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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn

Term 2015

End - Friday
18th December

Thursday 10th December

Carol Service
St Mary's Church

Tuesday 15th December

Community
Party School
closed 2.30pm

Friday 18th December

Last day of term
School closed at
12.45pm

Spring Term 2016

Start - Monday
4th January 2016

End - Friday
24th March 2016

Friday 29th January

Staff Training
Day: School
closed to
students

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

The Year 11 mock examinations end this week with the Art examinations. The girls have been off-timetable for two days working on their art pieces on the theme of 'Identity'. We look forward to seeing the completed pieces. Year 11s are also beginning to prepare for their professional interviews. These take place over the course of a day on which almost twenty professionals from different occupations come into school and interview every student in Year 11. This event, for which the girls have to prepare CVs and dress in professional work clothing, is invaluable practice and an excellent confidence booster. Before then, however, they will have their mock results day on December 16th, just in time for the holidays. The girls have conducted themselves very well over the past two weeks of examinations and have been a credit to the school. Please remember that we will be holding our **GCSE information session for Year 11 parents and carers on Tuesday 8th December from 6-7.30pm.**

On Wednesday, sixty Year 9 students took part in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) workshop run by the Smallpeice Trust. Girls interested in finding out more about engineering were invited to volunteer for this whole day workshop with a focus on creativity, problem solving and practical tasks. Photographs of this event will be in the next issue of the Bumper Greensheet.

Thursday is a very important date in our school calendar. We welcome dignitaries, including former student and governor, the Mayor of Walthamstow Waltham Forest Saima Mahmud, her consort, former student and UK youth delegate to the United Nations, Arifa Nasim,

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Rosalind Turner, Waltham Forest's Director of School Standards and Gillian Barker, Chair of WSFG Governing Body, all our former Year 11 students and their parents and carers, as well as current staff of the school to join with us in our Annual Presentation Evening. This is a wonderful celebratory event with the awarding of cups, trophies and certificates!

Year 7 students will be given a special treat on Friday; thirty girls have been selected to attend a Wheelchair Tennis 'experience' at the Olympic Park. They will take part in fun tennis activities and watch a game between two world-class wheelchair tennis athletes.

Also on Friday, seventeen girls from Years 9-11 will attend an important youth led workshop on the issue of FGM, hosted at a local school with input from a WSFG parent.



Finally, congratulations to another former WSFG student, Baroness Scotland QC, who has been appointed as the new Secretary-General of the Commonwealth. We wish her every success in her new and powerful role.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies

Year 11 Parents' Information Evening, Tuesday 8th 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)

Information for Parents / Carers and Students

The final day of the Autumn Term is Friday 18th December 2015

- ALL lessons 1 – 3 are as normal.
- At 12.25pm, students will go back to their form rooms to clear up and will be dismissed by SPLs and Leadership Team at approx 12.45pm.
- No student will be allowed to remain in school and the gates will be locked at 1.15pm
- There will be a normal break time offer in the canteen, but NO lunch provision.
- If you wish to order a packed lunch (FSM) please see Ms. King in G43 by Wednesday 16th December
- Friday 18th December will be a non-uniform day.
- The cost of wearing non-uniform will be **£1.00** and must be paid **IN ADVANCE** to Form Reps.
- The jewellery rules still apply on this day and lanyards must be worn.
- All proceeds will go towards the school Community Party for the elderly.

The first day of the Spring Term for students is Monday 4th January 2016

- All students are expected in full school uniform and to be in school by 8.45am as normal.
- The Focus of the Fortnight from 4th January will be on Uniform and Lanyards
- This will be a Week B.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!
Ms.K.H.Pratt / Assistant Headteacher.

Head lice Information for Parents / Carers

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been brought to my attention that a number of students in various year groups throughout the school have head lice at the present time. At school we are not entitled to make any head inspections, nor would we wish to, so the responsibility for treating head lice lies with parents / carers.

If you suspect your daughter has head lice, they must be treated systematically and the full instructions on the treatment lotion must be followed until she is completely clear. If some of the eggs remain, she will continue to have lice as they do breed quickly. The lice and eggs may take a number of treatment sessions to eradicate. The recommendation is that the whole family is treated at the same time as head lice are very easily passed on. Recommendations about the best lotions and treatments can be made by your chemist or pharmacist.

If your daughter does have head lice, and she is being treated for them, there is no reason to keep her away from school, but it would be useful for you to inform us so that we are aware.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Ms Pratt
Assistant Headteacher

Community Party 2015

Please note: **on the day of the Community Party, Tuesday 15th December 2105, students will be dismissed at 2.30pm.**

Only students who have volunteered to help with the party (and have parental permission to do so) will be allowed to stay on the premises.

Parents/carers who collect their daughters from school need to make arrangements to collect them at 2.30pm promptly. Permission letters for student helpers will be going out shortly.

Mrs Finamore

Focus of the Fortnight
30th Nov – 11th Dec 2015
Chewing

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight for 30th Nov – 11th Dec 2015 is on Chewing. All students are clear that chewing gum is a **banned item** and is therefore not allowed in school. If a student is found to be chewing on school premises, she will have her conduct card signed and will get an automatic one hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team.

Please support the school by ensuring your daughter does not bring chewing gum into school and please do not bring chewing gum into school yourself if you are visiting.

Thank you for your, continued support.

Ms. Pratt
Assistant Headteacher



All students are clear that chewing gum is a banned item and must not be brought into school.

Sanctions

If a student is caught chewing in school, she will have her conduct card signed and will get an automatic one hour detention.

Chewing gum is a banned item at WSFG.

Careers School Tour Opportunity – Years 8-11.

On Wednesday 9th December, upcoming singer and BBC's Waterloo Road actor Joe Slater, and Olympic Torchbearer and YouTuber, Hussain Manawa, are touring Waltham Forest Schools to talk about how they achieved their successes.

They will be visiting our school in the afternoon and will be running a one hour session with Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. This will include a performance by Joe Slater, talks by both Joe and Hussain, and a question time for our students. They will also be selling £1 charity wristbands for any students who are interested.

The sessions will run as follows:

P4 Year 9

P5 Year 8

3.40-4.40 Years 10 and 11.

Year 10 and 11 will be after school so as not to disrupt lessons at such a crucial time for them. There are 80 spaces for our Year 10 and 11 girls and students will be chosen by raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale all week for 50p and any money raised will go to their year group charities.

Many thanks,

Ms M Philippou

Interim Assistant Headteacher

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. We still need 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 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

**Calling all amateur photographers!
Brand New Photography Club for KS3
Every Wednesday Lunch, LRC.**

There will be many photography projects & competitions held, and exciting professional photographers will come in and talk to us about their photography profession.



If you want to join Photography Club, please write two-three sentences stating why you are a good candidate and why you want to join Photography Club and bring this to F48.

Please include a few samples of photos that you have taken. Available for KS3 students only.

P.S. Snacks are provided, but please eat your lunch at break or bring a sandwich to eat during the meetings.

Ismay and Alice 9F

Guest Speakers **Competitions!**

KS3 Photography Club

Snacks and Drinks **Photography Practicals and Possible Trips!**

**Come and join us at Wednesday Lunchtimes, from 12.30 to 1.10!
Bring your lunch with you!
Please write a couple of sentences about why you want to join and bring them to F48-Deadline is Tuesday (1st) Lunchtime next week!
See you there! Ismay & Alice**

The complex block features a vibrant rainbow background. At the top, the text 'Guest Speakers' and 'Competitions!' is written in a curved font. The main title 'KS3 Photography Club' is centered in large white letters. Below the title, there are several images: a plate of bread and drinks, a landscape photo of trees, a red Canon camera, a photo of white flowers, and a photo of a full moon. At the bottom, there are two more landscape photos flanking a central text box with details about the club's meeting times and application process.

Seasonal LRC

To celebrate the festive season, I have come up with the idea of a 'X Miss' Tree.

Portraits of former Headteachers have been put into key rings and hung from the branches.

The tools of their profession, glasses, pencils and rulers have also been used.

This has raised a few laughs from those who have seen it and created a 'Very Merry' spirit in the LRC.

Ms Kelly
LRC Manager



SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

Autumn Term 2015

End - Friday 18th December 2015

Thursday 10th December
Tuesday 15th December
Friday 18th December

Carol Service, St Mary's Church
Community Party, School, closed 2.30pm
Last day of term.
Details in this Newsletter

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

Spring Term 2016

Start - Monday 4th January 2016

End - Friday 24th March 2016

Our School History

We are very lucky to have such a wonderful environment to work and study in. Our building is maintained by staff, not necessarily seen during school hours, who ensure that our school is kept in excellent condition.

The 1946 edition of *Iris*, the school magazine, writes about the retirement of Mr and Mrs Hazell. Mr Hazell was the school caretaker and they both lived on site, in the Lodge. As you will see from the article, fundraising by selling cakes is not a new phenomenon at the school.

Ms Kelly
LRC

Extract from, School Magazine *The Iris*, 1946

Goodbye Mr & Mrs Hazell

Walthamstow High School seems to be suffering the many changes these days. Ever since I have been at the school I have taken pleasure in seeing Mr Hazell's neat figure, in its smart uniform standing at the front door on ceremonial occasions. And then, was there ever a caretaker who managed to keep such an immaculate school? We have been the envy of all visitors, and what a sigh of relief we gave when we came back from the far from immaculate conditions we had suffered during evacuation.

What would we have done without the kindly ministrations of Mrs Hazell? She was always the genie of the tea urns and the benevolent distributor of biscuits, to mention only two of her many activities on the school's behalf.

We deeply regret that Mr & Mrs Hazell are leaving us and feel that we are losing two very good friends.

Our good wishes for many very happy years of a more leisured existence go with them.

E R Jacob



Competition

Win a trip to the Royal Opera House



Twenty lucky girls have the chance to attend a matinée performance of Puccini's famous opera, *Tosca*, considered by many to be one of the greatest operas. This follows the visit to WSFG by the renowned Director of the Royal Opera House, Kasper Holten, last term.

- Research the opera's plot, the setting and the characters.
 - Write the story in your own words.
 - Why is it called a "tragic melodrama"?
- Write a few sentences saying why you want to visit the opera.
- Preferably typed (maximum 1 side of A4 paper).
- Remember to add your name and tutor group to your entry and return to Ms Davies via the front office.
Closing date Monday 14th December, 2015.

Good luck!

WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER: WOOD STREET FIRST'S FESTIVE FETE, ST GABRIEL'S CHURCH (SIDE HALL), HAVANT ROAD, E17 3JF, 12-4PM, FREE. As well as a wide range of stalls, there'll be a puppet show , refreshments and Father Christmas in his grotto! All welcome-see www.woodstreetfirst.org for more information.

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER: INKY CUTTLEFISH STUDIO'S WINTER WARMER, GNOME HOUSE, 7 BLACKHORSE LANE, E17 6DS, 7-10PM, FREE. Live music and other performances by local groups, plus art and seasonal refreshments. See: www.inkycuttlefish.com

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER: AUNTIE MAUREEN'S FESTIVE FOODA- FAIR, ORFORD HOUSE SOCIAL CLUB, ORFORD ROAD, E17 9QR, 11AM-5PM, £1 OR FREE FOR UNDER 15s. Delicious food and produce made by local experts, ideal for special occasions! Contact: ask@auntiemaureen.info for more information.

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER: WALTHAM FOREST SAMARITANS' CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR, ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH END, E17, 1.30-5.30PM, 50p. Support this important charity and enjoy craft and vintage stalls, refreshments, children's craft activities and more. Contact: samaritanswalthamforestfundraising@hotmail.com for more information.

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER: FOREST PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA'S WINTER CONCERT, WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JD, 6.30PM , TICKETS FROM £8. The programme includes: Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite and Shostakovich's Symphony Number 11. Contact: tickets@forestphilharmonic.org.uk to book. Pre concert talk at 6pm included.

TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER: VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AND CAROLS , VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17, 4.30-10PM, FREE. Enjoy an evening at the museum with craft stalls, Father Christmas' grotto (£3.50 per child) and seasonal refreshments, with communal carol singing organised by the Village Residents Association. Ring 0208 496 4391 for details.

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER: E17 DESIGNERS CHRISTMAS MARKET, COMMUNITY HUB (FORMERLY THE ASIAN CENTRE), ORFORD ROAD, E17, 2-30-6PM, £2, UNDER 16s FREE. Find the perfect present or treat made by local designers and artists, enjoy live music and delicious refreshments. Entry charge includes a raffle ticket and drink. See: www.e17designers.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER: CIVIC CAROL CONCERT, WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JF, 7-9PM, FREE. This popular annual concert features performances by young students of Waltham Forest Music Service and local schools. No booking required.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER: HAINAULT HANGOUT MECCANO EXHIBITION, HAINAULT BAPTIST CHURCH HALL, FRANKLYN GARDENS, IG6 2UT, 10-30am-5pm, £4, ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN FREE.

Meet the new 4 foot tall Meccanoid G15 walking, talking robot! Classic and modern models will be on display, with competitions and raffles. Nearest tube: Hainault.

TUESDAY- SUNDAY WEEKLY UNTIL SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY: CHRISTMAS PAST- 400 YEARS OF SEASONAL TRADITIONS IN ENGLISH HOMES, GEFTRYE MUSEUM , 136 KINGSLAND ROAD, E2 8EA, FREE. See how Christmas fashions have changed in these restored almshouses . Nearest tube: Old Street. See www.geffryemuseum.org for details. Closed on Bank Holidays over the Christmas and New Year period.

THE OPEN AIR ICE SKATING SEASON IS NOW OPEN AT VENUES ACROSS LONDON! Why not try this popular sport this winter at Canary Wharf, Westfield, Broadgate, Tower of London, Natural History Museum, Somerset House, Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park, Kew Gardens or Hampton Court? Prices and times vary- see : www.visitlondon.com/tag/ice-skating-london for full details.

TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER: CAROL CONCERT, CORONATION GARDENS, LEYTON HIGH ROAD, E10 5NG, 6.30-7.30PM, FREE. Sing along to favourite carols and seasonal song, and warm up with hot drinks and snacks. All welcome.

Christmas Toy Appeal:

Each year Walthamstow's Salvation Army collects and distributes presents for local children in genuine need who might otherwise go without Christmas presents.

Please drop off anything you can to;
Salvation Army - Forest Road, Hillyfield at the Park and the Hill, or Henry Maynard School.

Latest date 4th December.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore



CHRISTMAS concert

Thursday 17 December 2015 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Walthamstow E17 9RJ

London Forest Choir
Jonathan Rathbone conductor
Eleanor Grant soprano
Sylvan Ensemble

Carols old and new for
choir, orchestra and
audience

Tickets: £12 on the door or
£10 in advance from
020 8531 4837 or online at
www.londonforestchoir.org
Students and benefit recipients
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