



# GREENSHEET



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Week 'A'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Spring Term  
2016**

**End - Friday  
24th March 2016**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>  
January Staff  
Training Day:  
School closed to  
students**

**Thursday 4th  
February  
Year 11  
Parent/Carer  
Consultation  
Evening**

**Half Term  
Monday 15th  
to Friday 19th  
February**

**Thursday 3rd  
March  
Year 9  
Parent/Carer  
Consultation  
Evening**

**Thursday 17th  
March  
Year 8  
Parent/Carer  
Consultation  
Evening**

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we saw the publication of the national school league tables. You will have seen confirmation of the news I shared with you early in the Autumn term; once more our senior students did extremely well, and we have been delighted for them and their families, and very proud of the efforts of our staff.

If you have not yet seen these, follow the link below:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/schools/performance/group.pl?qttype=LA&no=320&superview=sec>

This year, there has been an added complexity for journalists covering this story, as there are now many more school measures to digest. Alas some have chosen to rank schools only simply according to the old measures, ie the 5+ A\*-C grades with English and Mathematics, which took no account of the ability of the examination cohort. Now school performance is assessed more fairly, through looking at the progress each individual student makes over the five years she (or he) has been in the secondary school. This is averaged out and shown as a figure either above the average of 1000, or below. Our progress measure, at 1041, is very high, indicating that, on average, girls attain almost half a grade higher at WSFG than they would in other schools.

However, on this particular measure, whilst amongst the highest, we are not actually the highest scoring school in the borough, even though our attainment measures (for 5+A\*-Cs, and EBacc) would say otherwise.

Over the past year, Waltham Forest secondary schools have been working closely together, sharing good practice and also analysing our examination results with a view to setting up a professional network based on collective support rather than competition.

Whilst proud of the achievements of the students in our respective schools, we also share in the success of other schools, such as in Ofsted inspections, for example.

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This is, in my view, a much more healthy approach to the necessary challenge there needs to be with regard to school improvement-there is never any excuse for complacency- as school ranking does nothing to support the fantastic achievements of Waltham Forest secondary schools, which we should all, collectively, celebrate!

Well done to our Year 11 students who impressed our visiting interviewers on Tuesday. The girls looked extremely mature and professional, and were almost unrecognisable in their business dress.

Finally, a reminder about our online survey which we would like you to complete. We are having a rethink about a number of important aspects of our school, including our student uniform and our logo. We are also in the process of constructing a new website. Staff and students are being consulted, we would also welcome your views. You can access the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TDFK7NQ>

Many thanks for your assistance with this.

Best wishes  
Meryl Davies

**Reminder:**  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January Staff Training Day: School closed to students**

### **Year 11 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

Dear Year 11 Parents and Carers

Your daughter will soon be making appointments with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress. Appointments are available **from 4.30 to 7pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

We encourage all Year 11 students and their parents / carers to attend this consultation evening to discuss their daughter's progress and strategies to help them achieve their full potential this year. It is **a crucial event** as your daughters will be starting their GCSE examinations soon.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Jean-Baptiste      Student Progress Leader, Year 11.

#### **English Revision Guides**

During this event you will be able to purchase three revision guides to cover the three key literature texts that your daughter has studied for the English Literature GCSE. The revision guides usually cost between £6-7 each.

We are selling all three as a pack for **£10**. This is very valuable learning resource for your daughter to accompany the work she has done in class and for homework.

English Faculty

## Rebranding Survey

Walthamstow School For Girls is consulting with our school community to gather your views on the rebranding project the governors have asked us to commission. We would value your opinions through a short survey and all responses will be automatically entered into our random prize draw for a £25 Love2Shop voucher.

The survey can be accessed by going to the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TDFK7NQ>

or via our website.

[www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

The initial ideas produced by the designer we are working with can also be viewed on our website. If you prefer to complete the survey on paper, please ask your daughter to collect a copy of the survey from Student Services.

Please do take part in the survey and encourage your daughters to complete the student survey which also has a prize of a £25 Love2Shop voucher for one lucky student!

The survey will remain open until **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February** and I will announce the winners of the prizes after February half-term.

Many thanks for your valued support,

Mr. Jalil  
Business Manager



Samples of WSFG Logo designs  
See website for further details

**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**NOT Eating and Drinking**  
**in the corridors and classrooms.**

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is on the students NOT eating and drinking in corridors and classrooms. All students are allowed in their Form Rooms at break and lunchtime but to ensure that good behaviour is maintained there is a clear Code they have to follow. This is displayed on the wall of each Form Room and Students are now familiar with it's contents. All students are expected to follow the Code and NOT eat or drink in their Form Rooms or in the school corridors. There are clear designated areas of the school where eating and drinking are allowed.

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

Ms. Pratt

Assistant Headteacher.



**Eating and Drinking is ONLY allowed**  
**in the dining areas (inside and out) and in the school grounds.**

**Sanctions to be applied.**

- If a student is found to be eating or drinking in banned areas of the school her conduct card will be signed.
- If a student is found to be eating or drinking in her Form Room at break or lunchtime, her conduct card will be signed and she will be banned from the room for 2 days. On one of the days she will be required to spend the lunchtime in the Duty Room.

## Breakfast Club Reminder

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

Please join us at breakfast club where you can socialise, take part in games and activities, read papers, complete homework and make friends.

All students are welcome to breakfast club everyday, but each year group are entitled to a **free** breakfast on the following days:

Year 7	Every day
Year 8	Tuesday
Year 9	Wednesday
Year 10	Thursday
Year 11	Friday



We look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Philipou

## Ski Trip 2016 Parents Meeting

This meeting is for students and their parents or carers, coming on the ski trip this Easter, so please put the date in your diary.

The meeting will take place in Norris Hall on **THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 at 6.00 p.m.**

You should have received a letter about this meeting, along with an information sheet that should be completed and brought with you to the meeting.  
See you there.

Mr Fowler.



## Enrichment Programme Spring 2016

Here are some of our clubs and support sessions to enjoy this term, a big thank you to the staff and students who volunteer to organise and run these activities.

Please encourage the girls to participate and display this leaflet at home.

Ms Philippou

Activity	When it runs	Room	The activity is run by	Year Groups
<b>Monday</b>				
String Group	11.00-11.30	W25	Ms Bowles	All who play a string instrument
Flute Group	11.00-11.30	W26	Ms Callomon	All who play flute
Pencil Club	12.45 - 13.15	F35	Ms Heath	All KS3
Year 7-10 Basketball	12.30-13.00	Sports Hall	Ms Warren	Y7-10
International Links Club	12.30-13.15 <b>Week A only</b>	F55	Ms Philippou, Ms King and Ms Dowling	By application only
Maths for Physics	12.30-13.00	G04	Ms Oshodi and Y11 volunteers	Y10
Tottenham Hotspur Football Coaching	15.30-16.30	Sports Hall / MUGA	Ms Wood	All
Steel Band Practice	Varies	W36	Mr Murphy	By audition only
<b>Tuesday</b>				
Reed Group (Clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone)	11.00-11.30	W25	Mr Davis	All who play a reed or double reed instrument
Latin Club	12.30-13.00	F55	Ms Famiglietti	All
Embroidery Club	12.30-13.15	F19/LRC	Ms Kelly	All
Y7&8 Football	12.30-13.00	MUGA	Ms Careless	Y7 & Y8
GCSE PE Trampoline Leaders	12.30-13.00	Sports Hall	Ms Warren	All
Trampoline Club	12.30-13.00	Sports Hall	Ms Wood	All
Manga Club	15.30-16.15	F19/LRC	Ms Kelly	All
Maths Support	15.30-16.30	F49	Maths Faculty	All
GCSE Art Support	15.30-16.30	F36	Ms Howie	GCSE Fine Art Students
Trampoline Club	15.30-16.30	Sports Hall	Ms Careless	All
National Theatre Connections Project	15.30-16.30	F11	Ms Cornford	Connections Group
Steel Band Practice	Varies	W36	Mr Murphy	By audition only
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Wii Fit Club	12.30-13.00	F55	Ms Famiglietti	All
KS3 French Club	12.30-13.15	F24	Ms Franchitti	All KS3 interested in help with home learning or extra-curricular language work

### Wednesday

KS3 Spanish Club	12.30-13.15	F25	Ms Gonzalez Velez	All KS3 interested in help with home learning or extra-curricular language work
Volleyball Club	12.30-13.00	Sports Hall	Ms Wood	Y9 & Y10
Urdu Club	12.40-13.10	F23	Ms Yousaf	Y8-Y11
Basketball Coaching	15.30-16.30	Sports Hall	Ms Wood	All
National Theatre Connections Project	15.30-16.30	F11	Ms Cornford	Connections Group
7 Drama Club (TIE Project)	15.40-16.40	G10	Ms Wallace	Y7
Steel Band Practice	Varies	W36	Mr Murphy	by audition only

### Thursday

Ribbon Club	12.25-13.20	G67	Ms Gerdellja & Ms Percil	All
Creative DT Club	12.25-13.15 <b>Week B only</b>	G52	Ms Healy & Mr Streader	All
Stressbuster Club	12.30-13.15	F19/LRC	Ms Kelly	All
Year 7 and 8 Netball	12.30-13.00	Sports Hall	Ms Careless	Y7 & Y8
Choir	15.30-16.45	W33	Mr Burstow & Mr Hitchman	All
William Morris Arts & Crafts Club	15.30-16.15	F19/LRC	Ms Kelly	All
KS4 French Club	15.30-16.30	F25	Ms Franchitti	All KS4 interested in help with home learning or extra-curricular language work
KS4 Spanish Club	15.30-16.30	F26	Ms Gonzalez Velez	All KS4 interested in help with home learning or extra-curricular language work
GCSE PE Practical	15.30-16.30	Sports Hall	Ms Warren	Year 11 GCSE PE students
Year 7&8 Football Matches	15.30-17.00	SCORE	Ms Wood & Ms Careless	Y7 & Y8

### Friday

Gardening Club	12.30-13.15	Allotment	Ms Dominique	All
Knitting Club	12.30-13.15	F19/LRC	Ms Guest	All
Badminton Club	12.30-13.10	Sports Hall	Ms Black	All
Compulsory GCSE Art Coursework Catch-up	15.30-16.30	F35	Ms Heath	All
Steel Band Practice	Varies	W36	Mr Murphy	By audition only

## GCSE Revision Conferences Year 10 Spanish/French

Last Monday and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 two revision conferences took place in Norris Hall involving the whole Spanish and French cohorts. This was a really exciting opportunity to enhance our learning in French and Spanish and to support our GCSE studies in all four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. There was also a chance to pick up really practical tips for improving our controlled assessment work. The conferences were a great success with students and we also welcomed students from other two other local schools namely Holy Family and Kelmscott.

Below are some reviews written by our students;

*"The Spanish Conference was really fun and informative. I feel that it has really helped me to expand my vocabulary and that I can now bring my level up. I liked the fact that we were given a booklet and that we could do activities in it and it was also very interactive."*

Salwa Aziz 10G

*"I found the conference very useful and worthwhile. It was really interactive and kept us engaged. I will definitely be using the booklet they gave us to help me in my controlled assessments."*

Amanah Ibrahim 10G

*"I believe that the conference was very engaging and has helped my work hugely, and I have noticed drastic improvements in my essays recently. It was a great experience to be able to learn about how to achieve higher grades, and how to easily go one grade up from your current grade. Overall, a really fabulous opportunity and a great experience."*

Isabella D'andrea 10C

*"I think the conference was extremely beneficial and I particularly liked the fact that he went into detail about the transition from each grade. The videos he showed us of a speaking exam was really helpful as you could see the difference from a Grade C piece of work and an A\* piece of work. The rules were easy to understand as they were straightforward and simple and it is something that could be applied to all of our writing and speaking exams."*

Umme Hoque 10C

Ms Griffin



## Our School History

Is there anything new in Fashion? Images of Flamingoes have been popping up everywhere this year and some people may believe that this is a new trend. Think again! I have found an article in the 1958 edition of the Iris school magazine which shows that they were also fashionable in the 1950's.

Ms Kelly LRC

### The New Wing

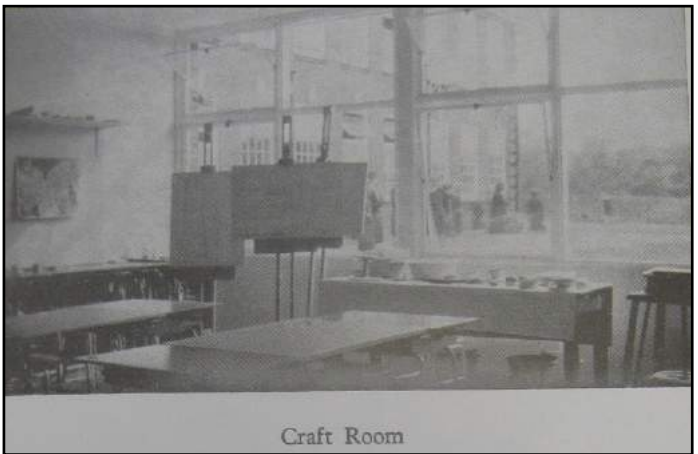
The Craft Room.

*Two terms ago the already undersized hockey pitch was invaded by two huts, a great many tools and a company of builders complete with surveyor and architect. This arrival was heralded with glee by girls who were not deeply interested in hockey.*

*It was rumoured that we were to have a new Craft room and changing rooms with showers! The men erected their huts first, naming one the "Den". The building was soon under way, although whenever I looked, the men were having a tea break. Slowly but surely the flat-roofed building was completed and with it came a new rule: "Please do not jump on the roof of the new wing for you are likely to go through." The painting of the doors and windows was watched with interest by staff and girls alike, such a variety of gay colours had never been seen before. The Craft room, with walls of daffodil yellow, was fitted with*

*contemporary style stools and tables and expensive equipment including a kiln and two potter's wheels which were destined to be the source of great enjoyment and not a little frustration in Craft lessons.*

*To hide the mound of paint and enamel dishes used to mix it, the shelves were hung with attractive curtains of black patterned with pink, green and turquoise flamingoes. There were also*



*cupboards with supposedly adjustable shelves. Mrs. Langton tried to adjust the latter but soon informed the architect that they would not work. "Of course they will," said the architect, gaily rolling up his sleeves to demonstrate. Two hours later, the perspiring architect admitted defeat.*

*The new wing has been a very welcome addition to the school, with its light airy rooms and pastel-coloured paintwork. Mrs. Langton is even resigned to having a red fire extinguisher next to a pink door. In fact, it is said that she has become attached to it.*

Eileen Franklin, Upper VI.

## Sainsbury's Active school vouchers

WSFG will be collecting Sainsbury's Active school vouchers. Please bring them into school and deposit them in the box which will be located outside Norris hall under the machine where you top up your one card.



P.E. Faculty

### FREE HALF TERM TRAINING IN PEER MENTORING AVAILABLE TO 14- 18 YEAR OLDS- APPLY NOW!

Are you interested in becoming a peer mentor/facilitator to work with a charity which campaigns against domestic violence and abusive relationships amongst young people?

TENDER Education is running an accredited course at Waltham Forest Community Hub, 18 A Orford Road, E17 9LN, **15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February (half term), 10am- 6pm.**

The closing date for applications is **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February**; contact; [Mary@tender.org.uk](mailto:Mary@tender.org.uk) for an application, or pick up a form from my office (WO2).

You must be 14 or over to be considered for this course.

Mrs Finamore  
Community Liaison Co-ordinator

### SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

#### Spring Term 2016

**Start** - Monday 4th January 2016

**End** - Thursday 24th March 2016

Thursday 4th February

Year 11 Parent, Carer Consultation  
Evening

Thursday 3rd March

Year 9 Parent, Carer Consultation  
Evening

Thursday 17th March

Year 8 Parent, Carer Consultation  
Evening

#### Holidays

Half Term - Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Easter Friday 25th March to Monday 8th April

## WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

### WALTHAMSTOW

#### **SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY: FAMILY DAY, WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY, FOREST ROAD, E17 4PP, 1-4PM, FREE.**

Join the artist in residence to create something special inspired by the gallery's collection. All materials supplied, drop in any time. Ring 0208 496 4390 or email: [wmg.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:wmg.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk)

#### **MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS WEEKLY: FREE TASTER SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING SESSIONS, AQUAVISION SWIMMING CLUB, WALTHAM FOREST COLLEGE SWIMMING POOL, WALTHAM FOREST COLLEGE, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JB 6-7PM.**

If you'd like to try synchronised swimming, ring 0208 370 1021 or email: [enquiries@aquavision.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@aquavision.org.uk) for more information.

### BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

#### **THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY: LONDON A CAPPELLA FESTIVAL, KING'S PLACE, 90 YORK WAY, NI 9AG, PERFORMANCE TIMES AND TICKET PRICES VARY.**

This popular annual festival celebrates the human voice, with performances from international beat boxers, choirs, jazz and country singers, plus workshops and talks. There's a special family day on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> for children 4- 11; older children and young people are welcome to join the main voice workshops.

See: <http://www.londonacapellafestival.com> or ring 0207 520 1440. Nearest tube: King's Cross.

#### **SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY: LOVE THE LEA CITIZEN SCIENCE TRAINING, WATERWORKS CENTRE, OFF LEA BRIDGE ROAD, E10 7QB, 9.45AM-3PM, FREE.**

Are you interested in the environment? If so, learn how to become a volunteer citizen scientist with Thames 21, to help improve the health of the River Lea, one of the most polluted rivers in the UK. You'll be trained to monitor water quality etc by experts. Contact Barnaby Trasker on 07779 292 106 or email:

[citizen.science.riverlea@thames21.org.uk](mailto:citizen.science.riverlea@thames21.org.uk) Buses: 56 and 48 stop nearby.

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