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10th March 2016

Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Spring Term
2016

End-

** Thursday

24th March

End of Term

school finishes
at 3.30pm**

Thursday 17th
March

Year 8

Parent/Carer

Consultation

Evening

Easter Holiday

Friday 25th

March to

Friday - 8th

April inclusive

Summer Term

2016 Start -

Monday 11th

April 2016

End - Friday

15th July 2016

Tuesday 3rd

May to Friday

6th May

Year 9

Examinations

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week's International Women's Day Celebrations were very successful - look out for pictures in our next Bumper Greensheet. We also hosted a Feminist Boot Camp on Saturday with Stella Creasy.



Congratulations to Robin Fitzgerald in Year 7 and her mum who won the cake prize.

As we know cakes have had an important political role over the ages!

On Thursday we celebrate Walthamstow's equivalent of the Oscars at our film awards night at Willowfield School. Twenty Year 8 students have worked with a film company to write and film the girls' own productions. Students, parents, carers and guests of honour will be treated to the film premières which will showcase the film making talent of our local secondary and primary schools.

Thursday is an extremely busy day for us. We are very pleased to have our governors in school all day. They will be visiting the Leadership Team assembly and their link Faculties, and experiencing some of the extracurricular clubs on offer at lunchtime. They will meet students and staff involved in our LGBT work. They will receive training from the Waltham Forest Prevent Co-ordinator and one of the LA School Effectiveness Advisors on the new Ofsted framework amongst other things.

On the same day, we are running an *Art in the Underground* workshop, for which we won a competition. Also, twenty Year 9s will be putting together our *BBC School News Report*. This should start to go live from 2pm – so watch out for that on the BBC and WSFG website. We are also launching our student Boxercise class at lunchtime - and hosting an external film crew who will be filming an interview for the Queen!

It is a rare occasion when I have to raise an issue with you. However, it seems that these days, we are more frequently having to deal with incidents which have occurred following weekend or evening exchanges on social media, such as *Snapchat*, between members of the school community, or with students from other schools, or, for instance, disagreements with others in the local McDonalds' cafe. On one occasion recently, this led to a small minority of girls engaging in poor behaviour with students from other schools in front of members of the public in the centre of Walthamstow. Whilst WSFG students were not the culprits, this behaviour brought shame on the school and our girls' families. Please support us by ensuring the following:

- ◆ Monitoring your daughter's use of social media, especially if you suspect it is used to cause offence to others (please refer to our internet usage policy, discussed when your daughter started at WSFG).
- ◆ Ensure that you know where your daughter is at the end of the day. A number of girls appear to be wandering unsupervised around Walthamstow Central rather than going straight home after school. At the end of the school day your daughter becomes your responsibility and is no longer ours. Please note that we run supervised ICT rooms after school which are open for private study as part of our extended provision.

Best wishes
Meryl Davies

Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 17th March 2016 4.30 to 7pm.

Dear Parent/Carers,

Your daughter will have made appointments with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress **from 4.30 to 7pm.**

We encourage all Year 8 students and **their parents/carers or a family member** to attend this consultation evening to discuss their daughter's progress and strategies to help them achieve their full potential at Walthamstow School for Girls.

It is a **crucial event** as it is your daughter's only parents' evening this year.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ms Desbenoit
Student Progress Leader, Year 8.

Year 8 E-Safety Sessions
Thursday 17th March 2016 4.30 to 6.30pm.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are running multiple E-safety sessions on Thursday 17th March 2016 during the Year 8 parents evening.

These sessions are only going to be **10 minutes** long and will run between **4.30pm and 6.30pm**, feel free to drop in while you are waiting for your next appointment.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mr Ramlagan
ICT Manager

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

Spring Term 2016

End - Thursday 24th March 2016

Thursday 17th March

Year 8 Parent/Carer Consultation
Evening

Thursday 24th March

End of Term school finishes at 3.30pm

Easter Holiday

Friday 25th March to Friday 8th April

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

Tuesday 3rd—Friday 6th May

Year 9 Examinations

Monday 16th May

Year 11 Written Examinations begin

Half Term - Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Friday 24th June

Year 11 Leavers Day

Monday 27th June

Year 11 Written Examinations end

Thursday 30th June

Year 7 Parent/Carer Consultation
Evening

Monday 4th -Wednesday 13th July

Year 10 Work Experience

Cashless Catering at Walthamstow School for Girls

Dear Parents/Carers

We have noticed in the last few weeks an increased number of students requesting a loan to pay for their lunch. The school runs a one card system similar to an Oyster card whereby the student tops up with the amount of money she requires in order to pay for her school meals. She takes her card to the till and places it on the card reader.

The card can be topped up by a cheque made payable to “**Olive Dining Ltd**” which should be placed in the box in the Dining Hall before **8.45am** each day, or by cash by using the cash-loader machine in the student entrance or Dining Hall before **8.45am**, at **breaktime, lunchtime** or after **3.30pm**. All cheques will be loaded by Olive Dining before morning break. Any top-ups made via the cash-loader machine will show instantly on the account. The school will automatically put a **£5** daily limit (inc. free school meal allowance) on the card.

If a student forgets her card she will be given an automatic detention. She will need to go to **Student Services** for a slip and then join the back of the queue. She then gives the slip in at the till and the balance will be debited manually. The card will be automatically updated when it is next used. Students should not go to the till unless they have a card or a slip, as **the tills do not take cash**.

If a student loses her card she will have to go to Student Services where she will be issued with a temporary card. A new card will be ordered which she will be charged for. The balance on the account will transfer to the new card. **Credit options are not offered so it is important that students keep their card topped up.**

Create an account and register with sQuid simple to set up, simple to use

To register with sQuid, create an account and enter your own unique sQuid registration number (16 digits long) and a 3 digit security code. 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 payments 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 school's website for further details:

www.wsfq.waltham.sch.uk

Ms Jolliffe
Student Services

Focus of the Fortnight
7th – 18th March 2016
The Focus - Banned Items

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see page 5 of your daughter's planner for clarification of the items that are banned at WSFG. See also the list below. If a student is found to have a banned item in school, it will be confiscated and her conduct card will be signed. If and when appropriate, parents/carers will be contacted and will be asked to collect the item. **PLEASE NOTE** - if your daughter has her mobile phone confiscated, she is **NOT** automatically entitled to have it back the next day. The school rule is that the phone will be returned to the parent/carer the week before the next school holiday. Parents/carers will receive a letter asking them to collect the mobile phone from the school office on a given date. If parents/carers wish to speak with the school about the confiscation of a mobile phone, please telephone the school and ask for Ms. Pratt. Please do **NOT** come into school and ask for the phone to be returned unless an arrangement has been made with Ms. Pratt for its collection. We do have arrangements for mobile phones to be handed in at the office at 8.30am. for safekeeping during the school day as they are **NOT** allowed to be carried in school from 8.45am – 3.30pm.

In order to support your daughter and the school with this Focus, please ensure she is clear about the banned items at WSFG.

Ms. K.H.Pratt
Assistant Headteacher



Sanctions to be applied:

- If a student is found to have a banned item in school, it will be confiscated and the conduct card will be signed. If and when appropriate, parents/carers will be contacted and will be asked to collect the item.
- If the item is dangerous, further sanctions will be taken according to the School Positive Behaviour for Learning Policy.
- Banned items are as follows:- Illegal items, dangerous items, mobile phones, all electrical items, chewing gum, aerosols, liquid paper, glass bottles and non-uniform items. See page 5 of the Student Planner.

Attendance League for February 2016



Well done to 7C, 8C, 9W, 10S and 11H for being February winners.

Year to date winners are 7F, 8G, 9W, 10S and 11G, with the Year 10 tutor groups being closer than ever.

New pin badges and termly prizes are just a few weeks away.

Our attendance pin badges are allowed to be worn on lanyards.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager

Year 7 & Year 8 Accelerated Readers

Well done to all those students who have taken AR quizzes, below are the number of words read and quizzes taken over the last fortnight;

Form	Quizzes	Words Read
7W	164	7248961
7S	146	5,660,460
7F	342	14,459,094
7G	178	6,040,638
7C	260	11,904,148
7H	431	21,580,533

Form	Quizzes	Words Read
8W	278	15,169,697
8S	182	6,506,619
8F	312	16,865,459
8G	194	9,294,848
8C	209	8,451,600
8H	182	8,934,419

Ms Kelly & Mrs Guest
LRC

BBC School News Report 10th March 2016

We are very honoured at WSFG to be taking part in the BBC School News Report on their tenth anniversary.

On March 10th a number of Year 9 students and I are turning part of school into news headquarters and working on completing a number of written and video reports on issues that are important to the student body at WSFG.

We will also be taking part in Weather Watchers and producing reports on topics such as the EU referendum and International Women's Day.

Please take a look at our website on March 10th at around 2-4pm to see our report!

Thank you,

Miss Wilkins



Year 8 MyBnk Back My Business – Successful teams

Congratulations to the following successful Year 8 teams from the MyBnk 'Back My Business' Workshop last week.

They will be preparing for the 'Back My Business Fair' at lunchtime on the 23rd March.



Many thanks,
Ms Philippou

8F

*Sasha Kane
Seren Macklin
Fizzah Kurshid
Firdaous Attioui
Maria H'Maidi*

8S

*Rashidah Khatun
Sara Mahmood
Uswa Shahid
Aleena Shahid
Kowsar Nur
Jessie Loky*

8H

*Cara Consiglio
Akasha Daley
Noeka Bradley
Eve Terry O'Neill
Cressida Siddall-Richards*

8G

*Faiza Areej
Fatimah Teladia
Piriya Selvaratnam
Muskan Iftexhar
Naeema Sharif*

8G

*Anna Morate
Maddy Hilton
Kate Lucas
Mia Glanvill*



International Women's Day 2016

Our whole school community celebrated IWD on Friday 4th March and to keep **celebrating women's rights and gender equality**, here is a wonderful poem written by one of my Year 8 students
Amina Asim 8W:



**International
Women's Day**

International Women's Day Poem 2016

We have more than just a pretty face,
We have the brain of any man,
We will fight if that's the case,
Just to prove that we can.

For ages we've been fighting for our say,
You've given us the vote but we want more.
We won't stop fighting until the day...
That gender equality is part of the world law.

No longer shall our voices go unheard,
We will step up for equality,
No longer are we flightless birds,
We want the world to see.

We're all human and we have our rights,
We're part of one big family,
We won't go down without a fight,
Without us you're a weak community.

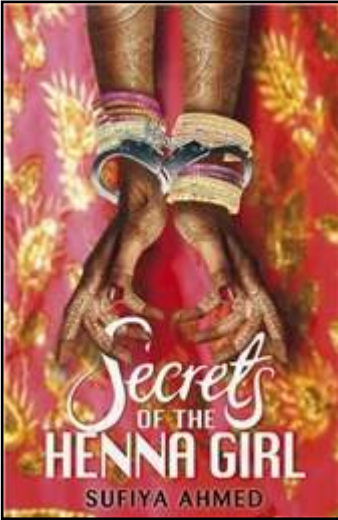
**STEP UP FOR EQUALITY
STEP UP FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

By *Amina Asim, 8W.*

Happy International Women's Day 2016!

Ms Desbenoit.
Diversity Co-ordinator

**Celebrating International Women's Day with
Sufiya Ahmed,
Author of
Secrets of the Henna Girl**



On Friday 4th March, Sufiya Ahmed helped us celebrate by talking to our students about her career, what inspires and influences her writing and the process of publishing a book. She encouraged students to start writing their own stories and to follow their dreams.

During the day she also took an Accelerated Reading quiz on her own book, getting a 100% pass rate. She can be seen here, the proud owner of a 100% quizzer pencil! At lunchtime she hosted a book signing session in the LRC and students were able to buy a signed copy of her book.

Sixteen-year-old Zeba Khan has just finished school and with the summer holidays ahead, the world is her oyster: looking forward to her exam results, hanging out with her best friend Susan and dreaming of the day she'll meet her one true love. Except her parents have other plans.

In Pakistan for the summer, Zeba soon realises she's thousands of miles from the life she left tucked away in England's Yorkshire hills, as her future is threatened by the unthinkable - and forced - duty to protect her father's honour.

Signed copies of her book can be ordered at a reduced price of **£5**. Students should bring their money to the **LRC by Monday 14th March**.

Ms Kelly
LRC

National Theatre
connections

50p



Take Away

by Jackie Kay

Photography: Richard Dwyer; Design: Helen and Thomas Creative Design Ltd. Ltd.

Walthamstow School for Girls

Tuesday 22nd March 7pm G10

Ticket price - £2

Buy tickets from Performing Arts Office



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Anna Kennedy Online forging a path to autism awareness

AKO AUTISM DAY CHIGWELL

19 APRIL 2016

Agenda



- 10.30 - Registration
- 11.15.30 - Introduction by Anna Kennedy OBE
- 11.30-12.30 - Talk by Sean Kennedy, Legal
- 12.30-1pm - LUNCH
- 1.2pm - Talk by Austin Hughes, Behaviour



- 2pm-2.30pm - Questions
- Tickets are £10 for a parent and £15 for a professional and lunch is included.
Free car parking also available at venue.



Venue
Grange Farm Lane
(off High Rd)
Chigwell IG7 6DP



Contact Lisa Robins at
lisa.robins@thevines.org.uk or
call on 01895 60736

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WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

THURSDAY 10TH MARCH: MUSIC IN THE VILLAGE PRESENT TREVOR PINNOCK, HARPSICHORDIST, ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH END, E17 9RJ, 7.30PM, £6.50 CONCESSIONS, £13 ADULTS. World renowned Trevor Pinnock will be playing music for the harpsichord by Handel, Couperin, Bach and others- all music lovers welcome. Ring 0208 223 0772 to book, or buy at the door from 7pm.

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH: CRAFT FAIR WITH E17 DESIGNERS, VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17 9NH, 11AM-4PM, £1 SUGGESTED DONATION. Enjoy a wide range of craft stalls, pop up tea room and vintage music in the museum's galleries. Ring 0208 496 4391 for details.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH: FAMILY PHOTO SHOOT, VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17 9NH, 1.30-4PM, FREE, JUST DROP IN. Inspired by the current exhibition of Victorian photographer Alfred Wire's photographs of local people and places, a Victorian photographer's studio has been recreated to take sepia portraits of modern families. Ring 0208 496 4391 for details.

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH: CRAFT MARKET AND DOG SHOW, THE NORTHCOTE, 110 GROVE GREEN ROAD, LEYTONSTONE E11 4EL, 12-5PM (CRAFTS), 1.30-3.30PM (DOG SHOW), FREE. Do you own a talented dog? If so, why not enter the Northcote Krufts Dog Show! Categories include agility, tricks and character; advance registration essential on 0208 518 7516. The craft market will include stylish items for adults, children and dogs! See www.thenorthcotee11.com for more information. Nearest tube: Leytonstone.

SUNDAY 13TH MARCH: ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL, TRAFALGAR SQUARE, WC2N 5DS, 12-6PM, FREE. Celebrate Irish culture with a colourful parade from Green Park to Whitehall, followed by a festival in Trafalgar Square with live music, dance, food market, film, comedy and more for all ages. See <http://www.london.gov.uk> for details. Nearest tubes: Leicester Square/Charing Cross.

WEDNESDAY 16TH AND THURSDAY 17TH MARCH: WALTHAM FOREST FESTIVAL OF THEATRE, CHINGFORD ASSEMBLY HALL, STATION ROAD, E4 7EN, 7.30 PM, £8. This competitive festival is part of the All England Theatre Festival for local drama groups; see www.wffot.co.uk for programme details. Book tickets on 07860 716295 or buy at the door. Nearest station: Chingford.

UNTIL 31ST JULY: UNSEEN CITY-PHOTOGRAPHS OF LONDON BY MARTIN PARR, GUILDHALL ART GALLERY, GUILDHALL YARD, OFF GRESHAM STREET, EC2P 2EJ, Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm, Sundays 12-4pm, adults £5, UNDER 16S FREE. Martin Parr spent 2 years taking behind the scenes photographs of traditional and modern events in the City of London, including the Lord Mayor's Show and spectacular banquets. Ring 0207 332 3700 for details. Nearest tube: Chancery Lane.

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore