



GREENSHEET



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9th July 2015

Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Summer Term
2014/15:**
Ends - Friday
17th July 2015

**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



Walthamstow School For Girls production of The Wizard of Oz



Students at Walthamstow School For Girls
will be presenting a production of

The Wizard of Oz

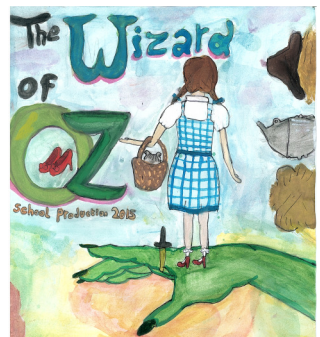
on the 14th, 15th and 16th July 2015.

Performances will start at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available now from the Performing Arts Faculty
Office
(£7.50 for adults, £4 for concessions) and can be purchased
at breaktime and lunchtime.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you,
Performing Arts



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of another academic year, the school continues to be a hive of activity, much of which is taking place off site.

There were some quiet days at school this week as all of Year 8 enjoyed a Geography field trip to Southend whilst Year 10 have been experiencing the world of work. This year we have brought this forward to Year 10 from Year 11 as we want to ensure that the girls are able to focus fully on their studies in their final year with us. Previously we have worked with an external company but this year we have generated our own placements, with your help. Ms Ray and Ms Bugden have worked so hard to ensure the success of the scheme. You can see below examples of the wide ranging placements our girls have secured:

HM Revenue and Customs, solicitors, Arsenal Football Club, Waltham Forest Town Hall, a construction company, medical centres, hospitals, galleries, theatre companies, libraries, hairdressers, primary schools, chemists, a cognitive and brain science unit, E17 Films, book shops, hotels, a leisure centre, kennels, a digital games company, opticians, Street Child charity, an investment company, an energy and oil supplier, an employment centre, a personnel company and the Spanish Embassy.

The feedback we have received so far from the placements has been extremely positive, with examples of our girls taking on some responsible tasks like translating, managing a booking system through a switchboard etc.

We look forward to having them back with us for our final few days next week.

Also this week the Science Faculty have been welcoming all the Year 6 pupils from Greenleaf School. They have been treated to lessons in Chemistry, Physics and Biology - which involved exploring our wonderful grounds. The young students responded very enthusiastically to our teachers and were a credit to their school.

The Performing Arts Faculty have been particularly busy. On Monday all our musicians performed to a packed Norris Hall at the Summer Musical Evening.

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This included all our steel pan bands, from Years 7 to 10. Whilst on Thursday, despite the tube strike, we managed to arrange for our Year 11 Band to travel to Birmingham to take part in a national competition. There have also been daily rehearsals for next week's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. On Wednesday, over twenty Year 9s took part in a workshop devised by the Soho Theatre and, on Thursday, a group of Year 8 students and one Year 7 performed their devised play at the Barbican Theatre, the culmination of their participation in the Barbican in a Box project.

Other events have included the Year 7 Mathematics Olympiad which has been run in school.

On a sad note, we have remembered those killed by acts of terrorism on July 7th 2005 by joining others around the country in a minute's silence. Whilst on Friday, a large number of our longstanding staff will be attending the funeral of our former Headteacher, Pat Marino. Details were included in last week's Greensheet.

Meryl Davies

Kind Donation from WSFG Alumnae Association

Many thanks to the Walthamstow School for Girls Alumnae Association for their wonderful donation of £500 to help buy outdoor parasols for the picnic tables out on the grounds, which the students and staff are making use of in the sun,



Notice for Parents and Carers of Year 9 Students Year 9 into Year 10 GCSE Preparation

English teachers of Year 9 will have set their classes preparation homework to complete over the summer. They are to research nine poets outlined on the grid they have been given and bring this grid with them to their first English lesson in Year 10. It is expected – and essential – that all Year 9 complete this.

In addition, it is *advised* that in order to help your daughter get a head start on her GCSE English & Literature studies, that she read Jane Eyre over the summer holidays. This will be a key text in her GCSEs.

Jane Eyre is available to read free online, to download onto Kindle for £1.99 or to buy from Amazon marketplace for as little as 1p. It is also available in all good bookshops.

Thank you
The English Department

Student Attendance League

Highest attendance in each year group for the month of June:
Well done to 7H, 8S, 9C and 10F

Highest attendance in the Year to date for each year group:
7G, 8S, 9C and 10S .

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

The Focus of the Fortnight

6th – 17th July 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 they 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. (Please note that getting caught in rush hour traffic is not a legitimate excuse for being late to school.)

The school sanctions for poor punctuality are detailed below.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Sanctions:

- If your daughter is late to school (without a good reason such as an appointment – traffic is NOT a good reason) 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 8 times, she will be placed on a two week punctuality report by Ms King. Her punctuality will be closely monitored and you as her Parents/ Carers will be informed of any improvements. She will also be rewarded if she improves her punctuality.

Ms Pratt
Assistant Headteacher

Notice to Parents and Carers

Fasting during Ramadan

Could you please ensure that if your daughter is fasting she does so according to the sunnah method. That is they should have a full and nutritious breakfast (SEHRI) before keeping the fast.

Your daughter should not keep fast if she is feeling unwell. In addition, in the rare event of feeling very ill during a fast she should break the fast rather than allowing her condition to get worse.

As agreed by medics fasting is not at all detrimental to our health and in fact it can be physically very beneficial. However, the correct method of fasting should be adhered to.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

Mrs Ahmed, Ms Soobhany & Ms Siddiqui

Lost Property

Students are reminded that they can collect lost property at **3.30pm** every day.

Parents and carers may also collect lost property any day after school.

A reminder to parents and carers that if your daughter's clothing has her name and form marked in it, it can be returned to her more easily.

The lost property box will be emptied at the end of term, anything that has not been claimed will be disposed of.

Thank you
Front Office

STUDENT ABSENCE

We would like to remind you that if your daughter is absent from school, including the day following an illness/incident which has led her to be collected from school, you should notify the school office by **9.30am**.

Please note the telephone number for student absence is: **020 8509 9444**

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION - OUT OF SCHOOL



Saturday July 11th 2015, 11am to 12:30pm

Walthamstow School for Girls, Church Hill, Walthamstow,
E17 9RZ

**Get your hands on some great quality
baby and children's clothes, toys and
equipment!**

- Admission is £1.50 per person in aid of NCT Charity or £1 for members
- Early entry of 10:45 for members (please bring your membership card)

**There will be a cafe with tea, coffee and cakes as well as
a raffle with the chance to win lots of great prizes!**

WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 10TH JULY: LATE AT VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17 9NH , 6.30-10PM, £2 SUGGESTED DONATION. Enjoy live music, poetry from Forest Poets and delicious refreshments in the tranquil setting of Vestry House Museum and its beautiful garden. See: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/vestryhouse or ring 0208 496 4391.

SATURDAY 11TH JULY: LAUNCH OF THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2015, WALTHAMSTOW CENTRAL LIBRARY, HIGH STREET E17 (AND WOOD STREET LIBRARY, WOOD STREET E17), 11AM- 4PM, FREE. Sign up to read at least 6 selected books this summer and take part in an attempt to set a Guinness World Record title for the most pledges received for a reading campaign, as well as receiving prizes, certificates and medals for taking part. See www.recordbreakers.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY: WALTHAM FOREST MUSIC SERVICE ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT, WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JF, 7PM, £3 ENTRY. This concert showcases the work of the groups who have been training at the Music School every week since September. Visit: music.service@walthamforest.gov.uk for more information.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 11TH JULY: HIGHAMS PARK DAY, VINCENT GREEN, VINCENT ROAD, E4 9PR, 11AM-4PM, FREE. Now in its 7th year, this event organised by the Highams Park Society will include: stage makeup workshops, a dressing up photo booth, traditional stalls and games, sculpture and craft workshops for all ages, live music, BBQ, other refreshments, tombola and much more! See www.highamparksociety.co.uk for full programme details. Nearest station: Highams Park.

UNTIL 19TH JULY: LEYTONSTONE FESTIVAL CONTINUES WITH A WIDE RANGE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES ACROSS E11 e.g. Festival Film Day on Saturday 11th July, new street market in Church Lane 11am- 4pm on Saturday 11th July, free African drumming workshop at Coronation Gardens, E10 on Sunday 12th July, 2-5pm, Khyal Arts Baithak (a celebration of Indian culture and art) also on Sunday 12th July, and much more. See

www.leytonstonefestival.org for programme details. Nearest tube: Leytonstone.

SUNDAY 12TH JULY: PAWS AT THE VIEW, THE VIEW, 6 RANGERS ROAD, CHINGFORD, E4 7QH, 11AM- 4PM FREE, (ENTRY TO DOG SHOW £1). Activities for dogs and their owners e.g. agility, stalls and dog show. Contact: Eric.Henderson@cityoflondon.gov.uk for details. Nearest station: Chingford. Why not visit the Tudor workshop (2-4pm) at Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge next door too?

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore