



# GREENSHEET



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18th June 2015

Week 'A'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### Summer Term

2014/15:

**Ends - Friday**

17th July 2015

### 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

Year 9s have hit the headlines this week in no uncertain terms. Fingers crossed for the following students who represented Waltham Forest schools in Round 2 of the pan-London Quiz on Wednesday: *Lily Down 9S, Hannah Baines 9G, Martha Bowsler 9G and Katherine Blyth 9C.*

Another group of eleven Year 9s spent Monday at an event called City Pitch at London City Hall. They had to present their case for funding for a grant to set up a volunteering group. Our girls were given the largest grant (over £1000 pounds) out of all the schools present. So the following students have also made us feel very proud: *Nasanin Rahmani 9S, Bethany Roberts 9S, Jade Vose Baigrie 9F, Leyla Mahmood 9G, Hafsa Patel 9G, Michaela Serieux 9C, Tanwalai Wisutsirikun 9H, Nimco Ali 9H, Maiya Ward 9H, Mukarramah Pathan 9H and Karhys McCarthy 9H.*

Also on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we greeted all our new intake students and their families. Year 9 students were our wonderful ambassadors for the evening – far too many to mention here – but Ms Careless, their SPL, will be very proud of them.

Ms Warren, not to be outdone, was delighted with an attendance of over 93% at the Year 8 parents/carers consultation evening last week. All the parents I spoke with were both pleased with the progress their daughters were making and with the school in general. Your views do matter to us and I have no doubt that there may be issues or concerns which you have not been able to raise previously without making an appointment to see me or another member of staff. So, as an addition to the usual Parentview survey, we have added a comment to the survey boxes to help us respond in person to any of your queries.

Meanwhile, Year 11s have their final GCSE examination on Monday – there have already been both cheers and tears as they reach their final days at WSFG. Year 10s have started their examinations and they have been coping very well indeed, which bodes well for next year.

Year 7s have also been busy – thirty were lucky enough to see *Beyond*

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*Bollywood* at the London Palladium on Thursday, whilst on Friday our artist mentor is coming in to school to work with our 'Barbican in a Box' group in Year 8.

Finally, this Thursday a large number of our school community begin commemorating the period of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, during which members of our Muslim community fast between the hours of sunrise and sunset. We have avoided additional difficulties for our fasting students this year by organising school events such as Sports Day and Interform before this period, although that is not always possible. Next year, for example, it is likely that Ramadan will fall during the period of the GCSE examinations. So, at this time of self control and denial, we think of those members of our school community, whether they be colleagues or students and their families, and we wish them all well.

Ramadan Mubarak to you all  
Meryl Davies



## **The Focus of the Fortnight 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 Noise and Movement in the School.**

All members of our school community are asked within the *Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code* to move around the school “calmly, safely and quietly”. We also always walk on the left in school corridors and staircases.

If students behave in a dangerous, noisy or inappropriate way in the school buildings or grounds, they will be spoken with by a member of staff and will have their conduct card signed. It is in the interest of all members of our community to move calmly, safely and quietly around the school at all times.

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

Ms Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher

## Notice to Year 8 Parents and Carers Forum Adapting our Key Stage 4 Curriculum

Many thanks to Year 8 parents and carers who have signed up to the Parents' Forum that will be considering the shape of the Key Stage 4 curriculum for 2017. The forum will be held on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (6:30-7:30pm)**. If you would like to attend this session, and have not yet replied, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If you are not able to attend, but would like to contribute your thoughts to the whole school discussion, again, please contact the school office to arrange for the discussion materials to be forwarded to you along with details of how to share your thoughts on the future curriculum.

Many thanks,  
Ms Kennedy  
Deputy Headteacher (KS4)

*Stressbuster Activities June 2015*

*Lunchtime in the LRC*

*Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June*

*Butterfly Boxes*

*Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June*

*Origami Sculpture*

# Parents ONLY Training Session

## Education, Health and Care Plans

Delivered by Jonathan Ralphs from Helen Sanderson Associates

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

Buxton School, (Primary Entrance)  
Cann Hall Road,  
Leytonstone,  
London,  
E11 3NN

**5.30PM-9PM**

Registration from 5pm with food provided at 7PM

20 places for parents/carers of children at Buxton

5 places for parents from other schools

**The training will focus on the transfer process from a statement to an Education, Health and Care Plan in Waltham Forest**

Participants will learn about:

- Aspiration and outcomes
- Co-production, person centred approaches/tools
- Understanding the new assessment and Education, Health and Care Planning process
- Waltham Forest's EHC plan template and transfer process



Booking essential as only 25 places available

To book call/text Carol on 07794 298496 or Vanessa on 07528 433640

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## **Notice to all Parents and Carers Year 10 Work Experience**

### **Urgent request for placements - a few students still to be placed**

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 Ms 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

## **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



## **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

## Use of student mobile phones at Walthamstow School For Girls

Mobile phones are **NOT** allowed to be carried by students during the school day at WSFG.

- If students choose to bring a mobile phone to school, it **MUST** be handed into the school office for safekeeping at 8.15am and collected at 3.30pm.
- They will be required to show their ID card for collection of the phone at 3.30pm.
- At 3.30pm mobile phones can be used outside the inner school gates and not within the school grounds.

### Sanctions.

If a student is found to either have possession of, or to be using a mobile phone in school:

- The mobile phone will be confiscated until the next school holiday.
- If the student does not hand over the mobile phone straight away or argues with the member of staff, a further sanction will be applied.
- Mobile phones will **NOT** be returned to students. Parents/Carers will receive a letter approximately two weeks before the next school holiday, inviting them into school to collect the confiscated phone.

**Important Note:** If mobile phones are brought into school by students and are not handed into the office, this is done so at the girls' own risk.

**The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones if they are not handed into the school office.**



## WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND



The sound of silents: UK première of Rathbone's *Film Collection*, live music for choir and percussion accompanying four short silent films  
Plus music from *Singing in the Rain*, *Mary Poppins*, *Elvira Madigan*, *Top Gun* and many more films old and new

**Saturday 20 June 2015**

Walthamstow School for Girls, Church Hill,  
E17 9RZ

**London Forest Choir**  
in association with **Stow Film Lounge**

**Jonathan Rathbone** conductor  
**Leo Nicholson** piano

**7.30pm**

Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)  
in advance or £12 (£10  
concessions) on the door,  
students £5, children £2,  
available from 020 8531 4837,  
online at  
[www.londonforestchoir.org](http://www.londonforestchoir.org)  
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