



# GREENSHEET



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**12th November 2015**

**Week 'B'**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Autumn Term 2015**

**End - Friday 18th December 2015**

**Staff Training Day: School closed to students Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**Monday 16th November Year 11 Mock Examinations Start**

**Friday 27th November Year 11 Mock Examinations End**

**Thursday 10th December Carol Service St Mary's Church**

**Tuesday 15th December Community Party School closed 2.30pm**

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the same day that we remembered all those who have lost their lives defending democracy and freedom with a whole school two minute silence, the Hindu members of our community celebrated the festival of Diwali, or the Festival of Lights, which is the biggest of all the Hindu celebrations. Diwali is also significant in other religions including Buddhism, Sikhism and Jainism. It is also the Hindu New Year and therefore a major holiday in India, although it is celebrated by millions across the world, with thousands attending Diwali lights switch-on events around the country. On Friday, WSFG will celebrate with a Diwali lunch for students and staff.

On Monday, all members of 7G, along with their tutor, Ms Eveleigh, led a moving Year Assembly on the Armistice, marking the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War, a war which took the lives of 17 million people. Apparently, since then, there has only been one year, 1968, when British service personnel have not been killed on active duty. The girls listened to Neville Chamberlain's 1939 speech, facts about the Second World War including the Holocaust, and read out poems and stories about people's experiences of war, any of which are relevant for these times. 7G and their tutor made us very proud of WSFG this week. This is an abridged version of one of the assembly poems:

### **The 'Bystander' by Robert Eveleigh**

Some limped, some walked, some shuffled past, with pleading hungry eyes,  
A silent, stumbling column under skylark bright bright blue skies.  
In tatty lice live uniforms, and holey broken shoes,  
Like ghosts of men and women, who have nothing left to lose.

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Contd,

So learn from my story, be not a 'stander by'.  
When those around you need your help, it brings not manmade wealth,  
But maybe then, just maybe, you'll live easily with yourself.

Best Wishes

Meryl Davies

(the unabridged version can be found on our website)

## **Important Reminder - Staff Training Day School Closed to Students – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

**The school will be closed to students all day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015\* for staff training.**

\*There are a few Year 11 students only who will need to be in school that day for examinations, those students know that they need to attend. After the examinations, these students will be dismissed from school.

### **Year 11 Mock Examinations 2015**

The Year 11 written Mock Examinations begin on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November and finish on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

The MFL speaking controlled assessments begin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November and finish on Friday 13 November 2015 and there are practical Art and Music exams during the weeks of the 30<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

**Those students who have mock exams on the 20<sup>th</sup> November are expected to attend school for these, but they can leave once they are finished. These examinations are:  
SPANISH, FRENCH, HEALTH & SOCIAL AND CREATIVE & MEDIA.**

Students have been given copies of their individual Mock Examination timetables via Form Tutors and there are details of these mocks on the school website <http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/exams-and-controlled-assessments/year-11-mock-timetable> and Fronter.

Please ensure all students are in full school uniform and have all the equipment they need for these exams.

Many thanks  
Mrs Brickett  
Examinations Officer

## **Year 11 Parents' Information Evening, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015, 6-7:30pm**

We would like to invite Year 11 parents and carers to an Information Evening to help support your daughter over the coming months, as we approach the GCSE exams. At this event, Heads of Faculty for English, Mathematics and Science will present an overview of their courses and provide strategies that can be used to help your daughter to prepare for these subjects.

There will also be guidance produced for each subject outlining key dates and revision tips. We welcome Year 11 students attending this event accompanied by an adult: however, to ensure that we have capacity for all students to attend we would request that only one adult attends the session with their daughter.

Many thanks

Ms Kennedy  
Deputy Headteacher (Key Stage 4)

### **Student Services Area**

**Location G41** (next to Attendance Manager and Science Technician rooms)

**On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November** the new student services area opened for students. The opening times are: Monday to Friday, **8.15am – 4pm.**

Services include;

- First Aid
- Replacement lanyards/conduct cards
- Planners
- Lunch slips
- Lost property
- Forms collection

These items will no longer be carried out at the Front Office.

Ms King  
Attendance Manager



Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight for 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015 is on:

### **Student Planner**

At the start of the year, all students are issued with a PLANNER that has been carefully designed to support them with their school work, homework and general organisational skills.

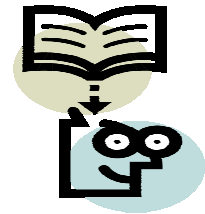
Students are required to have their PLANNER in school with them at all times and if they do not, they will have an automatic one hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team.

If a student loses her PLANNER, she should purchase another from Student Services for the cost of £2.00.

