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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer Term 2014/15:

Ends - Friday 17th June 2015

Year 8 Parents Evening:

Thursday 11th June
4:30pm - 7pm

Year 7 Parents Evening:

Thursday 25th June
4:30pm - 7pm

Autumn Term 2015

Starts Tuesday 1st September (Staff Inset)
Students return - Wednesday 2nd September 2015
Ends - Friday 18th December 2015

Half Term:

Monday 26th October 2015 - Friday 30th October 2015

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy start to the final half term of this academic year as you can see below.

Year 11 students are now in the midst of their **GCSE examinations**, whilst preparations are underway to welcome our newest students to the school. Year 10 GCSE Catering students have also been focussed this week as they complete their practical Controlled Assessment, which represents 20% of their final grade.

On Monday, thirty Year 10 students were involved on the last of the **Old Vic Schools Drama workshops**. Some fortunate Year 9 students spent a day at **Thomson Reuters at Canary Wharf** on Tuesday. They took part in a photography competition against other East London schools - and won a prize! Look out for their write-up in the next issue of the Bumper Greensheet.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, a group of lucky KS3 students spent an enjoyable day by the River Thames, with a trip on the **London Eye** as well as a **London Duck tour**. Also on Wednesday, eighteen of our Year 9 students pitched their entrepreneurial skills against talented students from both Kelmscott and Willowfield Schools at a **CENLIG Business Challenge** event hosted at WSFG. Congratulations to all those young people who took part in the event - speaking in front of many people including several Headteachers must be very daunting!

On Thursday, just under forty Year 10 ICT students will attend a

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computer technology workshop at Thorpe Park. In the afternoon, all Year 8 students will be singing and dancing in Spanish, French or Urdu in front of all their peers and teachers in the annual **Languages Festival**. The build up has certainly been a source of tension and nervousness as all the classes compete against one another for the winning prize.

Friday sees all students from Years 7-9 competing in our annual **Sports Day** - with staff participation too!

On Saturday, the school will be open for the **E17 Art trail**. All our **Year 7 students' self portraits** will be displayed in the Lodge so do come along.

Also Year 10 **Duke of Edinburgh** participants will be leaving for a weekend in the Chilterns on their **qualifying expedition**. Luckily for them, and the accompanying staff, that the weather will have warmed up - and that Mr Barham is in charge of the cooking for the staff!



Best Wishes
Meryl Davies

Notice to Year 8 Parents and Carers Parents Evening: Thursday 11th June 2015

As usual, your daughter will have made appointments with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress **from 4:30pm to 7:00pm**.

We encourage all Year 8 students and **their parents/carers or a family member** to attend this extremely important consultation evening to discuss their daughter's progress and achievements this year.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Warren
Student Progress Leader, Year 8

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 6th July - Friday 10th 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 Ms Bugden by emailing 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

G.R.E.E.N Project Art Trail

Following the huge success of our Year 7s during their cross-curricular G.R.E.E.N. project, WSFG will be a part of the annual E17 Art Trail. The Year 7s have been working on the theme of Identity in art, English and maths and work from all 180 of them will be displayed.

We are very proud of their achievements so far and are excited at this opportunity to share their hard work with our local community. We would love to welcome you to this event on Saturday morning. Our visitors to the original event gave a huge amount of praise, including our celebrity guest, Nitin Ganatra from "Eastenders".

Please see <http://www.e17arttrail.co.uk/> for more information on the E17 Art Trail. We look forward to seeing you there.



Ms Philippou and Miss Howie

International Women's Day Computing Competition Winners Visit Legoland

This year the forty winners of the WSFG International Women's Day competition spent a fun and educational day out at Legoland Windsor.



They started the day by taking part in a computer control workshop. Their task was to follow some complex instructions and build a motorised lion out of Lego bricks. Once the students had built their lions the next step was to programme their lion using the WeDo visual programming language. The students programmed the lion to sit up and then lie down and roar when it sensed a bone.

After the workshop students had an opportunity to enjoy the park and keep an eye out for any more technology used by Legoland to ensure the well-being and safety of its customers. The students behaved extremely well in the park and were a credit to the school.

A big thank you to Ms Robinson for providing financial support for the trip through Challenge funding, to Ms M Edwards and Ms C Kelly for supervising the students and Ms Dowling for her administrative support.

Mr Bryant
Director of ICT



***International
Women's Day***

WSFG SPORTS DAY 2015

Friday 5th June

We will be holding our annual Sports Day on Friday 5th June at the Pool and Track for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Due to a science examination, Year 10 students will not be participating in Sports Day on this date but we are looking at an alternative event for them later in the term. Year 10 students will be dismissed from school after their examination at 3:00pm.

The bullet points below explain exactly how our afternoon is run; if any parent or carer would like any further information about the event, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

- Lessons 1, 2 and 3 and lunchtime will be normal. Students will then return to their form room at 1:25pm and will be escorted down to the track at 1:30pm.
- **Excellent conduct is expected at all times on the journey down to the venue.**
- All students must be in their designated area by **2:00pm** where their form tutor will take another register and the first event will start at 2:15pm.
- Spectators are situated around the edge of the track in a designated area for their form whilst competitors wait in the middle. Spectators must not go onto the running track at any time.
- No students will be permitted to leave the track before being dismissed by staff at the end of the event.
- Unfortunately, due to Health and Safety regulations, it is not possible for parents/carers to spectate at Sports Day.
- Please keep your fingers crossed for fine weather on the day. In the event of rain the competitors will still go down to the Pool and Track but other students will stay in school and normal Week A Friday lesson times will apply.

