



# GREENSHEET



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19th May 2016

Week 'B'

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer Term  
2016

End - Friday  
15th July 2016

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

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

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>  
June - Friday  
1st July  
Year 10  
Examinations

Friday 24th  
June Year 11  
Leavers' Day

Monday 27th  
June Year 11  
Written  
examinations  
end

Thursday 30th  
June Year 7  
Parent/Carer  
Consultation  
Evening

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 11 students have now begun their written GCSE examinations. Those of you, like me, who have a child taking public examinations over the forthcoming weeks, will understand the pressures on our young people now and the potential impact this has on their self esteem and well being- as well as the importance these results have for their futures. Whilst these pressures will inevitably increase for future generations in light of the government's changes to the examination system, we can but do all within our powers to ensure that the assessment experience is as relaxed and as calm as possible. This is what we have all worked for, in partnership with you, their parents and carers. We thank you for having entrusted your daughters to us. Results day is 25th August-meanwhile we wish them all the success that they deserve and have worked hard for!

Yet however important these examinations might appear, they are not life defining. As you can see from all our Greensheets, this is certainly not the sole focus of the spirit that is WSFG. On Thursday and Friday afternoon, Year 9 girls spent time with WSFG parent Hibo Wadere and our own Equal Opportunities student leaders at a Rise Against FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) event. Hibo has received a great deal of press coverage recently following the launch of her brave autobiography *The Cut*.

A relatively recent introduction to the school has been the opportunity to experience the challenge of outdoor adventure- and what a success this has proven to be! Our own new cohort of Duke of Edinburgh participants are left on Friday for a practice expedition, 12k walk (with weighty backpacks) and overnight camp in the Epping Forest. We wish them, and the accompanying staff, a fun time -and dry weather.

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Two of this year's DofE participants

Best wishes  
Meryl Davies

Earlier this week, Mr Mace, the school's Duke of Edinburgh co-ordinator, and I were invited to a special award ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

This was to commemorate the Diamond Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Our group of school, college and borough leaders was spoken to by the Duke and Duchess of Wessex, as representatives of the D of E.

We were presented with a plaque for the entrance of the school. Mr Mace and I managed to smuggle out a few photographs of our own aside from the official photograph!



Mr Mace enjoying a cup of royal tea!



**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**Punctuality to School**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Dear Parents / Carers,

The school values good habits and being on time is an excellent habit to form. It is very clear (see page 3 of the Student Planner) that students need to be at their desks, ready for registration by 8.45am. If a student arrives any time after that, she they will be given a late mark. A student may be late for a legitimate reason, such as an early morning appointment, in which case, please indicate this by writing a note for your daughter to explain her lateness. Please note that getting caught in rush hour traffic is not a legitimate excuse for being late to school.

The school sanctions for poor punctuality are detailed below.

Punctuality is also commented upon in your daughter's report / data collection throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher



**The Sanctions**

- If your daughter is late to school (without a good reason, such as an appointment – traffic is NOT a good reason) she will be given a ten minute detention at the end of that day with her Tutor. (See page of the 3 Student Planner)
- If she is late twice in a week, she will be given a half hour detention with her SPL. You will be informed of this detention.
- If she is late three or more times in a week, she will be given an hour's detention with Ms. Pratt. You will be informed of this detention.
- Once she reaches eight late marks, she will be placed on a two week punctuality report by Ms. King. Her punctuality will be closely monitored and you as her Parents/ Carers will be informed of any improvements. She will also be rewarded if she improves her punctuality.

**Remember** - being on time is a good habit to form!

## English News

Congratulations to Anastasia Denning in 10W who has been taking part in the Young Journalists' Scheme along with hundreds of participants from schools across England.

Anastasia is now one of just seventy two in the country who have passed the first stage of the competition and will go forward to the finals this week.

Congratulations Anastasia!!

Ms Soobhany  
English Department.



## Challenge News

### Talk Like TED

TED talks were recommended on our recent trip to the University of Cambridge. They help you to develop a depth of knowledge that is beyond the school curriculum.

Our recommendation this week comes from Head of Year 7, Mr Morrow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAFcV7zuUDA>

Each week there is a link to the latest recommendation on FRONTER.  
What is your favourite TED Talk?

### Oxbridge Question

Each week there will be a question from an Oxbridge interview;

Are you cool?

(Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Oxford)

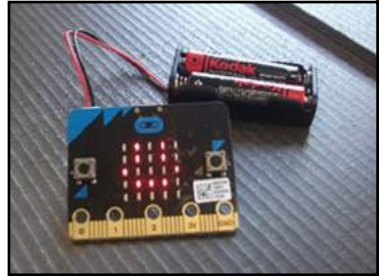
Discuss with your friends and family to help develop your HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills).

Ms Robinson



## The IET Faraday Challenge Day

Thirty six excited Year 7 students participated in a one day challenge to develop their coding skills and learn how to use the BBC micro:bit. The Institution of Engineering and Technology which ran the event aims to help students realise their potential in coding and engineering.



The students rose to the demands of the day, some of them working out of their comfort zone, demonstrated excellent problem solving and team working skills. They did themselves proud by coming up with a concept, coding the micro:bit, making a prototype and pitching it to the rest of the group and judges. The winning team were rewarded with a beautiful trophy for the school and amazon vouchers for themselves.

This is what some of the students had to say about the day;

*I really enjoyed today, it has changed my view on coding. I am now much more confident at coding and understand what an engineer does. Today was really exciting and fun and I really enjoyed it.*  
Khadijah Hamdan 7C



*I enjoyed today because it really boosted by confidence and taught me that coding and engineering was much more fun than I thought it was.*

Leila Shakibi 7W

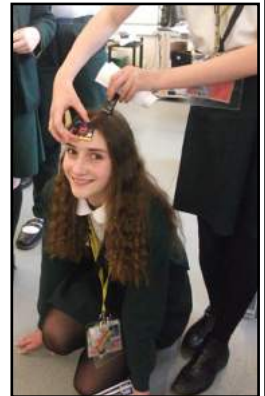
*Today was challenging and educational, I learnt so much about how engineers work. I would love to do something like this again. I would recommend this workshop to a friend. It was unique, I have never some anything like this before.*

Amy Qenami 7F

*I enjoyed every minute of the STEM project and I learnt a lot of incredible new things that I am sure will help me later.*

Izzy Lloyd 7W

Ms Healy  
STEM coordinator










## Challenge yourself with a book.

Would you like to broaden the range of books that you are reading?

If so, why not look at this list of authors available in the LRC and set yourself a challenge to read one of the books over the next two weeks.

Good luck!

Ms Kelly LRC Manager

 AR Author Challenge	 AR Author Challenge	 AR Author Challenge	 AR Author Challenge	 AR Author Challenge
Adam, Paul Adams, Douglas Ahmed, Sufiya Aitken, Amber Aldridge, James Alton, Steve Ambrosio, G Anderson, R.J. Angelini, J Angelou, Maya Angus, Sam Arnold, Louise Arnott, Kathleen Ashley, Bernard Austen, Jane Bailey, Helen Barker, Dominic Barnes, J L Bawden, Nina Becker, Tom Benjamin, Floella Bertagna, Julie Black, James Blyton, Enid	Bowen, James Boyne, John Bradford, Chris Brahmachari, Sita Breslin, Theresa Brittney, L. Brooke, Lauren Browne, N. M. Bryant, Ann Burchill, Julie Burgess, Melvin Bush, Penelope Byng, Georgia Cabot, Meg Capparucci, Dinah Carmody, Isobelle Carter, Ally Cary, Kate Cassidy, Anne Cast, P. C. Cavendish, Grace Chainani, Soman Chancellor, Henry Chatterton, Martin	Child, Lauren Clare, Cassandra Clarke, Julia Clement-Moore, R Cohn, Rachel Coleman, Michael Colfer, Eoin Collins, Tim Cooper, Susan Corder, Zizou Cormier, Robert Cowell, Cressida Crane, Stephen Cruz, Melissa De La Dahl, Roald Dalton, Annie Dashner, James Day, Susie Deckers, Amber Dent, Grace Depp, Laurie Dessen, Sarah Dickens, Charles Donkin, Andrew	Dostoyevsky, F Dowswell, Paul Earle, Phil Eliot, George Elliott, Patricia Falkner, Brian Farrant, Natasha Feasey, Steve Fennell, Emerald Fforde, Jasper Fitzgerald, F. Scott Fletcher, Charlie Flynn, Gillian Forester, Victoria Freer, Echo Friedman, Aimee Funke, Cornelia Gaiman, Neil Gantos, Jack Gardner, Sally Gatward, David Gavin, Jamila George, Jessica Day Gliori, Debi	Godbersen, Anna Gogerly, Liz Goldberg Sloan, H Goldsmith, Dr Grant, Helen Grant, Pamela Green, John Grindley, Sally Grogan, John Guy, John Hale, Shannon Hardinge, Frances Hardy, Thomas Harrison, Cora Hartnett, Sonya Hawking, Lucy Hayes, S. B. Hearn, Julie Hearn, Lian Hedges, Carol Hemingway, E Hendry, Frances Hepburn, Sam Higgins, F. E.

## 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 25th May 2016.**

**Please report to our school office and sign in.**

We look forward to seeing you.

Mr Ramlagan

## Coming Soon

### Free First Aid Course For Parents and Carers

Waltham Forest CLASS ( adult education service) will be running a free First Aid class at **WSFG** on **Monday mornings, starting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 9.15-11.45am.**

An experienced First Aid tutor will introduce you to essential First Aid techniques to increase your confidence in dealing with everyday emergencies, such as choking and burns. The course will last for three weeks.

An application form will be available shortly- please check the Greensheet next week, or contact me to register your interest:

Mrs Finamore, Community Liaison Co-ordinator- 0208 509 4494 Mon- Wed or email: [rfinamore@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:rfinamore@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)

Mrs Finamore  
Community Liaison Co-ordinator

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

### WALTHAMSTOW

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY: MoVE17 JOINS THE WORLDWIDE BIG DANCE PERFORMANCE DAY, GNOME HOUSE, 7 BLACKHORSE LANE, E17 6DS, 7PM, FREE.** Join E17's own community dance group as they join in a dance performance with dance groups all over the world via the magic of modern technology! Dancers of all ages are invited to learn the moves and join in!  
Visit: [www.gnomehouse.org.uk](http://www.gnomehouse.org.uk) for more information.

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY: CHURCH HILL NURSERY'S SPRING FAIR, FEATURING WSGF'S STEEL PANS, CHURCH HILL NURSERY, WOODBURY ROAD, E17 9SB, 11AM-2PM, 50p ADULTS, CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE.** Why not take younger brothers and sisters to this popular fair, which features a raffle, henna, crafts, bouncy castle, games and delicious food.  
See : [www.churchhillchildren.org](http://www.churchhillchildren.org) for details.



Year 11 Steel Pan Band 2016

**SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY: ALL TOGETHER NOW! MUSIC, DANCE AND MORE TO CELEBRATE DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK, TOWN SQUARE, HIGH STREET, E17 7JN, 12-4PM, FREE.** Dementia affects more and more elderly people and has a huge impact on their families. This event will celebrate the positive aspects of growing old, with community singing, T'ai Chi demonstrations and dancing for all ages. Email: [culture@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:culture@walthamforest.gov.uk)



## **BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY- MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY: ALCHEMY- A FESTIVAL OF SOUTH ASIAN CULTURE, SOUTHBANK CENTRE, BELVEDERE ROAD, SE1 8XX, TICKET PRICES AND TIMES VARY.** This annual festival is the largest celebration of Indian and South Asian culture outside India, and features comedy, theatre, dance, music, debates, workshops and a street food market; some events are free. Ring 0207 960 4200 or visit [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk) for full programme details. Nearest tubes: Waterloo, Embankment.

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY- SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE: CUTTIN' IT- A NEW PLAY ABOUT FGM BY CHARLENE JAMES, YOUNG VIC THEATRE, 66 THE CUT, WATERLOO, SE1 8LZ, TICKETS FROM £10.**

The urgent issue of FGM in Britain is explored through the eyes of two teenage girls who share the same cultural heritage but follow different lifestyles; suitable for audiences aged 12+. Ring 0207 922 2922 to book: email: [boxoffice@youngvic.org](mailto:boxoffice@youngvic.org)  
Nearest tube: Waterloo.

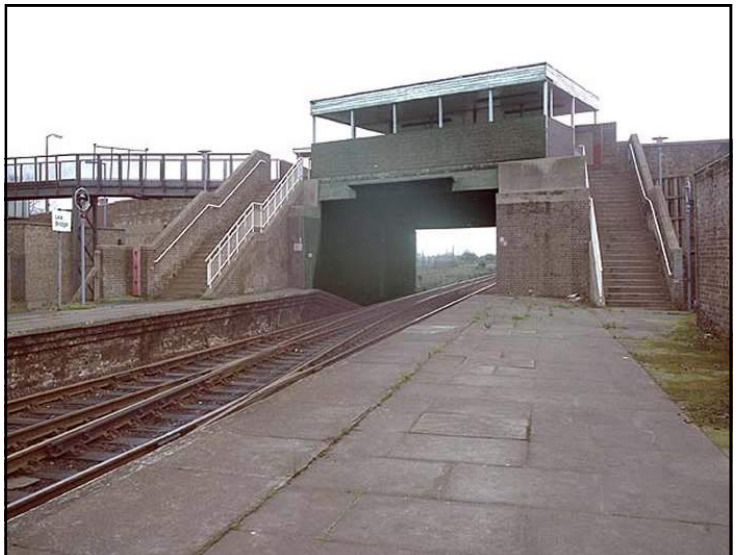
**SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY: LEA BRIDGE LINKS OPEN SPACES WALK FROM THE NEW LEA BRIDGE ROAD STATION, LEA BRIDGE ROAD, E10 7QL TO TOTTENHAM HALE, 2.30-4.30PM, FREE.**

Join guide David Bootle from Leytonstone Historical Society at the new station and explore the history of the marshes. No need to book.

Visit: [www.rendezvousprojects.org.uk/work/lea-bridge-links](http://www.rendezvousprojects.org.uk/work/lea-bridge-links)

All welcome- wear comfortable footwear. Station: Lea Bridge Road.

Enjoy your free time!  
Mrs Finamore



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

### MINI HOLLAND ROAD WORKS:

Please note **that road works on Church Hill will commence on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** as part of the borough's Mini Holland programme.

There is likely to be severe disruption while the entrance to Aubrey Road from Church Hill is closed off to traffic and changes are made to the level of the pavements and zebra crossing near the junction with Folkestone Road.

In addition, Church Hill Road will be closed to traffic from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Please allow extra time for your journey if you drive your daughter to school; public transport may also be affected.

Students should take great care at all times when crossing the road, particularly in the vicinity of construction vehicles.

In addition, major road works to create a dedicated cycle lane along Lea Bridge Road from Whipps Cross roundabout to the border with Hackney are due to start soon.

The section from Whipps Cross roundabout to Leyton Green Road, E10 is due to commence in June 2016, and is likely to continue to autumn 2017.

The major reconfiguration of Whipps Cross roundabout is scheduled to run from autumn 2016- summer 2018; please plan your route carefully, and visit:

[www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk](http://www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk)

if you need any further information, or email:

[miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:miniholland@walthamforest.gov.uk)

or your ward councillor for advice.

Mrs Finamore  
Community Liaison Co-ordinator

Neighbourhoods Directorate  
Executive Director: Michele Moloney

13th May 2016

Dear Resident,

**RE: Church Hill/ Aubrey Road/ Folkestone Road junction**

As part of our on-going highway works in the Hoe Street and Wood Street area, we are working with local resident association groups and local Councillors to understand how we can continue to improve road safety in the area. Since the consultation exercise we ran, local people have highlighted concerns about the limited space for pedestrians and poor road safety at the existing zebra crossing near the Church Hill/ Folkestone Road junction. As well as this, residents have also expressed concerns over the speed and volume of traffic using Church Hill.

We want to ensure the area is safe to use for all road users so are proposing a few more changes, to complement what we're already doing in the area through the Mini-Holland scheme. The following changes have been drawn up with the help of local Councillors and the local resident association groups. They have been presented with these plans and support what we are planning to do as follows:

- Widen the pavement at the entry point into Folkestone Road from Church Hill Road (on one side only) to accommodate the large number of pedestrians who use this area, making it safer
- Replace the existing zebra crossing with a wider crossing suitable for both pedestrians and cyclists, to make it a safer and easier place to cross for both road users
- Raise the crossing to pavement level to make it easier for people to cross the road while encouraging vehicles to slow down when approaching the crossing.

For the above changes to be made the Folkestone Road/ Church Hill junction will need to be redesigned and become 'entry only' to motor vehicles. Vehicles will still be able to drive two-way along Folkestone Road and access their property; however they will need to use West Avenue Road or Woodbury Road to exit onto Church Hill. Space will be provided for vehicles to turn around and signage will be placed in the area to make residents aware of this change.

We are currently finalising the plans for this junction redesign and will write to you before the construction begins to make you aware of what will take place and when. We will also continue to work with resident association groups to discuss improving green spaces and accessibility for pedestrians in the area.

For more information on the Hoe Street and Wood Street area scheme, as well as the wider Mini-Holland Programme, visit [www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-you-area/ho-e-street-wood-street](http://www.enjoywalthamforest.co.uk/work-in-you-area/ho-e-street-wood-street).

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MAYOR OF LONDON

Thank you for your patience and in the meantime, if you would like to discuss the works further please do not hesitate to contact me at [miniolland@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:miniolland@walthamforest.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

Christian Muncey  
Principal Engineer - Villages  
Mini Holland Delivery Team  
Highways and Infrastructure  
London Borough of Waltham Forest

## **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**