



GREENSHEET



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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Spring Term
2016**

**End - Friday
24th March 2016**

**Thursday 17th
March**

Year 8
Parent/Carer
Consultation
Evening

**Thursday 24th
March**

**School finishes
at 3.30pm**

**Easter Holiday
Friday 25th
March to
Friday - 8th
April inclusive**

**Summer Term
2016 Start -**

Monday 11th
April 2016

**End - Friday
15th July 2016**

**Monday 16th
May** Year 11

Written
Examinations
begin

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Year 8 film makers who won two Oscars at last week's CENLIG film night and award ceremony! Both teams' films powerfully portrayed the complexities of friendship issues. Our school was complimented by the producer for 'always coming up with clever ideas'. One team won the award for 'best original idea', whilst the other took the award for 'best acting'. Everyone at the ceremony agreed that the standard of the films from both the secondary and primary schools is improving year on year.

Over the weekend, until Monday evening, Year 11 GCSE PE students stayed near Skipton, North Yorkshire. This trip formed an important part of their GCSE practical examination and the girls were assessed on their rock climbing and orienteering skills, amongst others. We are grateful to Ms Wood and Ms Warren who gave their time to accompany the trip. Fortunately, they had glorious weather.

As part of Science, Technology and Engineering (STEM) week, Ms Healy took a group of Year 7 students to go behind the scenes at the Royal Mail at Mount Pleasant. They learned about advanced automation systems and worked with Royal Mail engineers. The girls also sent themselves a surprise envelope to school! Three girls from Year 8 and three from Year 9 won places in the WSFG team which took part on Tuesday in the Regional Finals of the Team Maths Challenge. They came 11th out of the large number of state and independent schools competing. Well done and many congratulations to:

Emily Ford, Hafsa Ahmad, Katrin Ahven, Noeka Bradley, Kate Lucas and Anna Morate.

Contd.

And thank you to Ms Hafiz for accompanying them. Still on the STEM theme, thirty Year 9s attended the *Maths in Action* show at the Institute of Education. They heard from excellent speakers and mathematicians who covered the application and wonder of mathematics, looking at a range of topics from Pascal's triangle to the mathematics of juggling. Thank you to Mr Salmon for organising that trip.

The Drama department has again been exceptionally busy this week, taking all the students in Year 7 to performances at the Unicorn Theatre over three days. This involved many staff, both in school covering teachers, and on the trip with the girls and all of whom have been thanked by Ms Cornford who is co-ordinating all this.

Finally, as you know from last week's Greensheet, the school governors spent a day at WSFG on Thursday as part of their training. One of the activities they joined in was the lunchtime boxfit club. Little did we know that two of them, Ms Ifasawo and Mr Phelps, are both avid boxers, so could not resist a bit of sparring themselves!

Best wishes
Meryl Davies



Lost Property

Students are reminded that you can collect lost property at **3.30pm** every day. Parents and carers may also collect lost property **any day after school**.

A reminder to parents and carers that if your daughter's clothing has her name and form marked in it, it can be returned to you more easily.

The lost property box will be emptied over the Easter holiday. Please remind your daughter, if she has lost anything in school, to check the box regularly.



Ms Jolliffe
Student Services

Information for Parents / Carers and Students

The final day of Spring Term is Thursday 24th March 2016

- ALL lessons 1 –5 are as normal.
- No student will be allowed to remain in school and the gates will be locked at 4.00pm.
- There will be a normal breaktime and lunchtime offer in the dining hall.
- Thursday 24th March 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 from the non-uniform will go towards the Year Group chosen charity.

The first day of the Summer Term for students is Monday 11th April 2016

- All students are expected in **FULL** school uniform and to be in school at the correct time for their Year Group.
- The Focus of the Fortnight from 11th April will be on Uniform and Lanyards.
- This will be a Week A.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Ms.K.H.Pratt

Assistant Headteacher.

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

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Evening

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

Monday 16th May

Year 11 Written Examinations begin

Monday 6th - Friday 17th June

Key Stage 3 Examinations fortnight

Monday 20th June - Friday 1st July

Year 10 Examinations

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

Sainsbury's Active school vouchers

WSFG is once again collecting Sainsbury's Active school vouchers, until **May 3rd 2016**.

Students can bring them into school and deposit them in the box located outside Norris Hall under the machine where you top up your one card. The more we have the more sports equipment we can purchase



P.E. Faculty

Performing Arts Extra Curricular Timetable

DAY	BREAK TIME 11:00am- 11:30am	LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm	AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-4:30pm
Monday	String Group W25 Flute Group W35	GCSE Theory (Ms Warren) G04 Keep Fit Club (Ms Famiglietti) SH	Yr 7-11 Tottenham Football Coaching (Ms Wood) Sports Hall/ MUGA
Tuesday	Reed Group W25 (clarinets, oboes, bassoons, saxaphones)	GCSE PE Trampoline Leaders (Ms Warren) Trampoline Club (Ms Wood) SH National Theatre Connections Project (Ms Cornford) F11	Trampoline Club (Ms Careless) SH Roller Skating Club SH Year 7 Netball matches (MUGA)
Wednesday		Table Tennis Club (Ms Wood) SH Will Fit Club (MS Famiglietti)F55	TIE Project (Ms Wallace) G10 National Theatre Connections Project (Ms Cornford) F11 Year 7-11 Basketball coach- ing (Ms Wood) SH Year 8 Netball Matches (Holy Family)
Thursday		Yr 7and 8 Netball (Ms Careless) SH Boxing club SH	GCSE PE Practical (Ms Warren) SH Choir (3.30pm-4.45pm) W33
Friday		Badminton (Ms Black) SH	



CENLIG Film Night WSFG at the Oscars

Last week we celebrated 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.

The students involved were:

Lizzie Humphries 8C
Leah Spence 8C
Isobel Phelps 8C
Emily Roberts 8C

Firdaous Attioui 8F
Seren Jin-Yung Macklin 8F
Raahil Amidu 8F
Sasha Kane 8F
Annie Brown 8F



Piriya Selvaratnam 8G
Anna Morate Bishop 8G
Maddy Hilton 8G
Kate Lucas 8G

Cara Consiglio 8H
Eve Terry Oneill 8H

Laila Boaten-Rolfe 8S
Lily Rees 8S

Safa Ahmed 8W
Gracie Sian Evans 8W



Some of our film makers with
the Mayor Saima Mahmud

BBC School News Report 2016

11th of March, was the annual BBC School News Report day. This is an annual event and involves over 1,000 schools around the country. The purpose is for students to have a say on the news issues that concern them; they get to have a voice. It also teaches students essential skills for any type of work, such as: managing deadlines, researching facts on a subject and evaluating whether sources are reliable. Fifteen Year 9 students took part. The day was a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyable.

We started the day at 8:45am. with an editor's breakfast of croissants and fruit to help our creativity. We read and discussed the day's news and decided what stories we would like to cover. The burning issues were feminism, Donald Trump and the doctor's strike. Some of these stories were included in a 60 second news video report. Others began to work on stories and videos that had been filmed prior to the day. These included interviews by former student Arifa Nasim and opinions on Donald Trump. Arifa kindly came into school one afternoon to conduct an interview with our BBC Report students and they were inspired by her knowledge and dedication to eradicate FGM and forced marriage. They were given a 1pm deadline, so they had to prioritise their workload in order to finish on time.

The tension was mounting as the deadline loomed nearer, but by working hard as a team it provided some relief to the pressures of the day. Once lunchtime began we were working hard to reach our deadline, but we thoroughly enjoyed our visit from the governors.

Once lunchtime was over the pressure was really on, however the girls managed to stay cool and collected and were putting the finishing touches to their work. Now it was time to upload all our hard work onto the school website, which went without a technological hitch! I am extremely proud of the dedication and hard work the students put in. Please share my appreciation of their work by reading and watching what we produced, please go to <http://www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk/bbc-school-news-report>

Miss Wilkins



Challenge News

Trip to the University of Cambridge

Here is a taster of a few comments from students who visited the University of Cambridge on 8th March. Look out for a more detailed report in the Bumper edition of the greensheet.

For further enriching educational opportunities, please see the daily bulletin.

Meanwhile, to enhance your chances of standing out from the crowd at college/university interviews, believe in yourself, work hard and start watching TED talks.

Ms Robinson
Challenge Coordinator

I learnt about the way the university works, which was really interesting. I also learnt about the importance of independent revision and developing those skills from now. I will be applying in the future.

Ameera Waseem I1H

I am definitely considering applying for Cambridge after this visit. Prior to the trip, I had assumed that Cambridge may not be able to cater for students like me but now I know that it most certainly is. The whole experience was more than welcoming and a huge inspiration.

Hamnah Shakeel I1S



I learnt that even though you may not have many lectures, you still have to study a lot in your free time. It was really inspiring to find that if you don't go to a private school and if you don't get the best GCSE grades, you can still get in. I will be applying.

Dinusha Kulathas I1F

The trip to Cambridge University was a truly amazing opportunity and made me believe that it is possible for me to study there in the future. I met many new and interesting people, learnt about the course that I wish to study and about university life. I absolutely loved the experience and hope that this will be continued in future years. It was an amazing opportunity.

Ola Budd I1G

WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH: LOVE THE LEA- SPECIAL LATE EVENT AT VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17 9NH, 6.30-10PM, FREE, ALL AGES WELCOME. Enjoy an evening of live entertainment and activities (music, poetry, talks and crafts) to celebrate our local river.

Ring 0208 849 4391 for more information, or visit: www.thames21.org.uk/lovethelea

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH: FRIENDS OF HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL TABLE TOP SALE, WALTHAMSTOW HOUSE SITE, 1 SHERNHALL STREET, E17 3EA, 10AM-1PM, ENTRANCE 50P ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE. Bargains galore, plus homemade refreshments. Ring 0208 520 0482 to book a stall (£10 in advance).

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH: STOW KIDS' FILM LOUNGE PRESENTS: BACK TO THE FUTURE (1985,PG), VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VESTRY ROAD, E17 9NH, 11AM-1.30PM, £5.50 CHILD, £4 ACCOMPANYING ADULTS. Don't miss the chance to see this classic film! Book through: www.stowfilmlounge.com or call in to the museum in person.

The Easter holidays are approaching, so plan ahead and find out what's on offer for 11-16 year olds: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/cypd
Many activities eg sports and outdoor pursuits are free!

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 19TH AND SUNDAY 20TH MARCH: WOMEN MAKING WAVES FESTIVAL, NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM, ROMSEY ROAD, GREENWICH, SE10 9NF, 11AM-4PM, FREE. This festival explores the different roles women have played in Britain's maritime history with talks, children's activities, tours and workshops for all ages. See www.rmg.co.uk or ring 0208 858 4422 for details. Nearest station: Cutty Sark DLR.

SATURDAY 19TH AND SUNDAY 20TH MARCH: MOVE IT DANCE FESTIVAL, EXCEL CENTRE, ONE WESTERN GATEWAY, ROYAL VICTORIA DOCK, E16 1XL
10AM-6PM SATURDAY, 10AM-5PM SUNDAY,
£11.50 (ADVANCE) CHILDREN, £15.50 (ADVANCE) ADULTS.
250 dance classes, live performances, stalls, information about careers in dance, celebrity appearances and more, covering all types of dance from ballet to street dance. See: <http://www.moveitdance.co.uk> .
Nearest stations: Custom House or Prince Regent DLR.

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH: REBELLIOUS WOMEN OF THE EAST END: TALKS AND EXHIBITION, TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY, 277 BANCROFT ROAD, E1 4DQ, 2-4PM, FREE, NO BOOKING REQUIRED. The East End was the setting of the Match Girls' Strike in 1888 which was a turning point for working women; many influential women in the women's suffrage movement were also East Enders. The Wallpaper History exhibition (open until Saturday 7th May, Monday- Friday 9am- 5pm and the first and 3rd Saturday each month) explores the strike and its influence on local women. Ring 0207 364 1290 or visit: www.ideastore.co.uk for details. Nearest tube: Stepney Green.

BOOK NOW FOR FREE CYCLE TRAINING IN LEYTON E10 THIS EASTER HOLIDAY! Cycle Confident will be running free cycle training (beginners and intermediate) for children and adults at Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, E10 from 29th March-1st April, and at Drapers Field, Leyton from 4th- 10th April. Booking essential: www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/get-involved/cycle-training Bicycles and helmets are available to borrow, so why not give cycling a go?

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore



Match Girls

National Theatre
connections

300



Take Away

by Jackie Kay

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Walthamstow School for Girls

Tuesday 22nd March 7pm G10

Ticket price - £2

Buy tickets from Performing Arts Office



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AKO AUTISM DAY CHIGWELL

19 APRIL 2016

Agenda

10.30 - Registration

11-11.30 - 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



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