



GREENSHEET



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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term 2015 Start -

Tuesday 1st September 2015

End - Friday
18th December 2015

Monday 14th to Friday 25th September
Year 7 CATs Test

Wednesday 21st October
Year 7 Settling in afternoon

Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly we would like to wish all our new students and their parents or carers a very warm welcome!

I would urge you all to read the Greensheet as this is the main vehicle for distributing important information as well as publicising good news and events taking place. The Greensheet is published weekly on the school's website; parents and carers are emailed a link to the Greensheet usually at the end of the school week.

Keeping you informed through good communication is essential in strengthening parent/carer and school relationships. At Walthamstow School for Girls we use a number of methods to do this. We use a text and email system that keeps you updated on matters such as attendance, school trips, holiday dates and emergency school closures. This will avoid the need to rely on your daughter to deliver letters home and also reduce the quantity of printed information which will, in turn, be kinder to the environment.

For this system to operate, we need your preferred email and contact address and also your mobile phone contact number. Please be assured that our email system complies with the Data Protection regulations. Please do ensure that the school has up to date contact details for you at all times; new data collection forms will be issued shortly.

SPECIAL MESSAGE: GCSE Results 2015

On the first day back with both staff and students, we celebrated the fantastic GCSE achievements of our outgoing Year 11 students. Their results once again broke the school records for achievement. Our 5+A*-C grades (including English and mathematics) which, at a provisional 73%, is slightly higher than last year's at this point and is much higher than national figures. Other key indicators which signify further improvement include the jump by 4.5% in the EBacc subjects (A*-C grades in English,

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mathematics, science, languages and a humanities subject) and an increase of 6.5% to an impressive 32% of students obtaining A*-A at the top end. We were also delighted by the fact that disadvantaged students are achieving better at WSFG than non-disadvantaged students are nationally. Last year we were recognised as being one of the top sixteen performing schools in the country on this indicator.

This is set in the context of turbulence in GCSE grades nationally following changes to the way GCSE performance has been assessed and changes to grade boundaries. This summer, like last year, students took linear (end of year) examinations rather than being assessed by modules over the course of their studies. There were also additional changes in subject areas to increase the challenge for students. There has been an increased emphasis on the subjects which make up the English Ebacc. At WSFG we believe that our students should have an entitlement to a wide range of subjects and experiences including the creative and performing arts and design, technology and engineering related subjects. Our EBacc figures have risen from 23% (2012) and 36% (2013) to 40% (2014) and 45% in (2015). The national figure for the EBacc in 2014 was 24%. We are confident that this year's results will compare very favourably again with other high performing comprehensives nationally. However, we have maintained a broad and comprehensive curriculum offer for our older students and have so far rejected pathways determined by ability. We have engaged with parents and carers of girls most affected by the curriculum changes and are grateful for their input into our deliberations at this time of change.

Large numbers of our girls achieved the very highest grades at GCSE level and they have all made us and their families very proud. I have included in this issue just a sample of some of our high achievers who have now secured places at excellent sixth form or college provision.

There are many other students who also achieved exceptional results or surpassed their predicted grades to achieve results they can be truly proud of. Particular congratulations go to the following students, whose marks show that the really hard work they put into their studies has led to excellent levels of progress being made: *Raadiya Jauny, Afifa Hidari, Fartun Hassan, Mahnoor Zulfiqar, Tatjana Sivarajah, Nasreen Hosany, Berfin Kortelli and Anisa Kantharia*. Overall the results have certainly given us cause for celebration again this year and the girls had plenty to smile about when they came in to collect their results, as you can see from a selection of photographs taken on the day.

New Members of Staff

Staff turnover at the school remains typically low and this year is no exception. In September we welcome the following new members of staff:

<i>Tom Bigglestone,</i>	Deputy Head of Faculty, Humanities and Head of Religious Education
<i>Jubeda Sulthana,</i>	Deputy Head of Faculty, Science
<i>Sean Walker,</i>	Mathematics Teacher
<i>Maria Singleton,</i>	MFL Teacher (maternity cover)
<i>Nicola Lewis,</i>	Finance Assistant (maternity cover).

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Breaking News

Finally, congratulations go to a group of our students who have been competing in the Commonwealth Festival of Synchronised Swimming in Perth. We have just heard that they won their category and are now champions, having beaten the South African national team. Well done indeed to *Alicia Day, Nellie Short, Savannah Gracey* (Year 11) and *Hannah Khairul* (Year 10) in Australia.

Finally, I look forward to working in partnership with all parents and carers during the coming year and of course to seeing you at school events throughout the year.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies
Headteacher.

School Day Timings

A reminder that school now finishes at normal time on Fridays (3:30pm) for both Year 7 and Year 8 students.



Year 11 students with 8 or more A*/A grades for full GCSE courses

(short courses have also been noted)

Student	A*/A grade results	Student	A*/A grade results
Sirah Ahmed	5 A*s, 6 As	Rosalind Robshaw	9 A*s, 2As
Edagul Ulucay	10 A*s, 1 A Additional Maths (C) Level 1 Latin A*	Haleema Ahmed	5 A*s, 4 As Additional Maths (A)
Miriam Ashon	7 A*s, 3 As	Eleanor Duplock	6 A*s, 4 As
Molly Kavanagh	6 A*s, 4 As RS short course A* ABRSM Music - Dist	Saoirse Macklin	1 A*, 9 As
Henna Noor	8 A*s, 2 As	Salma Patel	6 A*s, 4 As Level 1 Latin A*
Zaynah Waseem	9 A*s, 1 A Level 1 Latin A	Hannah Azlin	2 A*s, 8 As RS short course A*
Lola Grieve	5 A*s, 4 As RS short course A* Economics short course A ABRSM Music – Dist	Rowena Guy de Quin	6 A*s, 4 As RS short course A*
Alina Khan	4 A*s, 5 As	Namra Malik	2 A*s, 7As
Ana Munt	3 A*s, 6 As	Roj Parlakyldiz	6 A*s, 3 As RS short course A
Samintha Thavarajah	4 A*s, 5 As RS short course A* Additional Maths (B)	Hussana Wakil	4 A*s, 5 As Level 1 Latin A
Sophia Zhiri	5 A*s, 4 As	Hana Dadabhoy	2 A*s, 6 As RS short course A
Jazz Dowswell	2 A*s, 6 As RS short course A	Mila Jacob Syer	2 A*, 6 As RS short course A
Khadija Kashif	1 A*, 6 As RS short course	Shanza Khan	3 A*, 5 As RS short course A*
Aishah Wahab	2 A*s, 6 As Rs short course A*		

The Focus of the Fortnight

2nd – 11th September 2015

All aspects of the school uniform

This will include clothing, jewellery, lanyards, conduct cards and one-card. It is vital that your daughter is correctly equipped for school, including wearing the correct uniform. The school has clear rules about uniform and jewellery which are detailed on page 9 of your daughter's student planner. The sanctions for not following the school rules are detailed below.

In addition, we are also asking that your daughter does not wear brightly coloured underwear that shows through her white school shirt as this is inappropriate for school. She must also be wearing a school skirt of a modest length and there will be a sanction applied if she is not. We expect all our students to be dressed modestly for school and if the uniform rules are followed correctly this will be the case.

Sanctions applied:

- If a student is wearing a non-uniform item, it will be confiscated and she will be asked to change into an item of correct uniform provided by the school. The student will collect any confiscated uniform items at the end of the day from her SPL. The conduct card will be signed.
- If a student is wearing a skirt that is too short, she will be asked to adjust it but if it is still too short, she will be asked to change into an item of appropriate uniform provided by the school. The conduct card will be signed.
- Any items of non-uniform jewellery will be confiscated and parents or carers will be sent a letter asking them to collect the item just before the next half term holiday. This will NOT be returned at the end of the day. The conduct card will be signed.

If the lanyard or conduct card are not worn, there will be an automatic one hour detention that you will be informed of by letter. The conduct card will be signed.

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

Ms Pratt
Assistant Headteacher

School Uniform 2015/6

This is a reminder of our current school uniform which is outlined in your daughter's school planner, page 9

The basic uniform consists of:

- Dark bottle green school skirt only in the recommended style OR
- Dark bottle green school trousers only in the recommended style OR
- Dark bottle green shalwar kameez in plain cotton fabric, which must not be shiny or patterned.
- School skirts must be of a modest length and no shorter than just above knee.
- Plain white blouse or polo shirt with collar, unless wearing shalwar kameez.
- Plain dark bottle green school sweater / cardigan / sweatshirt without any logo.
- Plain tights (not patterned, textured or footless) in black, bottle green or natural colour.
- Long or short socks in plain white, black or bottle green.
- Black shoes or boots that should be plain, low heeled and sensible with black laces, if laced.
- Sport branded or non-branded trainers of any style are not acceptable.
- A plain, dark coloured outer coat, suitably waterproof is advised.

Hoodies and denim or leather / leather substitute coats and jackets are not permitted to be worn with the school uniform or brought onto school premises under any circumstances.

- School tie and blazer are optional.
- Outdoor scarves must be black, white or green and they must be removed when in school.
- Student hair must be a natural colour only and items worn in the hair should be small, plain and discreet.

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- Students who wish to keep their heads covered for religious reasons must wear plain bottle green or plain white cotton scarves with no decoration or fringing which should be either pinned or tied securely.
- Loose scarves that cover the shoulders and upper body are a safety hazard and are not permitted.
- Facial coverings are not to be worn at school. If they are worn to and from school, they must be removed once the student enters the school gates.
- Make-up, if worn, must be subtle and discreet. If not discreet and is noticeable it must be removed.
- Acrylic or false nails are not to be worn for school.

Jewellery is not allowed in school under any circumstances.

- Students are permitted to wear one small stud in each ear (which should be no bigger than the size of a pea) and a wrist watch only.
- Facial piercings and visible body piercings (including tongue piercings) are not allowed to be worn in school.
- Any other jewellery items will be confiscated and will only be returned to parents/carers.
- Students who do not conform to the uniform guidelines will not be allowed to represent the school in an open forum, such as performances or trips out of school.
- The school reserves the right to ask a student who is not in correct uniform to remove non uniform items or change into uniform items provided by the school for the day.

This information can also be found in Greensheet number 39, dated 16th July 2015.

School Uniform requirements

Pending a full uniform review and consultation process, which will take place in 2015/16, we wish to make it clear the uniform must follow the published requirements.

Please note the following clarifications of the school uniform rules;

- Black shoes or boots that should be plain, low heeled and sensible with black laces, if laced.
- Sport branded or non-branded trainers of any style are not acceptable.

Trainers, plimsoles, baseball boots, basketball boots, canvas footwear or any variety of sports footwear are **NOT** permitted as school uniform.

- Hoodies and denim or leather / leather substitute coats and jackets are not permitted to be worn with the school uniform or brought onto school premise under any circumstances.

These items must **NOT** be brought into school. If they are, the item will be confiscated and parents / carers will be contacted and asked to come into school to collect them.

- Acrylic or false nails are not to be worn for school.

False nails of any description must **NOT** be worn for school. If they are the student will be in supervised isolation for the day, Parents or Carers contacted and the nails will be expected to be removed on that day.

This information can also be found in Greensheet number 39, dated 16th July 2015.

Recommended uniform suppliers for 2015/16.

The school recommends that the uniform items are purchased from the following suppliers in the area and wish to make it clear that if items are purchased elsewhere, you run the risk of purchasing an incorrect item which will not be allowed to be worn.

Fashion Fair, 184 – 186 High Street, Walthamstow
Tel – 020 8503 7048

Wards School Wear, 105 Wood Street, Walthamstow
Tel – 020 8509 3301

Victoria 2, 246 Hoe Street, Walthamstow
Tel – 020 8520 2176

If you purchase fabric to make shalwar kameez items it **MUST** be the correct colour and must be plain cotton fabric only. Shiny, patterned or figured fabrics are **NOT** acceptable for the WSFG school uniform.

If you have any queries about school uniform, please make contact with the school by telephone or email.

Thank you

Ms Pratt
Assistant Headteacher

Catering at WSFG

A reminder for parents/carers that if you wish to pay for your daughter's school meals by cheque please make the cheque payable to 'Olive Dining Ltd'.