In order to support your daughter with this Focus, please ensure she has her PLANNER with her every day for school and sign the planner as required.

Ms. K.H.Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher

### **The Focus Student Planner**



- Students are required to have their PLANNER with them in school at all times
- The PLANNER is an essential part of their school equipment.
- If a student does not have her PLANNER, she will receive an automatic one hour detention and will have her conduct card signed.

### **Attendance League for October 2015**

Well done to **7W, 8G, 9S, 10G and 11C** for being October winners and **7F, 8G, 9W, 10G and 11C** for term so far.

Winners postcards for the month of October have been distributed to form tutors to share with their form groups, along with postcards from the Headteacher.

Don't forget there will be prizes for the forms with the highest year to date figures each term and new pin badges for 100% attenders each term.

Ms King  
Attendance Manager

## OUR SCHOOL HISTORY

In our school archive we have an old admissions register. During our early days our school admitted a number of boys. Here is a copy of the register for James Dudley Johns, who attended the school from 11th January 1916 to 21st December 1916.

Surname: <u>Johns</u>			School: <u>Walton</u>			Christian Name: <u>James Dudley</u>			No. <u>610</u>		
Name of Father or Guardian: <u>James Johns</u>			Postal Address: <u>57 The Drive, Walthamston</u>			Sex: <u>Male</u>					
1. Date of Birth:			8. Place of Birth:			9. Occupation of Father:			10. Place or places of previous education during the two years preceding admission.		
Day	Month	Year	County, Borough or City			Stock Jobber			Nil.		
<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>19</u>									
2. Date of Admission:			11. Particulars of any Public Examinations passed or Certificates obtained while in the school, with date.			12. Particulars of any Public Examinations passed or Certificates obtained while in the school, with date.			13. Date of Emigration or Return to P.E. in the School.		
Day	Month	Year									
<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u>									
3. Date of Leaving:			14. Scholarships or Exhibitions for further education.			15. Place of further education.			16. Occupation taken up after leaving.		
Day	Month	Year				<u>Boys School</u>					
<u>21</u>	<u>XII</u>	<u>16</u>									
4. Position on Admission:			17. Remarks:								
<u>Prep</u>											
5. Position on Leaving:											
<u>Prep</u>											
6. Boarder or Day-Schooler:											
<u>not</u>											
7. Terms kept:											
<u>Autumn</u>											
<u>Spring</u>											
<u>Summer</u>											

His father worked in the London Stock Exchange as a Stock Jobber and the family lived in The Drive. He stayed in the school for 12 months and then went to a Boys School. James' family would have paid a fee for attending the school as he is listed as a Preparatory admission and would have been tutored by the school before going on to another school.

Ms Kelly LRC

### Eat or Heat Bake Sale

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at lunchtime in the Norris hall, there will be a bake sale to raise money for the local food bank.



There will be lots of different cakes and treats donated from bakeries and homemade goodies.

Items will range from 10p to £1.

Ms Rae

## Marking and Feedback at WSFG

At WSFG we recognise the importance of giving purposeful and constructive feedback to students to support their progress in each subject.

Over the past year, staff have been reflecting on our approach to marking and feedback and developing a range of effective strategies. This work began in October 2014 by staff sampling the work of students and identifying the best practice within the school. This was followed up by faculties running their own pilot projects to develop strategies that would suit feedback in their subject.

This September we launched our whole school marking and feedback pilot with both staff and students. We have identified different types of marking that may be implemented by teachers depending on the nature of the subject and the different aspects of a unit of work. Students have a key role to play in their own learning and so we believe they should be actively involved in marking and feedback: a key part of our approach is to ensure that students record whole class feedback, have opportunities to reflect on their own work and have opportunities to review the work of their peers. We also ask students to respond to the comments of their teachers about their work which ensures that they are reflecting upon the advice of their teachers. They do all of this in purple pen!

Marking and feedback will continue to be a high priority for the school. We will be reviewing our pilot through sampling of work and talking with student and staff about our current approach over the next few months.

Ms Kennedy  
Deputy Headteacher (Key Stage 4)

Opposite is a copy of the student marking guide which your daughter will have stuck into each of her exercise books.





# Student Guide: Marking Codes and Organising My Work



## Types of marking my teacher will use:

**Acknowledgement Marking (AM):** Your teacher will read over your work and put the code AM to show that it has been checked.

