



# GREENSHEET



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24th March 2016

Week 'B'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Spring Term 2016**

**End - Friday**  
24th March 2016

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Spring term and look forward to a well-earned rest and some time together with our families, it is hard not to be affected by recent events in Belgium, Turkey and Mali, only months after the atrocities in Paris last November. These are difficult times indeed for our young people to experience as they reach adulthood. It is frequently said, by older generations, that young people have never had it so good, but is this really the case?

My Leadership Assemblies last week focused on the work of economist Professor Noreena Hertz who interviewed 2000 young people born between 1995 and 2002. She named this group *Generation K* after Katniss Everdeen, the female protagonist in *The Hunger Games*. She found that their world views differed greatly from those of previous generations, as well as their behaviours.

For example, these teenagers are living under the constant threat of terrorism. Many of our students and staff also speak of the fear of Islamophobia in their local communities. These girls are growing up in a time of global recession with a hugely decreased chance of finding security in the workplace, unlike the lucky baby boomers of my generation. Those that find work may experience unpaid internships before being fortunate to become salaried. Some may be fortunate to secure apprenticeships, whilst others face £30,000 debt after university. Then there is housing. Last Tuesday's *Guardian* reported that having a child whilst in rented accommodation has become unaffordable for young families in two-thirds of the UK. This generation of teenagers are also experiencing an erosion into their privacy in this digital age and are obsessed with smart phone technology-with all the problems that can bring.

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If that was not gloomy enough, our teenagers are extremely anxious. In England, there has been a threefold increase during the past 10 years in the number of teenagers who self-harm.

However, as we know, they have many exceptional qualities, perhaps unlike older generations. For example, they want honest engagement in campaigns fighting for social justice, they are a generation of creatives who enjoy coding, knitting or producing. And they place great value on the family and human relationships. Above all, they have an overwhelming desire to be 'unique'.

Whilst they certainly have a lot to contend with, one thing is certain, it is their human values and sense of social justice, which are celebrated at VWSFG, and which will ensure that this next generation will thrive and be a force for good in our society. If you are interested in reading more about *Generation K*, co-incidentally there was a full report in Saturday's *Guardian*.



See the link below:

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/mar/19/think-millennials-have-it-tough-for-generation-k-life-is-even-harsher>

Have a wonderful, safe holiday, and thank you for your continued support this term.

Best wishes  
Meryl Davies

## GCSE WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS 16<sup>th</sup> May until 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Just a reminder that after the Easter holiday there will only be **five weeks** until the start of the Summer GCSE Written Examinations. Students have now all received copies of their individual Examination Timetables and should have returned their signed Examination Contracts to Student Services.

It is important to remember that these examinations cannot be taken at another time so attendance is crucial.

Students will receive a copy of our 2016 Examination Student Instructions and Information Booklet when they return after Easter which details everything they need to know about their examinations, if there are any queries, I can be contacted on extension 441 in room F58.

Many thanks.

Mrs Brickett  
Examinations and Assessment Manager

## Information for Parents / Carers and Students

### The final day of Spring Term is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

- ALL lessons 1 –5 are as normal. School finishes at 3.30pm.
- 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016

- All students are expected in **FULL** school uniform and to be in school at the normal time.
- The Focus of the Fortnight from 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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

## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

### Spring Term 2016

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**Easter Holiday**

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### 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

Monday 16th May

Year 11 Written Examinations begin

Monday 6th - Friday 17th June

Key Stage 3 Examinations fortnight

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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  
Summer Term 2016**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>BREAK TIME 11:00am- 11:30am</b>	<b>LUNCHTIME 12:30pm-1:00pm</b>	<b>AFTERSCHOOL 3:30pm-4:30pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>		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 coaching (Ms Wood) SH  Year 8 Netball Matches (Holy Family)
<b>Thursday</b>		Yr 7and 8 Netball (Ms Careless) SH  Boxing club SH	GCSE PE Practical (Ms Warren) SH  Choir (3.30pm-4.45pm) W33
<b>Friday</b>		Badminton (Ms Black) SH	



## PE News

### *Abigail Dawson 7F*

Abigail Competed for the Borough of Waltham Forest (Gators) swimming club in the Essex county age group championships over three weekends in January and February. The galas were held at Basildon and the London Aquatics Centre (the Olympic Pool). She qualified for eleven events and swam personal best times in all of them. She made it to the final of the 50 metres butterfly (out of over sixty competitors) and came seventh in the final in a time of 33.57seconds, she also came 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in the 200 metres butterfly and the 100 metres butterfly. She swam in the 10-14 years medley relay team, swimming the butterfly leg, and our team came 5<sup>th</sup> out of over 20 teams. Abigail got to the London Regional qualifying times in both the 50 and 100 metre butterfly and hopes to swim in the London Championships in May.



To achieve these times Abigail has been training five times a week including an early morning session before school at 5:30am. Congratulations Abigail and keep up the hard work.

Last weekend the Year 10 and 11 GCSE PE group went to Skipton in Yorkshire, to take part in an extremely important trip. The students were being assessed in rock climbing and orienteering for their GCSE PE practical grade which makes up 60% of their final GCSE mark.

Ms Wood Head of P.E.



## GIVE THE GIFT OF READING TO THE CHILDREN OF NEPAL

Thank you to everyone who has brought in books for Barpak which was destroyed by the 2015 earthquake

**The LRC has already collected 697 children's books**

Our aim is to collect 1,000 books by the end of March 2016, so please keep bringing your books to the LRC

The first shipment is ready for collection from WSFG and will be flown out to Nepal later this month.

Ms Kelly



### WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND THIS EASTER HOLIDAY

#### WALTHAMSTOW

**WEEKLY ONGOING PROGRAMME OF FREE ACTIVITIES FOR 11-19 YEAR OLDS, YMCA, 642 FOREST ROAD, E17 3EF: INCLUDING BASKETBALL, PERFORMING ARTS, GYM, HAIR AND BEAUTY AND INTERIOR DESIGN, evenings after 3.30pm.** The Youth Team's programme changes regularly, so email: [youthteam@ymcaeastlondon.org.uk](mailto:youthteam@ymcaeastlondon.org.uk) for details or ring 0208 509 4620

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: FAMILY WORKSHOP- ART ALIVE, WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY, FOREST ROAD, E17, 1-4PM, FREE.** Enjoy crafts inspired by nature, including embroidery, printing and drawing. No need to book.

See: [www.wmgallery.org.uk](http://www.wmgallery.org.uk)

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: EASTER EGG TRAIL, VESTRY HOUSE MUSEUM, VETRY ROAD, E17 9NH, 10AM-5PM, FREE.** Explore the museum and find a chocolate egg- children and young people of all ages welcome. Ring 0208 496 4391 for details.

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL: WALTHAMSTOW VILLAGE GARDENING PROJECT, 10.30AM-12.30PM FREE, MEET IN THE SQUARE AT THE CORNER OF ORFORD AND EDEN ROADS, E17, FREE.** Enthusiastic gardeners of all ages are invited to help- just wear old clothes and turn up! Ring Helen Lerner on 0781 404 2499 for more information. Bring your own gloves if possible.

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**FREE EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR 11-16 YEAR OLDS ACROSS THE BOROUGH: WHY NOT TRY WATERSPORTS, DRAMA, HIP HOP OR MULTISPORTS THIS HOLIDAY?** Sessions run 10am- 3pm at various locations; see the full programme details in the Green Sheet or visit: [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/cypd](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/cypd) for details. Booking essential- limited places!

**THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: MUSIC IN THE VILLAGE PRESENTS VIRTUOSO GUITARIST XUEFEI YANG, ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH END, E17, 7.30PM, TICKETS £6.50 CHILDREN/CONCESSIONS, £13 ADULTS , INCLUDING INTERVAL DRINK.** Programme includes works by Bach, Villa Lobos and Albeniz, plus rarely heard Chinese pieces. Ring 0208 8 223 0772 to book, or buy at the door from 7pm. See <http://villagemusic.walthamsoft.com>

## **BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW**

**UNTIL SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL: LAST CHANCE TO SEE BEJEWELLED TREASURES - THE AL THANI COLLECTION OF INDIAN JEWELLERY, VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM, EXHIBITION ROAD, SOUTH KENSINGTON, SW7 2RL, OPEN DAILY 10AM-5.45PM £10 ADULTS, £6 12-17 YEARS AND ADULT CONCESSIONS, 11S AND UNDER FREE.** Don't miss this spectacular display of Indian jewellery from the Mughal period to the present day; part of the Festival of India. Booking recommended on [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk) Nearest tube: South Kensington.

**UNTIL 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY: EASTER FAMILY FUN FAIR, VALENTINE'S PARK, MELBOURNE ROAD, ILFORD, IG1 4SD, 1-8PM DAILY, INCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS, £8.99 WRISTBAND FOR UNLIMITED RIDES.** Enjoy a traditional funfair in this lovely park. See [www.parnhamfunfairs.co.uk](http://www.parnhamfunfairs.co.uk) or ring 07956 24531 for information. Nearest station: Ilford.

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AND MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: LEE VALLEY EASTER COUNTRY FAIR, SHOWGROUND, LEE VALLEY COUNTRY PARK, WALTHAM ABBEY, EN9 1AB, 10AM-5PM, £3 5-16 YEARS, ADULTS £ 7.50 IF BOOKED IN ADVANCE ( £1 MORE ON THE DAY).** Programme includes birds of prey displays, funfair, rural craft demonstrations, arts and crafts tents, terrier and ferret racing, jousting, plus dog show in aid of Marie Curie Cancer care on Monday at 1pm ( registration essential). To book, see [www.oakleighfairs.co.uk/leevalley](http://www.oakleighfairs.co.uk/leevalley)

Most museums, galleries, tourist attractions and major parks (eg Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park) have special holiday events this Easter holiday, many of them free, so don't get bored, go out and about!

The following website: [www.londontown.com](http://www.londontown.com) has useful listings month by month, as does: [www.timeoutlondon.co.uk](http://www.timeoutlondon.co.uk)

Enjoy your free time!  
Mrs Finamore





## **MAYOR'S CHARITY DINNER**

**15 APRIL 2016, WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL**

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Three course Asian dinner

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Entertainment

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Silent Auction and other fundraising activities

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6.30pm for prompt 7.00pm start, Walthamstow Assembly Hall,  
Forest Road, London E17 4JF

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Tickets £30 each; tables seat groups of eight guests

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Cash bar

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Dress code black tie/lounge suit or national dress

All profits will go to the Kiran project, Haven, the Survivors of Abuse Network, and WF Samaritans

To make a booking, contact The Mayor's Office, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Rd, London E17 4JF or [mayor@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@walthamforest.gov.uk) 0208 496 4399. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Mayor's Charity'. Please inform us of any dietary or other special requirements at the time of booking.

## Waltham Forest Holiday Activity Programme- 11 – 19 Years Activity Programme – 4th – 8th April 2016

Come and try one of our new exciting activities that are on offer for you to try for **FREE** over the Easter Holidays.

Places are limited so please book now to avoid disappointment.

Booking can be made: [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/cypd](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/cypd)

Name	Description	Date and Time	Age Range	Location
Multi Sports Activity Week	Come and try a wide range of fun sporting activities during the week. Activities included will be ◇ Basketball, ◇ Street Dancing, ◇ Table Tennis, ◇ Trampolining ◇ Street Dance	4-8th April 10am – 3pm	11-19 (up to 25 for children with SEND)	Leyton Cricket Ground Crawley Rd, London E10 6RJ
Leyton Orient Football Camp	4 days of football camp in which young people will develop your skills and have game related coaching for aspiring players. At the end of the 4 days there will be a community based tournament.	4th – 7th April 10am – 3pm	11 – 13 14 – 16	The Score Centre, 100 Oliver Rd, London E10 5JY
The Hip Hop Experience	The Hip-Hop Experience will include explosive hip-hop/street dance sessions.  Exploring the rhythm and rhymes of Rap, spoken word and soulful vocals. Devising a classic hip hop story based on your experience.	4th – 8th April 10am – 3pm	11-19 (up to 25 for children with SEND)	Nexus Centre 3 Snowberry Close Leytonstone London E15 2AH
Ultimate Music Experience	Ultimate Music Experience programme is a one week course for young people, designed to provide an insight into the music and event management industries. You will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of music production and event management During the week you will get to: ◇ Creating your own music ◇ Organising a final showcase event	4th – 8th April 10am – 3pm	11-19 (up to 25 for children with SEND)	TBC

<p>A Midsummer Night Drama Workshop</p>	<p>A one week course in which young people can participate in workshops in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Acting</li> <li>◇ Music/Sound Effects</li> <li>◇ Puppet/Prop Making.</li> </ul> <p>At the end of the week, young people will use their new skills to have a programme performance in which family and friends will be invited to attend.</p>	<p>5th – 8th April 10:30am – 3:30pm</p>	<p>11-16 (up to 25 for children with SEND)</p>	<p>Hale End Library Castle Avenue, Highams Park, London E4 9QD</p>
<p>Bushcraft</p>	<p>Young people will learn to become more self-reliant while enjoying a fun three days spent learning the art of bush craft; lighting fires, discovering wild foods, camp fire cooking, navigation, shelter building.</p>	<p>6th – 8th April 10am – 3pm</p>		<p>Suntrap Forest Education Centre, Church Rd, IG10 4AJ A mini bus will take the children to Suntrap. Pick up venue TBC</p>
<p>Watersports Week</p>	<p>Come and try a week of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Canoeing</li> <li>◇ Kayaking</li> <li>◇ Mountain Biking</li> </ul>	<p>4th – 8th April 10am – 3pm</p>	<p>11-19 (up to 25 for children with SEND)</p>	<p>Leaside Spring Lane Clapton London E5 9HQ A mini bus will pick children up from Willowfield Humanities College, 209 Blackhorse Road, E17 6ND</p>



## COMPETITION- WIN A KINDLE FIRE!

Are you interested in architecture/design/sustainable living?

If so, why not enter this competition, sponsored by Coppermills Estate Agents, E17:

**Design an Innovative Home** – submit a drawing of an innovative home (eg energy saving/cheap to build/designed for modern high tech families) to;

**Arona Sarwar, Managing Director, Coppermills Estate Agents,  
63 St James Street, E17 7PJ by 5pm, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

### Rules:

1. The drawing can be in black and white, colour, hand drawn or computer drawn.
2. Must be no larger than A3- 1 side only.
3. Applicants' name, form, age, school and home address must be written on the back of the drawing.
4. Drawings may be submitted by post, in person or by email:  
[aronas@coppermills.co.uk](mailto:aronas@coppermills.co.uk)
5. The competition is open to students aged 11- 16 who attend a Waltham Forest school.
6. The winner will be contacted by Ms Sarwar at the beginning of the summer term.

Arona Sarwar is an alumna (old girl) who is keen to encourage students to think about careers in estate agency/architecture/design.

Why not spend some time designing an ideal/innovative home this Easter holiday?

Good luck in the competition!

Mrs Finamore

