of every Form Room in the school. Doors must be open, lights on and students seated on chairs.

Please respect the fact that you have the privilege of going into your Form Room and ensure that it is used following the code at all times.

## **Student Attendance League**

Highest attendance in each year group for the month of April:  
Well done to 7G, 8W (99.70% wow!), 9F, 10S, and 11F

Highest attendance in the Year to date for each year group:  
and 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.

# Mini-Holland

## Message from Waltham Forest Council Hoe Street and Wood Street Area

In 2014, Waltham Forest Council was awarded £27million by Transport for London for the Mini Holland Programme. This three year funded programme will transform the borough, making it more cycle friendly, and encourage more people to take up cycling and walking.

The programme will improve the borough's roads and town centres, making them enjoyable places to live, work and travel through.

The Mini Holland Programme will:

1. Improve our main roads to strengthen connectivity between villages, making it safer and more enjoyable for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles to travel in the borough.
2. Improve and create new public spaces to make the borough a more enjoyable place to live, and to encourage community interaction.
3. Increase the number of people choosing to travel on foot, by bike and on public transport, to ease congestion on the roads and improve air quality across the borough.

The council recently undertook a Perception Survey in the Hoe Street and Wood Street area to understand your concerns and aspirations, to shape the initial scheme design of this next phase of the Mini- Holland Programme. As Walthamstow School for Girls is situated in a key position in this area, it is important that comments from the school community



(parents, carers, students, staff and governors) are recorded. **Council officers will be running an information stall in the school grounds on Tuesday 19th May from 3pm to 4pm, so don't miss the opportunity to give your feedback.**

For more information visit [www.enjoywalthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.enjoywalthamforest.gov.uk)  
or email [miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk)

## Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Many local people are unaware that our school has connections with Barpak village in Nepal, which was destroyed during by the earthquake that hit the area on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Barpak was just 5 miles from the epicentre of the earthquake and 90% of the village has been destroyed and many are dead.



Some of our students and parents have visited Barpak, and in 2010, during our school rebuild, our donated text books were sent to the village. We also used information about trekking in the area in our library Survival Skills project.

Since 1979, Essex Boys Club and Leaside (Kayaking) Club on the River Lea have been taking groups of young people to Barpak and supported the village to develop. This group is now fundraising to help the people of Barpak to rebuild their community.

Here is their website if you want to donate some money.

<http://www.essexboysandgirlsclubs.org/EssexBoysandGirlsClubssupportBarpakvillageinNepal.html>

Ms Kelly  
Learning Resource Centre

## WSFG Best Friend Awards

Students in Year 7 and Year 8 nominated their best friend to receive a prize, they had to demonstrate why their friend is such a good friend at WSFG.

Congratulations to *Eve Billington 8W* who was in 1<sup>st</sup> place and was nominated by *Beth Scully 8W*, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was *Malaika Gul 7F* nominated by *Shula Carter 7F* and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was *Kate Lucas of 7G* who was nominated by *Zahrah Vahidy 7G*.



The winners received sashes and prizes.  
Congratulations to them all!

WSFG also ran a Staff Best Friend Forever Award and Ms Dominque won first prize (pictured left) and the runner up prize went to Ms Segilola (pictured right)



Ms Iqbal  
LLD

## WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

### WALTHAMSTOW

**UNTIL 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY: IF NOT NOW - A NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION BY MICHAEL WHELAN, THE MILL, 7-11 COPPERMILL LANE, E17 7HA, DAILY 10AM- 6PM(EXCEPT MONDAYS), FREE.** If you enjoy photography, then this exhibition by award winning photographer Michael Whelan should be very inspiring. Visit: [www.themill-coppermill.org.uk](http://www.themill-coppermill.org.uk) for details.

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY: E17 DESIGNERS SPRING FAIR, THE ASIAN CENTRE, ORFORD ROAD, E17 9LN, 2.30-6PM, £2, UNDER 16S FREE.** Local designers and artists will be selling their wares, with prices to suit all budgets, plus live music and refreshments. See: <http://www.e17designers.co.uk>

**EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY: CAPOEIRA CLASSES FOR ALL AGES, WALTHAMSTOW LEISURE CENTRE, 243 MARKHOUSE ROAD, E17 8RN, 6.15-7.30PM, FIRST CLASS FREE.** This Brazilian exercise combines martial arts, dance, music and acrobatics and is ideal for children and young people. Ring 07462 745 158 for details of special junior rate (£9 per session for adults). Wear comfortable clothes and try something new!

### BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY: ANNUAL MAY FAIR, VALENTINES MANSION AND GARDENS, EMERSON ROAD, ILFORD, ESSEX IG1 4XA, 11AM - 4PM, £2, CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE.** If you missed the Bank Holiday May celebrations, get along to Valentines Mansion for art and craft stalls, live music, morris dancing, art workshops and more in the beautiful setting of Valentines Mansion. Ring 0208 708 8100. Nearest tube: Gants Hill.

**UNTIL SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY: SONY WORLD PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARDS EXHIBITION, SOMERSET HOUSE, THE STRAND, WC2R 1LA, £8.50, £5 concessions.** This annual exhibition of the winners and short listed entrants includes work by under 25s as well as amateur and professional photographers. It is open Tuesday to Friday 10am-9pm, and 10am- 6pm at the weekend. See: [www.somersethouse.org.uk](http://www.somersethouse.org.uk) for details. Nearest tube: Charing Cross.

**UNTIL 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY: LOUGHTON FESTIVAL, VENUES THROUGHOUT LOUGHTON, ESSEX.** This annual festival includes Proms. in the Forest concert on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, art exhibitions, photography workshop, World War I study day on 16<sup>th</sup> May, guided walks and much more. See [www.loughtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.loughtonfestival.org.uk) Nearest tube: Loughton.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore