



# GREENSHEET



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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer Term 2016

End - Friday  
15th July 2016

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

Monday 4th  
Wednesday 13th July  
Year 10  
Work  
Experience

Friday 8th  
July Key Stage 3  
Transition  
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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had yet another busy week, whilst the **examination period** continues for all year groups. We have also welcomed all our **incoming Year 7 intake** with their parents or carers to individual meetings with our school staff. This has been the usual rewarding experience and it has been lovely to see the Year 6 girls' excitement about joining secondary school - and especially WSFG!

On a sporting front, fifteen Year 7s and 8s attended the **Hockey Champions Trophy** match at the Olympic Park on Tuesday, our **Year 10 Sports Leaders** had a rescheduled trip to Woodside Primary Academy to help run their sports day (their last one was cancelled due to inclement weather - we wish them luck), and our staff pitted themselves against each other in a 'friendly' football match. I am still not clear which team was actually the winning side, but at least there were no casualties. Last week, members of staff sampled roller skating after school - but no pictures were taken!

Also this week, all of Year 7 had a day field trip to **Rochester** with the Humanities Faculty. We are grateful to Ms Eveleigh and our colleagues for undertaking the organisation involved in this event. The girls visited historical sites, Rochester Cathedral and Rochester Castle, the latter being one of the best preserved Norman keeps in Europe. Throughout the week, a number of Year 9 students were involved in a **film making workshop** organised by the English

Faculty. Meanwhile, on Thursday afternoon, seventeen Year 8 students were off timetable working on a '**Barbican in the Box**' workshop with Ms Wallace.

On Thursday evening, we were all treated to a spectacular **exhibition** of the work of the **Year 11 Art, Design and Technology students**. This year's exhibition was a particularly impressive showcase of the talent of our senior students - and the hard work of the teachers in the ADT Faculty.

Finally, I was fortunate, on Thursday, to accompany some of our youngest students to a **national SSAT conference** at the Emirates Stadium to showcase the best practice of high achieving schools from across the country. We were very pleased to have been chosen as one of the 'Leading Learning' workshop presenters. We were humbled by the turnout as we had almost fifty participants in our workshop, which was led by our Year 8 GREEN student representatives, and Ms Phillippou. You can read more about their impressions in this issue of the Greensheet.

Best wishes  
Meryl Davies

**Year 7 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening  
Thursday 30th June 2016.**

Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers

Your daughter will soon be making appointments with her subject teachers for a discussion on her progress.

Appointments are available **from 4.30 to 7pm on Thursday 30th June.**

We encourage all Year 7 students and their parents / carers to attend this consultation evening to discuss their daughter's progress and strategies to help them achieve their full potential this year.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mr R Morrow  
Student Progress Leader, Year 7

## Issues with Cashless Catering Accounts

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been alerted to an issue affecting some parents and carers where SQuid balances for your daughter's cashless catering accounts have not be updating correctly over the last two weeks.

We would kindly ask all parents and carers to check their Squid accounts to verify if the most recent electronic payments you have made are showing up correctly.

If there are any discrepancies please contact our ICT Network Manager, Ashesh Ramlagan on [a.ramlagan@wsg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:a.ramlagan@wsg.waltham.sch.uk) who will investigate the issue further.

We believe the issue with our third-party supplier is now resolved and apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Mr. Jalil  
Business Manager



## 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 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
Monday 4th - Wednesday 13th July	Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 8th July	Key Stage 3 Transition Event
Friday 15th July 2016	Last day of term details to follow

**Dear Parents/Carers**

**Ramadan**

Could you please ensure that if your daughter is fasting she does so according to the sunnah method. That is, she should have a full and nutritious breakfast (SEHRI) before keeping the fast.