All students will be dismissed after the final results have been given at 3:30pm. All girls are to make their own way home from the track.

Notice to all parents and carers 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

MINI HOLLAND UPDATE

Many thanks to parents, carers, staff and students who attended the recent Mini Holland information marquee in the school grounds, and to those who have already returned their completed surveys about the Hoe Street /Wood Street phase of the borough's Mini Holland programme. The planners need input from local residents, schools, businesses, religious organisations, charities and other stakeholders to ensure their plans meet local needs. Any changes in traffic flow/congestion in this area as a result of road closures, new one way systems, etc. are likely to have a major impact on car journeys, bus frequency, parking, pedestrian safety and pollution levels, so we will all be affected. **The deadline for completing surveys and comments has been extended to 12th June**, so please take a few minutes to send your views to: miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk and put "WSFG" in the subject line. Alternatively, your daughter can collect a survey from me which can be posted in the collection box in the school office.

Also, anyone who is particularly interested in developing the initial plans for this phase of the Mini Holland scheme is welcome to attend **a workshop on Tuesday 9th June at Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, E17, 7-9pm. Please register your interest in attending by visiting: www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/ho-wood-west** The workshop is intended for those who live, work or attend a school/place of worship in the affected area i.e. all roads between Hoe Street, Forest Road, Wood Street, Shernhall Street and Lea Bridge Road (not including the village area). Staff and governors will be attending this workshop; input from parents/carers would be welcome.

Mrs Finamore
Community Liaison Co-ordinator



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 or the school office on 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

Protecting your home computer
Using smartphones securely
Protecting your data
Protecting yourself when using social networking sites
Using internet tools to protect yourself online

Session dates and times

Session 3: 11 th June	16:00 – 17:00
Session 4: 18 th June	16:00 – 17:00
Session 5: 25 th June	16:00 – 17:00
Session 6: 2 nd July	16:00 – 17:00
Session 7: 9 th July	16:00 – 17:00
Session 8: 16 th July	16:00 – 17:00

WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE: DEADLINE FOR ONLINE ENTRIES FOR THE EAT OR HEAT FUN RUN, SATURDAY 13TH JUNE, LLOYD PARK, FOREST ROAD, E17 4PP, 11AM-4PM, £5 ADULT, £1 CHILDREN (OR A TIN OF FOOD). Get fit, have fun and help raise funds for this important charity which runs our local food bank. Register at: www.eatorheat.org.uk to get your free T shirt and sponsorship forms. You can run, walk or even roller skate - all ages welcome!

FRIDAY 5TH – SUNDAY 7TH JUNE: THE DRAMA WORKSHOP OF WALTHAM FOREST PRESENTS: HEDDA GABLER BY HENRIK IBSEN, FOREST COMMUNITY THEATRE, GUILDFORD ROAD, E17 4EA, 38, £5 CONCESSIONS, 7.30PM. Don't miss this opportunity to see this gripping play performed by this talented amateur theatre company. Booking essential- ring 0208 524 7269 or email : DramaWorkshopWF@gmail.com Doors open at 7.30pm.

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE: BBC MUSIC DAY - SING A LONG A WALTHAM FOREST, TOWN SQUARE, HIGH STREET, E17, 4-10PM, FREE. Local choirs London Forest Choir, Walthamstow Acoustic Massive and Natural Voices will be performing as part of this nationwide celebration of live music, with live coverage of events on the big screen. All welcome- no booking required.

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE: IDENTITY - AN EXHIBITION OF SELF PORTRAITS BY YEAR 7 STUDENTS, THE LODGE, WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, E17 9RZ, 9.30AM-1PM, FREE. This mixed media exhibition is part of this year's E17 Art Trail, and features accomplished self portraits by every student in Year 7, open to the public for one day only!

UNTIL SUNDAY 14TH JUNE: E17 ART TRAIL - EXHIBITIONS, WORKSHOPS, TALKS AND WALKS FOR ALL AGES AT 155 VENUES ACROSS E17. This year's theme is The Inside Story. For full listings, see www.e17arttrail.co.uk Most events are free.

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE: WALTHAMSTOW INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17, 12-6PM, FREE. Enjoy an afternoon of short films (5 minutes max.) made by local and international film makers, professional and amateur-all suitable for family viewing. See www.walthamstowinternationalfilmfestival.com for details

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE: THE BBC MUSIC DAY IS ALSO IN LEYTON E10 (CORONATION GARDENS), LEYTONSTONE(TUBE STATION) AND CHINGFORD(THE GREEN) WITH LOCAL CHOIRS AND BANDS, 4.30-8PM. See www.bbc.co.uk for full programme of regional and national events.

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE: STONES THROW MARKET, ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, CHURCH LANE, LEYTONSTONE, E11 1HH, 2-6PM, FREE. This new indoor market includes vintage clothes, furniture, local produce (eg honey and cakes), plus crafts made by local designer makers. Email: stonesthrowmarket@yahoo.co.uk for details.

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore