



GREENSHEET



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Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Summer Term
2016**

**End - Friday
15th July 2016**

**Monday 2nd
May
Bank Holiday**

**Monday 16th
May Year 11
Written
Examinations
begin**

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

**Monday 6th -
Friday 17th
June Key Stage
3 Examinations
fortnight**

**Monday 20th
June - Friday
1st July
Year 10
Examinations**

**Friday 24th
June Year 11
Leavers' Day**

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

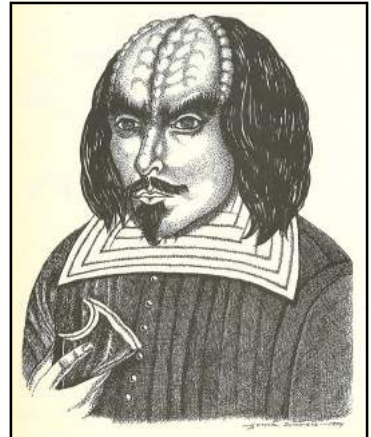
We have certainly had some interesting spring weather-snow and hail on Tuesday and wonderful sunshine towards the end of the week, meanwhile other parts of the world are recording their highest temperatures ever for the time of year. Another reminder of the impact of climate change.

Next week, the Chair of Governors and I will be representing the school at the SSAT Achievement Award Ceremony in central London. This will be the fourth successive year in which WSFG has qualified for an award. I shall update you on the outcome in the next Greensheet.

The Leadership assemblies this week, led by Ms Pratt, have explored interesting facts about Shakespeare, who died 400 years ago this month. The girls were entertained by a film of Hamlet's 'to be or not to be' speech in Klingon!

Also on Monday all of Year 8 and 9 were entertained by the 'Office Girls' who managed to convey a strong message about diversity, British values and radicalisation as part of their performance. They are currently touring around schools in the area.

Finally, the new cohort of Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh participants spent Friday preparing for their first expedition under the guidance of Mr Mace. It was clear that some had more previous



experience of camping than others! Let us hope that the weather remains bright and sunny for them.



Have an excellent Bank Holiday weekend,

Best wishes
Meryl Davies

Parent Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

In an attempt to save time and paper, WSFG aims to keep you informed of important communication, including our weekly Greensheet, by using email. We currently hold parent/carers' email addresses for around 840 of our students.

Please take a moment to inform us of your email address, if you have not done so already, via info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk.

Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose.
Thank you.

Ms N Janes
Administrative Manager

Community ICT Programme



Please encourage your family members and carers to come to our school ICT support sessions!

They take place **every Wednesday from 4pm to 5pm in F18** and they are **FREE**

This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your IT skills including Data Protection and E-Safety.

Our next session is Wednesday 4th May 2016.

Please report to our school office and sign in.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mr Ramlagan

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

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 2nd May

Monday 16th May

Bank Holiday

Year 11 Written Examinations begin

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

Monday 6th - Friday 17th June

Monday 20th June - Friday 1st July

Friday 24th June

Monday 27th June

Thursday 30th June

Key Stage 3 Examinations fortnight

Year 10 Examinations

Year 11 Leavers Day

Year 11 Written Examinations end

Year 7 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

Monday 4th - Wednesday 13th July

Friday 8th July

Year 10 Work Experience

Key Stage 3 Transition Event

Focus of the Fortnight
25th April – 6th May 2016.

Lunchtime Behaviour

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight is about the Lunchtime Behaviour of the students. All students are allowed in their Form Rooms at lunchtime but to ensure that good behaviour is maintained there is a clear Lunchtime Code they have to follow. This is displayed on the wall of each Form Room and Students are now familiar with its contents. All students are expected to follow the Code and Form Rooms are required to be clean, tidy and ready for learning and teaching at the end of break and lunchtime. Each Form Group has two “Room Reps” who have extra responsibility in ensuring that Form Rooms are used well and are ready for lessons.

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

Ms. Pratt
Assistant Headteacher.

The Sanctions

If a student breaks the Lunchtime Code, she will be excluded from her Form Room for two lunchtimes. She will spend one of those lunchtimes in the Duty Room as arranged by her Student Progress Leader. The conduct card will be signed.

Remember

- The school has a clear Lunchtime Code for use of Form Rooms which is on the wall of every Form Room in the school. Doors must be open, lights on and students seated on chairs etc.
- Please respect the fact that you have the privilege of going into your Form Room and ensure that it is used following the code at all times.
- If the code is not followed individuals or the Tutor Group risk being locked out of the room by the SPL.

Challenge News

Talk Like TED

This week, we have an inspiring talk by deaf percussionist, Evelyn Glennie, 'How to truly listen'.



https://www.ted.com/talks/evelyn_glennie_shows_how_to_listen?language=en

If any other members of the school community would like to recommend a TED talk, let me know.

Ms Robinson

srobinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

Oxbridge Question

Each week there will be a question from an Oxbridge interview, taken from a book donated by Ms Dowling's daughter who is currently studying French and Russian at Oxford.

What happens when I drop an ant?
(Physics, Oxford)

Discuss with your friends and family to help develop your HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Sainsbury's Active school vouchers

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

We have one week left so please bring in as many vouchers as you can

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

Our School History



The community spirit within our school extends beyond the boundaries of not only our school but also our country. In 1963, our school was fundraising for the people of Sarawak in Malaysia, Who, following independence, needed famine relief. The United Nations were also involved, as half of the world's population was malnourished.

Postage stamps depicting agriculture, as well as a young Queen Elizabeth II, were produced to raise funds for this initiative.

Here is the article from the 1964 edition of Iris, our school magazine.

O Kelly
LRC Manager

1963 started an intensive campaign for Freedom from Hunger, and Walthamstow High School has not been the least among the organisations to contribute to Walthamstow's own campaign, to provide fish ponds for Sarawak. A timely letter from a former member of staff, Miss Oldfield, who is at the moment teaching in Sarawak, fired our enthusiasm, and for about three weeks the School went mad collecting money. We held two events to which parents were invited, a musical evening and an evening in which the best scenes from the Shakespeare Acting Competition were presented. The collections from these and from the Parents' Association raffles, amounted to over seventy pounds. An Oxford and Cambridge boat-race with pennies contributed both entertainment and money (Cambridge won); a Penny Fair kept the whole school happily occupied. Our weekly charity collections for a term were also given to the campaign and it was amazing how the regular weekly pennies mounted up.

A great deal of the money came from form efforts which drove the whole school to distraction for about two weeks-dancing in the gym in the lunch hour, competitions, collections and fees for various services, for example, cleaning staff cars.

Finally when all the money was gathered in (a nightmare for Miss Thomerson) the grand total at the end of the Spring Term was £487 0s. 0d., which was sent to the mayor. But don't think that we stopped after that- though not so intensive, the campaign is still on, and the 5th and 6th form dances and the 5th form play have contributed in the summer term.

Janet Smith U VI

WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 29TH APRIL: VAISHAKI CELEBRATIONS, WALTHAMSTOW ASSEMBLY HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 4JD, 7PM, FREE, REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Enjoy music and a range of stage performances to celebrate the Sikh festival of Vaishaki- all welcome. Sign up for free tickets on www.walthamforest.gov.uk . Food and drink on sale; doors open 6.30pm.

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL: EXPERIENCE AFRICA FAMILY DAY, WILLIAM MORRIS GALLERY, FOREST ROAD, E17 4PP, 1-4PM, FREE. This drop in event offers craft activities and the opportunity to handle objects from across Africa. All ages welcome; ring 0208 496 4390 for more information, or visit: www.wmgallery.org.uk

MONDAY 2ND MAY: FRIENDS OF LLOYD PARK'S ANNUAL MAY DAY FAIR AND DOG SHOW, LLOYD PARK, FOREST ROAD, E17, 12-4PM, FREE.

This year's programme includes traditional maypole dancing, a skate jam, live music, a huge range of stalls and a dog show at 1pm (pre-registration essential- email: dogshowe17@gmail.com). See <http://friendsoflloydpark.org.uk> for more information.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW:

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL: SALAAM PEACE PRESENTS EAST LONDON UNITES, JUBILEE PARK AND LAMMAS SCHOOL, SEYMOUR ROAD, LEYTON E10 7LX, 1-5PM, FREE. Enjoy a wide range of activities to celebrate East London's diverse communities, including football, cycling, cricket, health and well-being workshops, poetry/rap competition, food stalls and an art exhibition. All ages welcome!
Email: contact@salaampeace.org for details.

DAILY UNTIL 8TH MAY: SONY WORLD PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARDS EXHIBITION, SOMERSET HOUSE, THE STRAND, WC2R 1LA, £7.50. £5.00 CONCESSIONS. See the best 500 entries to this prestigious international photographic competition; categories include fashion, travel, sport, photojournalism and portraiture. Open 10am-6pm Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 10am-9pm Tuesday-Friday.
See : <http://worldphoto.org> for more information. Nearest tubes: Charing Cross or Covent Garden.

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL, SUNDAY 1ST MAY AND MONDAY 2ND MAY: CANALWAY CAVALCADE WATERWAYS FESTIVAL, LITTLE VENICE, MAIDA VALE, W2 11TH, OPEN 10AM-6PM SATURDAY, 10AM-10PM SUNDAY AND 10AM- 5PM MONDAY, FREE. Highlights of this annual event include a parade of decorated boats at 2.30pm on Saturday, boating competitions , morris dancing, puppet shows, live music and a huge range of stalls. See: <http://www.waterways.org.uk> for more information.
Nearest tube: Warwick Avenue.

Enjoy your free time!

Mrs Finamore

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

East London

UNITES

Saturday 30th April 2016 1-5pm
 For ages 5 - 65 years old

Football Comp • **Cycling** • Cricket • **Boxing** • Climbing Wall
Art Exhibition • Poetry/Rap Competition • **Food Stalls**
 Health and Well-Being Workshops
Separate Girls/Women's area for activities
 and Celebration of a **United Community** in East London

Leyton Jubilee Park/Lammas School
 Seymour Road, E10 7LX

For more info, email: contact@salaarpeace.org | text only: 07949 983 500

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WALTHAMSTOW INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2016

Film makers of all ages are invited to submit short films to this prestigious local film festival, closing date 13th May 2016.

If you are interested in film making, why not enter?

See: <http://walthamstowinternationalfilmfestival.com/enter.php>

for further information.

Films must be under 5 minutes long, in English (or with English subtitles), and suitable for family viewing.

School and college students are not charged to enter, so there's nothing to lose. Successful films will be shown in venues across the borough in July.

If you enjoy film, but would rather help behind the scenes and get useful experience for work in the media or events management, why not volunteer to help with press and publicity, social media promotion or stewarding?

Contact Liza and Paul Fletcher, Festival Founders, via the festival website:

<http://walthamstowinternationalfilmfestival.com>

Mrs Finamore



The Pirates of Penzance

Ex-WSFG students, Hannah Berridge and Deborah Anstey have leading roles in Chapel End Savoy Players forthcoming production of the Pirates of Penzance.

Also, two women who came in for 'What's my line?' on International Women's Day are involved – Clare Bradley (who brought in her BAFTA) is the Director and Harriet Hammel (Puppeteer) will be operating a parrot puppet, called James.

Performances are from **Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June** (Half-term week) at the **Deaton Theatre, Forest School. See booking details below**

The show is lots of fun for all of the family and includes many catchy tunes.

CHAPEL END SAVOY PLAYERS
Musical Director: Graham Offord
Director: Clare Bradley

W S Gilbert & Arthur Sullivan's

**The Pirates
of
Penzance**

Thurs 2nd - Sun 5th June
Thur/Fri/Sat eve 7.30pm
Sat/Sun matinee 2.30pm

DEATON THEATRE,
Forest School, London E17 3PY
tickets £14 - £5

Box Office: 020 8527 0215 Enquiries: 020 8529 3143
Email: boxoffice@cesp.org.uk
Online bookings: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cesp
www.cesp.org.uk

Be a part of our Official Launch & Fundraiser in July!

#Educate2Eradicate

Are you a **local business** looking to gain a **community profile**?
Do you agree that **FGM and Forced Marriage** have no place in
the 21st Century?

Approximately **65,000 girls** in the UK are at risk of **being mutilated** and
a further **12,000** young people are **forced to marry every year**.

To end this we have been **training teachers to spot the signs, and
protect young people**. We also **work with young people to break the
silence**. For the **past year we have been hard at work** to eliminate these
practices. In July we are throwing a **charity fundraising dinner to fund our
work** and **officially launch** our non-profit organisation (*Reg. no: 10053867*).



You could help us!

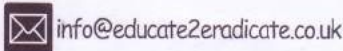
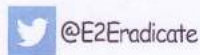
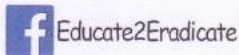
- By **sponsoring our event** (any amount between £20-£100). As we work within the community **we would love to strengthen links** with local businesses. That is why our **minimum sponsorship amount is £20**.
- By **donating an item** for our **auction or raffle**.

In return we can offer:

- A **Quarter to full-page feature** in the promotion book each of our 150 guests will receive on the evening.
- **Social media 'shout outs'** on in the run up to the event, promoting you to our followers.
- **Special mentions in the opening speech** of the evening.



If you can help- get in touch!



Provisional School Calendar for 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016

First half

Start: Thursday 1st September 2016 **End: Friday 21st October 2016**

Half Term: Monday 24-Friday 28 October 2016

Second half

Start: Monday 31st October 2016 **End: Wednesday 21st December 2016**

Spring Term 2017

First half

Start: Tuesday 3rd January 2017 **End: Friday 10th February 2017**

Half Term: Monday 13th-Friday 17th February 2017

Second half

Start: Monday 20th February 2017 **End: Friday 31st March 2017**

Easter Holiday

Easter Holiday: **Monday 3rd April 2017-Thursday 13th April 2017**

Good Friday Bank Holiday: **Friday 14th April 2017**

Easter Monday Bank Holiday: **Monday 17th April 2017**

Summer Term 2017

First half

Start: Tuesday 18th April 2017 **End: Friday 26th May 2017**

Holidays

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

Half Term: Monday 29th May-Friday 2nd June 2017

Second half

Start: Monday 5th June 2017 **End: Wednesday 19th July 2017**

Please note: training days are to be added