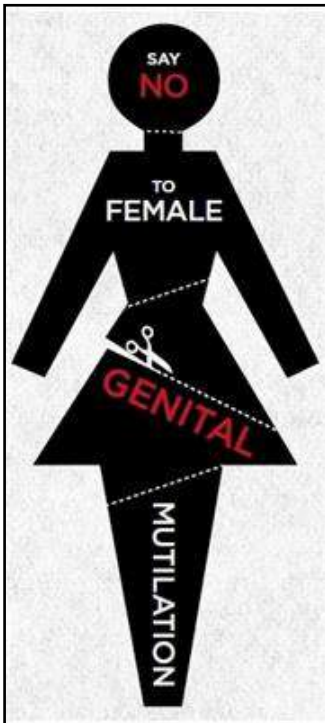
Your daughter should not keep fast if she is feeling unwell. In addition, in the rare event of feeling very ill during a fast she should break the fast rather than allowing her condition to get worse.

As agreed by medics, fasting is not at all detrimental to our health and in fact it can be physically very beneficial. However, the correct method of fasting should be adhered to.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

Mrs Ahmed, Ms Soobhany & Ms Siddiqui

### **Rise against FGM Logo Competition**



Calling all creative and passionate students about this issue!

Following on from the conferences and assemblies to raise awareness about FGM, we are looking to create a logo for our school to highlight our position against FGM.

If you are interested in contributing to this exciting opportunity, please give your logo entries, your name and form to **Ms Desbenoit in G05 / Ms Pratt** or submit a copy in **Ms Desbenoit's / Ms Pratt's** work postbox by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June**.

## 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.

Do schools kill creativity?

[https://www.ted.com/talks/ken\\_robinson\\_says\\_schools\\_kill\\_creativity?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity?language=en)

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;

Why did they used to make the mill chimneys so tall?  
(Engineering, Cambridge)

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

Ms Robinson

### 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**. We have a lot of pairs of glasses.



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. Please remind your daughter, if she has lost anything in school, to check the box regularly.



Ms Jolliffe  
Student Services

## SSAT Achievement Show

On Thursday Ms Davies, Zoya Parvez, Maddy Hilton, Anna Morate, Kate Lucas (Year 8) and I, went to the SSAT Achievement Show at the Emirates Stadium, home of the Arsenal football team. We were invited to share our journey so far on our **GREEN** vision, learning power, learning line and project based learning. There were over 400 people there and our session was among the best attended. The girls led the session brilliantly and shared their learning



experiences with a room of educational professionals. It was a really successful session and lots of the people came to talk to us afterwards and are interested to try some of our ideas in their own schools. Check out our Twitter feed as there were many positive tweets following our presentations, and watch out for more on our **GREEN** vision for learning. Thank you and well done to Maddy, Anna, Kate, Zoya - you were wonderful ambassadors for **GREEN**, and WSWG, and led an inspirational and engaging training session!

Ms Philippou

*I thought this SSAT trip was very educational and fun. We got many ideas for our school and also we shared our idea which boosted our confidence and will spread the word about **GREEN** around more. I would love to do another trip like this next year.*

Zoya

*There were lots of interesting presentations and it was hard to pick just one to go to. They had some really interesting ideas that we could use at school.*

Kate

*This experience was really fun and I enjoyed presenting our session. I think we should get more people involved if we ever do it again. I loved watching the STEM presentation and I think that it was very educational and informative, providing lots of ideas to take away and try at our school.*

Anna

*I think that this experience was very useful and I am proud of how well we did our presentation. I think the school should definitely go next year. The presentation that I watched was very interesting because it talked about BLP- it was good to see how another school was using it. Also I liked their idea of how they used finger puppets as an activity (to depict historical conflict) because it sounded fun and also hooks at the beginning of the lesson to get students interested.*

Maddy

## 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.

Here is the list of authors beginning with the letter 'N –V'.

Good luck!

Ms Kelly LRC Manager



AR Author  
Challenge

Nostlinger, C  
Nowra, Louis  
Oates, Joyce Carol  
Oldfield, Pamela  
Oliver, Lauren  
Oliver, Martin  
O'Neill, Joan  
Oppel, Kenneth  
Osborne, William  
Packham, Simon  
Page, Jan  
Paley, Sasha  
Paolini, C  
Park, Sue Linda  
Parkinson, S  
Paterson, K  
Patterson, James  
Pattou, Edith  
Pausewang, G  
Peck, Dale  
Peck, Richard  
Peet, Mal  
Pelzer, Dave  
Perera, Anna



AR Author  
Challenge

Perrett, Bryan  
Philip, Gillian  
Pielichaty, Helena  
Pitcher, Annabel  
Porter, Henry  
Porter, E  
Poskitt, Kjartan  
Potter, Ellen  
Potts, Stephen  
Pow, Tom  
Powell, Laura  
Priestley, Chris  
Priestley, J B  
Prince, Alison  
Promitzer, R  
Prue, Sally  
Pullman, Philip  
Ral, Bali  
Rasheed, Leila  
Rawsthorne, P  
Rees, C  
Rees, Celia  
Rees, Gwyneth  
Reeve, Philip



AR Author  
Challenge

Reid, Carmen  
Reid, Sue  
Rennison, Louise  
Reynolds, Helen  
Rhue, Morton  
Riordan, James  
Riordan, Rick  
Robert, Na'ima  
Robins, Phil  
Robson, Mark  
Rook, Sebastian  
Rose, Malcolm  
Rosoff, Meg  
Ross, Elizabeth  
Ross, Stewart  
Roth, Veronica  
Rowling, J. K.  
Rushton, Rosie  
Russell, R R  
Ryan, Chris  
Sachar, Louis  
Salter, Helen  
Sarma, Siddhartha  
Schlitz, Laura Amy



AR Author  
Challenge

Sebold, Alice  
Sedgwick, Marcus  
Seles, Monica  
Senker, Cath  
Shadow, Nick  
Shakespeare, W  
Shan, Darren  
Sharpe, J. D.  
Shearer, Alex  
Sheehan, Sean  
Sheldon, Dyan  
Sherlock, P  
Simpson, M  
Smale, Holly  
Smith, Jenny  
Smith, L. J.  
Snicket, Lemony  
Somper, Justin  
Sparkes, Ali  
Sparks, Nicholas  
Spence, David  
St. Crow, Lili  
St. John, Lauren  
Stanton, Andy



AR Author  
Challenge

Staples, S F  
Steer, Dugald  
Stephens, John  
Stewart, Paul  
Stiefvater, Maggie  
Stirling, Joss  
Stoker, Bram  
Strange, B  
Swift, Amanda  
Syal, M  
Taylor, G.P.  
Taylor, Thomas  
Thomson, Emma  
Tiernan, Cate  
Toksvig, Sandi  
Tolkein, J.R.R  
Townsend, S  
Tracey, Rhian  
Urdale, Eleanor  
Ure, Jean  
Valjean, Elinor  
Vigan, Delphine de  
Vincent, Rachel  
Voake, Steve

Dear Students at Walthamstow School for Girls

Revised competition details

**Short Story Writing Competition – International Literacy Day  
Deadline for entries – 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement working together to transform the lives of women and girls. There are 80,000 club members in 132 countries and we work at a local, national and international level to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls.

We at the London Central and South West Soroptimist Club are introducing a new venture in partnership with schools in London and we are delighted that your school will be our first!

We are launching a competition focusing on International Literacy Day to celebrate literacy and as an opportunity to learn something about girls and women in other countries. You will find a number of photographs displayed in various locations around school, including the noticeboard outside the front office, together with the name of the country where each was taken. To enter the competition, please write a short story using the people in one of the photographs as your inspiration. Use your imagination! Please include some details about the country where your chosen photograph was taken in your story.

Word limit: max 1000 words

Our Club will award book prizes for the winning entries at around the time of International Literacy Day on 8th September 2016. We look forward to reading your stories!

Please submit your entries by 10<sup>th</sup> July to [info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk); marked for the attention of the London Central and South West Soroptimist Club and these will be passed to the competition adjudicators shortly after the closing date. Please include your name, the country and the number of the picture you have chosen.

The competition will be judged by Dr Helen Drury. Dr Drury is an experienced secondary school teacher, and is an educationalist and Director of Mathematics for Ark Schools.

Thank you for taking part,



Yours sincerely

Caroline Rogers and Barbara Diamant and all the members of the London Central and South West Soroptimist Club

Please see below the images which we hope will inspire your story writing:



**Rwanda picture 1**



**Rwanda picture 4**



**Nepal picture 5**

# Walthamstow School for Girls

Presents the

## Summer Musical Concert

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at 7.00



Tickets are available from  
Mr. Burstow,  
£4 adults  
£2 concessions  
(under 18 and OAPs).

Tickets only available  
in advance, no tickets  
will be sold on the  
door



# G.R.E.E.N. FunDay!

Year 7 students and their families are invited to Walthamstow School For Girls very own G.R.E.E.N. Funday for a day of complete enjoyment in aid of Ambore School, Pakistan.

**Saturday 9th July 2016**

**From 11:00am to 2:00pm**

At Walthamstow School For Girls, Church Hill, Walthamstow,  
London E17 9RZ

## Events of the day include:

Art Exhibition

Henna Designs £2/£1

Live Performances

Celebrity Guests

Refreshments for sale

Raffle

Celebrity Photos



**For all enquiries contact –**

**Ms Philippou**

**Mrs Finamore**

**Entrance by ticket only.**

**Adults £1**

**12's and under 50p**

## Ski Trip 2017

### Places are now available on next year's school ski trip.

The trip will take place from the evening of **Friday 31st March** until the morning of **Saturday 8th April 2017**. This is the first week of the Easter holidays.

We will be travelling by coach to **Arosa in Switzerland**. This is the same resort that we visited earlier this year. Arosa is a very high ski resort, so although this is late in the season again, there is a good chance of excellent snow for skiing. This year we had fantastic snow conditions at Easter in Arosa, with many people telling us that it was the best snow of the season. We will be staying in the Basic Hotel again.

The trip will cost **£835**, which is slightly more than our last trip, but still represents good value for money.

The price includes -

- 6 full days skiing with 5 hours of Swiss Ski School lessons each day.
- Hire of skis, boots, poles, and helmet.
- 6 day lift pass.
- Coach and Channel Tunnel or Ferry fare.
- Accommodation in a very good standard hotel.
- All meals.
- All evening activities, including ice skating and possibly swimming at a local pool.
- Winter sports holiday insurance.

The only things not included in the cost of the trip are:-

- Food for the coach journey.
- Spending money (very little is required).
- Hire or purchase of ski clothing.

There will also be optional dry slope ski lessons, available next March, for beginners coming on the trip. These will cost approximately £45 for a total of **6 hours lessons**.

If you are interested in coming, please check with your parents first and then collect a booking form from **Ms Famiglietti in room G68**.

The trip is open to current years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Year 10 students however, should be aware that it will possibly clash with 4 days of Easter GCSE revision sessions in Yr 11.

There is a payment plan available which works out around **£130 a month** with the first payment due in September.

You can see some video clips and photos of previous years ski trips by going to Student Central Resources/Whole School/Ski Trips.

Feel free to copy them to a memory stick to show your parents.

**Completed booking forms and a £75 deposit should be given to Ms Famiglietti as soon as possible, as we only have 32 places for this very popular school trip.**

Ms Famiglietti (Ski Trip Party Leader).



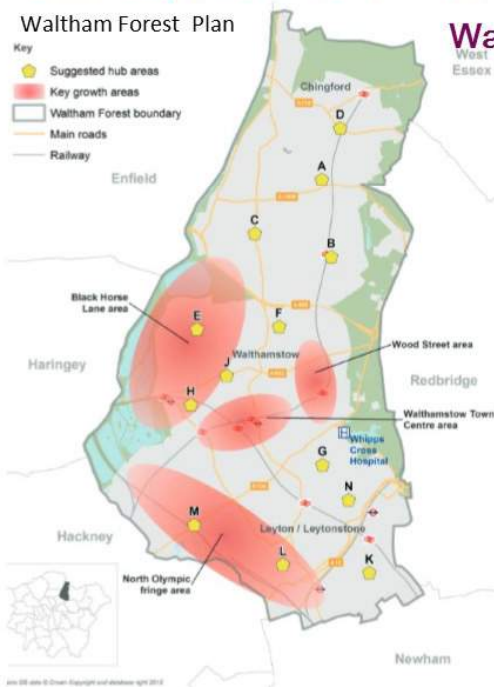
# GP Services are changing...

**RIGHT NOW** your local NHS is in the process of making decisions about **WHERE** and **HOW** you and your families will access GP (local doctor) and other local healthcare services in the future.

**Fact Finding Community Meeting**

**Saturday, 25th June 1:30—3 p.m.**

*Local NHS,  
Stella Creasy  
will attend*



**Walthamstow Girl's School**  
West Essex  
**Church Hill E17 9RZ**

**YOUR**

**Input Welcome**

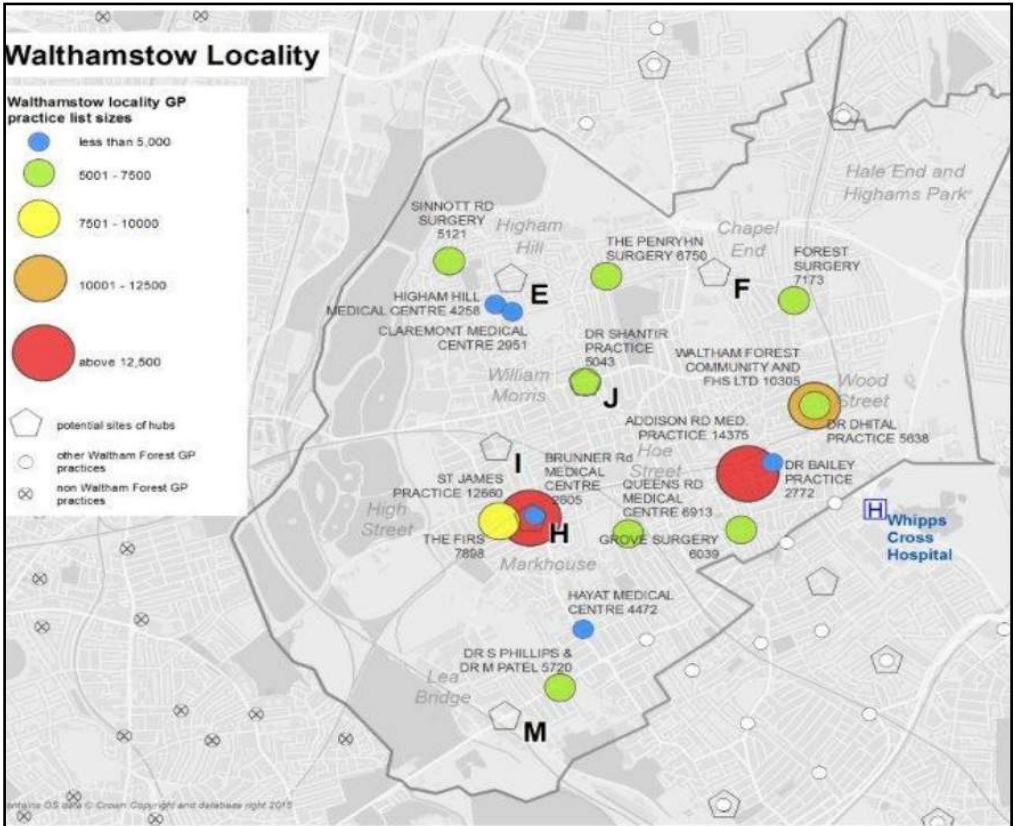
Before the plan is finished your local NHS want to hear from **YOU!** Questions, feedback, ideas—local knowledge—are welcomed.

*Please turn over for  
Walthamstow Plan*

**Places LIMITED: Book by emailing**

**gen@gmjford.com**

**WANT TO KNOW MORE?** <http://www.walthamforestccg.nhs.uk/estates>



## 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 29th June 2016.**

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

We look forward to seeing you.

Mr Ramlagan

## 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: Wednesday 4th January 2017 End: Friday 10th February 2017**

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

#### Second half

**Start: Monday 20th February 2017 End: Thursday 30th March 2017**

### Easter Holiday

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April 2017-Monday 17th 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**