**Find and Fix Marking (FF):** Your teacher will use a green highlighter to identify a mistake. You will need to work out the mistake and rework to fix it. **You need to complete the “fixing” in purple pen.**

**Close Marking:** Your teacher will examine your work carefully. They will write a comment and a target in green pen. **You should think carefully about the next steps in learning for you and write your response in purple pen.**

**Assessment Feedback Sheet/ Sticker marking:** You will receive feedback on a sheet designed for the subject. It will highlight strengths and a target to support future progress. **You should complete your response in the space provided thinking carefully about your next steps.**

## Marking Codes that I will use in the margin (using PURPLE pen):

**SA: Self-Assessment**

**PA: Peer Assessment**

**VF: Verbal Feedback given**

**WCF: Whole Class Feedback**

**MRI: My Response Is**

**HL: Home-learning**

## Equipment for learning:

**Planner  
Ruler  
Blue/ black pen  
Pencil  
rubber  
Purple pen**

## Whole School Literacy Codes

Sp spelling

P punctuation

g grammar

V vocabulary

! careless mistake

? more explanation needed

ss sentence structure

// new paragraph

e.g. example needed

^ add something

## Roles and Responsibilities

*It is my responsibility to:*

present work clearly (underline headings and date with a ruler; rule off at the end of a lesson)

write in black or blue ink

Mark in PURPLE ink (peer and self-assessment)

Write a response to marking

Make corrections (including 'Find and Fix' in purple)

Label any home-learning tasks

*It is my teachers responsibility to:*

Mark in GREEN ink

mark work regularly

provide feedback to assessed work including targets for improvement

## WSFG Annual Community Party

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Each year we hold a Christmas celebration for the elderly members of our community. As part of this celebration, we offer a Christmas gift to each of our guests. This relies completely on the generosity of our school community.



If you have any new and unused gifts that would be suitable for our community party, please ask your daughter to bring them up to the Humanities faculty in school.

We are usually particularly short of gifts that are suitable for men.

Also, should you have any elderly relatives, friends or neighbours who you feel would enjoy this event, please email us at school at [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) with their names and addresses and we will send them an invitation letter.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Ms Philippou  
Interim Assistant Headteacher

## Your Story, Your Voice.

A group of Year 10 students have set up a lunchtime peer listening service, offering a friendly ear to all year groups.

Students can pop along and get their daily worries off their chest with one of their trained peers listening and offering friendly advice in a comfortable and confidential environment.



It will run on **Wednesday lunchtimes from 25<sup>th</sup> November in G03.**

If you would like any more information on this service, see Ms Rae in G67



# NEPAL EARTHQUAKE BOOK APPEAL

Our school is collecting children's book for Barpak village, which was destroyed in the 2015 earthquake.

We have already collected 415 books and our aim is to collect a 1,000 books by March 2016.

So, please support this appeal and ask your daughters to bring their books to the Learning Resource Centre.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Kelly LRC



## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

### Autumn Term 2015

**Start** - Tuesday 1st September 2015

**End** - Friday 18th December 2015

Monday 16th November  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Year 11 Mock written examinations start  
Staff Training Day: School closed to students \*

**\*APART FROM THOSE YEAR 11 STUDENTS WHO HAVE THEIR SPANISH, FRENCH, HEALTH & SOCIAL AND CREATIVE & MEDIA MOCK EXAMS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND SCHOOL FOR THESE AND LEAVE ONCE THEY ARE FINISHED**

Friday 27th November  
Thursday 10th December  
Tuesday 15th December

Year 11 Mock examinations end  
Carol Service, St Mary's Church  
Community Party School, closed 2.30pm

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

**Walthamstow School for Girls are delighted to offer you the following opportunity from IGGY.**

IGGY is a no fee global educational social network connecting and challenging the world's brightest young minds designed to help gifted and talented young people aged 13-18 realise their full potential. They are part of the University of Warwick so members have access to great educational resources and get to work with top academics and other gifted and talented young people around the world. Members can create their own profiles, make friends and collaborate internationally. You will be helping create a great site for gifted and talented young people to exchange ideas, debate, learn and explore in a safe environment.

For the sixth year running, IGGY will partner with Litro to host the IGGY & Litro Young Writers' Prize 2015/16

The theme of this year's competition is **Movement**, and the team is asking entrants to inspire and captivate with compelling stories around this concept. Stories must be no longer than 2,500 words in length, and the competition is open to creative 13-18-year-olds all over the world.

The competition opened on **Monday 2nd November 2015**, and will close on **Monday 8th February 2016** - so you have plenty of time to craft your story over the coming months.

We will announce the shortlist on Wednesday 9th March 2015, and then reveal the winner at an awards ceremony to be held at the iconic Shard building in London. All shortlisted entrants and their supporters (teachers, parents and/or carers) will be invited to the event, where further prizes will also be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

Amongst other prizes for the shortlisted entrants, the overall winner of the competition will win **£1,000 and his or her work will be published in Litro Magazine** - an achievement which would look impressive on any personal statement.