We will also soon be issuing out usernames and passwords for the new Year 7s so that payments can also be made online via our sQUID system.

Many thanks
Mr Jalil
Business Manager



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



SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

Autumn Term 2015

Start - Tuesday 1st September 2015

End - Friday 18th December 2015

Monday 14th September to

Friday 25th September

Thursday 1st October

Thursday 15th October

Wednesday 21st October

Year 7 CATs Test

Multi Cultural Evening (details to follow)

Open Evening (school closes at 2.30pm)

6-8pm

Year 7 Settling in afternoon

Professional training dates to be added

Holidays

Half Term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Christmas - Friday 18th December 2015 to Friday 1st January 2016

Spring Term 2016

Start - Monday 4th January 2016

End - Friday 24th March 2016

Holidays

Half Term - Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2016

Good Friday - 25th April 2016

Easter Monday - 28th April 2016

Summer Term 2016

Start - Monday 11th April 2016

End - Friday 15th July 2016**

**Please note this change to the published date in the student planner

Holidays

Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May 2016

Half Term - Monday 30th to Friday 27th May 2016

WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

UNTIL 3RD OCTOBER; NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AT THE MILL, 7-11 COPPERMILL LANE, E17 7HA, OPEN 10AM- 6PM DAILY EXCEPT MONDAY, FREE. Nine local photographers present their view of Walthamstow. See www.themill@coppermill.org for details.

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER: WALTHAMSTOW VILLAGE GARDENING DAY, MEET AT THE CORNER OF ORFORD ROAD AND EDEN ROAD, E17, 10.30AM - 12.30PM, ALL WELCOME, FREE. Help to tidy the award winning flowerbeds and plant bulbs for spring 2016; wear old clothes and take hand tools and gloves if possible. See www.walthamstovillage.net for details of all events organised by the Village Residents Association.

SATURDAY 5TH AND SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER: GRILLSTOCK - THE UK'S BIGGEST BARBECUE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL, CHESTNUTS FIELD, TOWN HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JF, 11AM- 6PM (10.30PM SAT), FREE TO WALTHAM FOREST RESIDENTS. Enjoy American style barbecues, barbecue-themed competitions, music from Razorlight, the Cuban Brothers and others, plus a range of stalls. Waltham Forest residents need to book their free tickets via www.walthamforest.gov.uk and search for Grillstock.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

UNTIL 27TH SEPTEMBER: THE TEMPLE OVER TIME – AN EXHIBITION AT THE TEMPLE, WANSTEAD PARK, WANSTEAD, E11 2LT. OPEN 12-5PM DAILY, FREE. The temple was originally built in the eighteenth century as a summer house for the wealthy owner of Wanstead Park, and is now used as a visitor centre for the Corporation of London. Nearest tube: Wanstead.

UNTIL 30TH SEPTEMBER: TOTALLY THAMES FESTIVAL - A MONTH OF RIVER INSPIRED EVENTS, INCLUDING CONCERTS, EXHIBITIONS, RIVER RACES, ARCHAEOLOGICAL WALKS ALONG THE RIVERBANK, BOAT TRIPS AND MORE, MOSTLY FREE. This popular annual celebration of the River Thames is bigger than ever- search www.totallythames.org for the full programme.

FRIDAY 4TH AND SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER; THE NATIONAL YOUTH DANCE COMPANY AND GUESTS PERFORM APEX RISING, SADLERS WELLS, ROSEBERY AVENUE, EC1, 7.30PM, £12, £6 CONCESSIONS. The best of British and American youth dance companies perform new works by top choreographers. See www.sadlerswells.com or ring 0207 863 8000.

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER; LONDON MELA, GUNNERSBURY PARK, ACTON, W31-9PM, £6.50 ADULTS, £4.50 12 - 16 YEARS, £3.50 UNDER 12s. Enjoy Europe's largest south Asian festival, with traditional and contemporary music, dance, food, children's activities and more. See www.londonmela.org for full details. Nearest tube: Acton.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore

Community Liaison Co-ordinator