If you'd like to know more about the **IGGY & Litro Young Writers' Prize**, please go to [www.iggy.net/writingprize](http://www.iggy.net/writingprize). We've got all the information on how you can enter, plus some helpful creative writing hints and tips to get you inspired.

If you have any questions, please feel free to drop us an email at [info@iggy.net](mailto:info@iggy.net) - we're always happy to help. Thanks,

*The IGGY Team*

## WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

### WALTHAMSTOW

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER-31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2016: NEW EXHIBITION OF DRAWINGS BY FORMER WSFG STUDENT EILEEN KAI HING KWAN AND CAT BOY, MOTHER'S RUIN, UNIT 18, RAVENSWOOD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, SHERNHALL STREET, E19 9HQ, FREE ENTRY, TIMES VARY.** Inspired by Tchaikovsky's ballet The Nutcracker, these drawings create a magical world. Open Friday 6-10pm, Saturday 12-10pm, 3-7pm Sunday.

**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE, HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, SHERNHALL STREET, E17, 10AM-1PM, 50p ENTRANCE, CHILDREN FREE.** Pick up a bargain and enjoy homemade cakes and refreshments! If you have something to sell, why not book a stall for £10; contact [t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk) to book, or ring 0208 520 0482.

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: CRAFT FAIR, QUEENS ROAD LEARNING CENTRE, 97 QUEENS ROAD, E17 8QR, 10AM-3PM, FREE.** High quality items made by students of the centre's arts and crafts courses will be on sale, just in time for Christmas! Contact: [info@adult.learning.walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:info@adult.learning.walthamforest.gov.uk) for details.

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: THE SUNDAY SERIAL, 11.15-12PM, FOLLOWED BY THE LAST SACK OF POTATOES, 2-4PM- 2 FREE EVENTS AT VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17.** Every Sunday until 17<sup>th</sup> January, enjoy an instalment of this classic tale about the adventures of the boy who flees the workhouse. At 2pm, Dr Mary Clare Martin will talk about the people who lived in Walthamstow's workhouse (now the museum). Ring Sharon Trotter on 0208 496 4391 or email [vhm.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:vhm.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk)  
All welcome.

**ADVANCED NOTICE: 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER-10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE- A RANGE OF EVENTS FOR ALL AGES ACROSS WALTHAMSTOW EG. PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOPS FOR GIRLS, FGM AWARENESS FOR GIRLS.** Details will appear in next week's issue of the Green Sheet. Contact: [vawg@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:vawg@walthamforest.gov.uk)

## **BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW**

**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER-21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2016: TAYLOR WESSING PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT EXHIBITION, NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY, ST MARTIN'S PLACE, WC2H 0HE, 10AM-6PM DAILY, 33 ADULT, £2 CONCESSIONS.** Enjoy the 60 portraits selected from over 7000 entries, taken by amateur and professional photographers from all over the world. See [www.npg.org.uk](http://www.npg.org.uk) or ring 0207 312 2463. Nearest tubes: Charing Cross or Leicester Square.

**SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER; THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW, MANSION HOUSE, CITY OF LONDON, EC4N 8BH, 11AM-2.30PM, FREE.** This year is the 800<sup>th</sup> show, and the biggest ever, with over 6,000 in the parade, including acrobats, marching bands, decorated floats and the Lord Mayor's gilded coach. The RAF will stage a flypast at 11am, and then the parade will proceed from Mansion House through the City, ending at the River Thames near Blackfriars Bridge, with a firework display at 5pm. Nearest tubes: Mansion House and Bank.

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: LAST DAY OF THE BBC'S GOOD FOOD CAKES AND BAKES SHOW, OLYMPIA, HAMMERSMITH ROAD, W14 8UX, 9.30AM-6PM, £14.50 ADULTS, £3 CHILDREN 6-17, UNDER 6S FREE.** See baking demonstrations by Bake Off experts, taste delicious cakes and explore the many specialist stalls. See : [www.bbcgoodfoodshowlondon.com](http://www.bbcgoodfoodshowlondon.com) or ring 0203 405 4286. Nearest tube: Kensington Olympia. NB tickets are more expensive on Saturday.

**UNTIL FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER: INTO FILM FESTIVAL AT VENUES ACROSS THE UK, WITH OVER 2000 FREE EVENTS FOR 5-19 YEAR OLDS.** Film previews, screenings and more for young film lovers. See: [www.intofilm.org/festival](http://www.intofilm.org/festival) for full programme or ring 0203 194 4311.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore