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14th July 2016

Week 'A'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer Term 2016
End - Friday
15th July 2016

Friday 15th July

Last day of term details on pages 2-3

Autumn Term 2016

Friday 2nd September 2016

The first day of the Autumn

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Friday 14th October

INSET Day
School closed to students

Wednesday 19th October

Year 7
Settling in afternoon

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final day of term, I would like to thank all of our staff, students and yourselves for contributing to yet another exciting and successful year at WSFG. I have been very proud of our achievements this year; each and every one of the school's students always give their best in whatever activity they are involved, not just in their learning but also in the range of extra-curricular activities and opportunities on offer at WSFG. It was a pleasure to speak to the girls at last week's Year 9 transition event in the Greek Theatre, and attend a small Year 7 presentation on Monday of girls who had made excellent progress in their literacy work over the year. What a glorious ending to this academic year!

We were disappointed that our annual Sports Day had to be cancelled due to the weather - the rain cloud managed to burst overhead just as the girls had reached the Pool and Track, only to have to return right back to school. Thank you to Ms Wood who worked very hard on the arrangements and preparation for the afternoon.

However, the Summer Musical Evening made up for this disappointment on Monday evening. What a magnificent evening it was! With a packed hall and programme to match, the audience of families and our girls were entertained for almost three hours by our talented students. This included many individual and small group performances, alongside musical ensembles, the Battle of the Bands award winning *Grey Coverage*, an orchestra of almost fifty players - and three steel pan bands which managed to once more raise the roof!

Congratulations to Ms Eveleigh's tutor group, 7G, whose year round attendance currently stands at nearly 97% - the highest in the school. We have achieved an overall school attendance figure of 94% to June this year.

Finally, at this time of year, we say farewell to colleagues who have contributed hugely to the school, and this year is no exception. Ms Howie, Art/ADT is taking up a position in a primary school in Lambeth, Mr Laxton, our Out of Hours Lettings Co-ordinator, has left following a promotion at his daytime post, working with the London Symphony Orchestra, based at the Barbican Centre, Ms Azlan and Mr Carter, valued members of our support staff, will also be leaving us. Many parents will know Ms Finamore, our Community Liaison Officer who has been at the school for seven years and has now decided to take early retirement – we wish her a long and happy retirement and hope that she will continue her links with the school through our Alumnae Committee and in many other ways. We will also be saying farewell to some of our teachers on temporary contracts, several of whom have been covering for staff on maternity leave: Ms Singleton, Ms Azam, Ms Amoakohene and Ms Csordas, and we thank them all for the contribution they have made to life at WSFG. All of these colleagues will be missed.

One major change that will affect everyone in the school community is that Mr Straker will be stepping down from his role as Deputy Headteacher. Luckily we will not be losing him from the school, as he has taken the decision, rather than to retire completely, to continue in his role as Teacher of Mathematics and Economics. Mr Straker has worked at Walthamstow School for Girls for thirty years and has been Deputy Headteacher since March 2012. He is held in enormously high esteem by all his colleagues, students past and present and their parents/carers and I am personally extremely grateful for the dedication and hard work he has given to the school during his time as my Deputy Headteacher and throughout the years; his was the very first staffing appointment I made on my arrival at WSFG and I am very pleased he will be continuing with us in September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, those leaving and those remaining, for their hard work and commitment to the school. We have made some excellent appointments of new colleagues, and they will be introduced to you in the first Greensheet of the autumn term.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support and loyalty to your daughter's school and wish you and your families a safe and happy summer break.

Best wishes
Meryl Davies

**Information for Students, Parents / Carers
START OF AUTUMN TERM**

**The first day of the Autumn Term for students is
Friday 2nd September 2016**

2nd September is the start of term for **ALL** students.

- **School starts for the new Year 7 at 9.30am and they will be with their Tutors all day until dismissal at 3.30pm.**
- Year 7 assembly 9.30am Hewitt Hall with HT
- Year 7 assembly 3.15pm Norris Hall with SPL.
Dismissed from assembly.
- Lunch will be at 12.25pm for Year 7.

**School starts for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 at 1.30pm
and they will be with their tutors all afternoon
until dismissal at 3.30pm.**

- Year 10 assembly 1.35pm Hewitt Hall with HT.
- Year 9 assembly 2.00pm Hewitt hall with HT.
- Year 11 assembly 2.30pm Hewitt Hall with HT.
- Year 8 assembly 3.00pm Hewitt Hall with HT.

- All Students are expected in **FULL** uniform.

- Normal lessons resume Monday 5th September
- This is a Week A.

Ms.K.H.Pratt
Assistant Headteacher.

**Walthamstow School for Girls / Uniform for Year 8 – 11.
Recommended uniform suppliers for 2016/17.**

The suppliers listed below know the current uniform and P.E. uniform requirements for the school.

Fashion Fair,
184 – 186 High Street,
Walthamstow
Tel – 020 8503 7048

Wards School Wear,
105 Wood Street,
Walthamstow
Tel – 020 8509 3301

Victoria 2,
246 Hoe Street,
Walthamstow
Tel – 020 8520 2176

If you are buying new uniform items for September, the **ONLY** the following styles of skirt and trouser are acceptable as WSFG school uniform.



Skirts must be full pleat or half pleat style.



Trousers must be tailored, straight cut leg with a front fastening.

No other styles are acceptable.

Stretch material / styles are **NOT** acceptable.

Optional Blazer (must have school badge) for Years 8 - 11.

If you are purchasing a **new** blazer, the tailored blazer with embroidered badge can **ONLY** be purchased from **Speedstitch**.

Unit 32, Walthamstow Business Centre,
Clifford Road,
Walthamstow London
E17 4SX.
(0208 531 4800)

www.speedstitch.co.uk / enquiries@speedstitch.co.uk

£25.00 for sizes up to 38" chest / £30.00 for 38" plus.



If you already have a school blazer without the badge, you are allowed to continue to wear it in September.

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.

Any items remaining at the end of term will be disposed of.

Ms Jolliffe
Student Services



CURRENT SCHOOL UNIFORM 2016/7

The basic uniform consists of:

Parents/carers please take extra note of the point in red

- ◆ A tailored school blazer with embroidered school badge will be compulsory, required uniform for Year 7 from September 2016.
- ◆ Dark bottle green school skirt only in the recommended style OR
- ◆ Dark bottle green school trousers only in the recommended style OR
- ◆ Dark bottle green shalwar kameez or jilbab in plain fabric, which must not be shiny or patterned.
- ◆ School skirts must be of a modest length and no shorter than just above knee.
- ◆ Plain white blouse or polo shirt with collar, unless wearing shalwar kameez or jilbab.
- ◆ Plain dark bottle green school sweater/cardigan/sweatshirt without any logo.
- ◆ Plain tights (not patterned, textured or footless) in black, bottle green or natural colour.
- ◆ Long or short socks in plain white, black or bottle green.
- ◆ Black shoes or boots that should be plain, low heeled and sensible with black laces, if laced.
- ◆ Sport branded or non-branded trainers of any style are not acceptable.
- ◆ A plain, dark coloured outer coat, suitably waterproof is advised.
- ◆ Hoodies and denim or leather/leather substitute coats and jackets are **not** permitted to be worn with the school uniform or brought onto school premises under any circumstances.
- ◆ Outdoor scarves must be black, white or green and they must be removed when in school.
- ◆ Student hair must be a natural colour only and items worn in the hair should be small, plain and discreet.
- ◆ Students who wish to keep their heads covered for religious reasons must wear plain bottle green or plain white cotton scarves with no decoration or fringing which should be either pinned or tied securely.
- ◆ Loose scarves that cover the shoulders and upper body are a safety hazard and are not permitted.
- ◆ Facial coverings are **not** to be worn at school. If they are worn to and from school, they must be removed once the student enters the school gates.
- ◆ Make-up, if worn, must be subtle and discreet. If not discreet and is noticeable it must be removed.
- ◆ Acrylic or false nails are **not** to be worn for school.

**There are NO changes to the school uniform
for Years 8 – 11 in 2016/17**

Jewellery is not allowed in school under any circumstances.

- ◆ Students are permitted to wear one small stud in each ear (which should be no bigger than the size of a pea) and a wrist watch only.
- ◆ Facial piercings and visible body piercings (including tongue piercings) are **not** allowed to be worn in school.
- ◆ Any other jewellery items will be confiscated and will only be returned to parents/carers.
- ◆ Students who do not conform to the uniform guidelines will not be allowed to represent the school in an open forum, such as performances or trips out of school.
- ◆ The school reserves the right to ask a student who is not in correct uniform to remove non uniform items or change into uniform items provided by the school for the day.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016

Start: Thursday 1st September End: Wednesday 21st December 2016

Friday 2nd September 2016

The first day of the Autumn Term for all students

New Year 7 at 9.30am

will be with their Tutors all day until dismissal at 3.30pm.

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will be with their tutors all afternoon until dismissal at 3.30pm.

Monday 5th September

Normal lessons resume Week B

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.



The Power of Introverts

https://www.ted.com/talks/susan_cain_the_power_of_introverts?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;

Can history stop the next war?
(History, Cambridge)

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

Ms Robinson

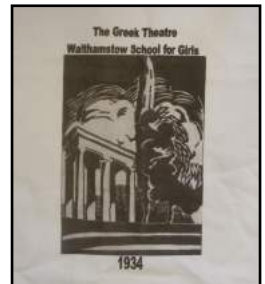
Shakespeare 2016

2016 marks the 400th anniversary of the death of
William Shakespeare



To commemorate this important event the LRC will be selling commemorative key rings of our Greek Theatre for £1

Greek Theatre Linen bag for £3



All proceeds go towards the
Walthamstow School for Girls Alumnae



Poetry Competition

Write a poem about our school

The School Alumnae will judge
the competition and award
a £20 W.H. Smith voucher
for the best entry

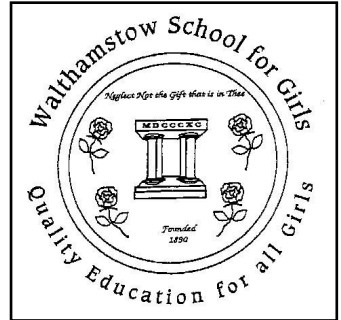
Poems to be handed in to the
LRC by
Friday 10th September 2016



Our School History

School Logo Competition 1986.

On a recent visit to England by ex-student Kim Baker, Mr Shackson discovered that she had designed the school logo in 1986 when the school underwent an expansion. Below is a letter received from Kim after her visit explaining her involvement in the design of the school logo.



It was very kind of Mr Shackson to give me and my partner a tour of the school on our spontaneous visit to Walthamstow. I found it very interesting to see how the school has developed since the last time I saw it in 1991 when I left. It was lovely to see Mr. Fowler again, who was my maths teacher and mentor of our school band 'Fowlers Fowl-ups'!

As to the school emblem:

I designed the emblem in the summer of 1986, I was amongst the first intake of 1st year students in autumn 1986. At that time there were 4th, 5th and lower and upper 6th form years. As the school was expanding and the school centenary was approaching, it was decided that the school should have a new emblem. On my intake day it was announced that there would be a competition for the new 1st year students to design a new school badge. I was keen to take part and in my summer holiday I designed the emblem combining the striking image of the Greek theatre columns with the school's grounding year in roman numerals, rounded off with a rose motif edging. I had been very impressed by the beautiful rose garden and the Greek theatre on my first visit of Walthamstow Girls on intake day. I knew how the school looked from outside, but had never imagined what wonderful hidden beauty the grounds contained. I found the idea to combine these 'hidden' or 'secret' details of the school grounds, the Greek theatre and the Rose garden, together in an emblem encapsulated the school motto 'Forget not the gift that is in thee'. I also found that the Greek columns could signify knowledge and the roses growth and femininity.

Of the few designs that had been given in for the competition at the start of the new school year, mine was chosen. Ms. Marino (Headteacher) told me that there would be changes made to the wording on the design and I think the design was re-worked a little. Unfortunately nobody noticed that there should actually be 6 columns, not 4 as on my design which I had drawn from memory in the summer holiday and not checked at the beginning of term before handing it in!

Although I was very happy to have my design chosen, I always felt rather embarrassed that the 'Greek theatre' motif was wrong and I had always hoped that at some point it

would be corrected!

The school is really fortunate to have this wonderful Greek theatre in the grounds, it is a feature of the school that will certainly be kept for more generations.

After leaving Walthamstow Girls, I studied A-Level Art, Music and Physics at Monoux. At the age of about 14 I had already decided that I wanted to train to be a violin maker. I took the A-Levels to bridge the time until, at the age of 18, I was old enough to be accepted at Newark school of Violin Making in Nottinghamshire. After graduating I was employed in a violin workshop in Hong Kong, where I stayed for 7 years.

Then I went to Germany to study Violin-making in a very, very small town in Saxony where I met my colleague, a Guitar maker, with whom I established a Violin workshop with in Dresden, Germany, where I have been since 2007.

With best wishes,
Kim Baker



Photo, taken in 1991, of my class 5N
(I'm in the back row, far left)

and a photo, scanned from a
newspaper article, of me in my
workshop a couple of years ago.





Free Yoga classes

Are you looking for a way to get fit and manage your stress?
Why not try yoga!

WSFG is offering **free 6-week beginners yoga and relaxation course** to parents and carers, beginning in September 2016.

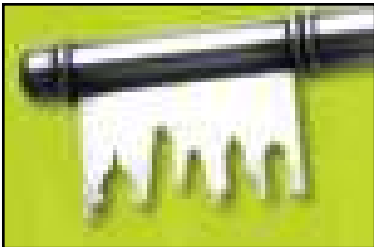
**Sessions will take place on Thursdays at WSFG,
from 4 – 5pm,
from 8th September until 13th October.**

Some of the many benefits of yoga include:

- Managing stress through breathing, meditation and movement
- Increasing confidence and positive self-image

Contact Ms Wilkinson on swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk to sign up, but please do hurry, as places are strictly limited!

Open House London 2016



On **Saturday 17th September 2016**, our school is taking part in Open House London 2016.

This festival of architecture and urban design, allows the public to visit buildings within the city.

Our school is open from **1 – 5pm** when there will be guided tours of the school grounds and Hewett Hall.

For further information about Open House events you can look at these links:

Facebook (www.facebook.com/openhouselondon) and

Twitter ([@openhouselondon#openhouselondon](https://twitter.com/openhouselondon#openhouselondon))

So, come and join us and celebrate our wonderful buildings.

Ms Kelly
Learning Resource Centre

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Suntrap Centre

Free summer activities 11-14 year olds

During the summer holiday Suntrap is running two free three day bushcraft courses for anyone aged 11-14 who lives or goes to school in London Borough of Waltham Forest.

Wednesday, 3 August - Friday, 5 August 2016
Tuesday 23 August - Thursday, 25 August 2016

Come and spend a fun three days learning the art of bushcraft. You will spend three days in Epping Forest orienteering, lighting fires, discovering wild foods, cooking on a camp fire and building your very own shelter.

A mini bus will collect students from Chingford Railway Station at 10:15am each morning. The mini bus will return the students to Chingford Railway Station at 3:30pm

Participants will need to bring a packed lunch, plenty of soft drinks and wear suitable clothing for spending the day outdoors.

Places are limited and booking is essential, use the links below to book your place.

Wednesday, 3 August 2016 at 10:15 - Friday, 5 August 2016 at 15:30
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bushcraft-11-14-year-olds-tickets-26276226902>

Tuesday 23 August 2016 at 10:15 - Thursday, 25 August 2016 at 15:30
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bushcraft-11-14-year-olds-tickets-26279884843>

The full range of FREE activities for Waltham Forest students aged 11 – 19 can be found using this link; <http://wfholidayactivities.eventbrite.co.uk>

All activities are inclusive, however if your child does have special education needs and disabilities please contact us on **020 8498 3000** so we can ensure the provider can fully meet the needs of your child.

Suntrap Forest Education Centre, WF Traded Services, Families Directorate, London Borough of Waltham Forest



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The Education and Childcare Network for Waltham Forest
thehub.walthamforest.gov.uk



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY Programme

YOUR SUMMER DAZE GUIDE 2016

Waltham Forest

SUMMER DAZE 2016

See: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/summer
 For range of summer activities and further details



JUGGLING WORK AND SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS CAN BE TRICKY BUT THERE ARE LOTS OF ORGANISATIONS OFFERING QUALITY CHILDCARE ACROSS WALTHAM FOREST. MANY OFFER A VARIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, SPORTS AND TRIPS TO KEEP EVERY CHILD HAPPY!

Plan your family's summer here!

Visit the Children and Young People's Directory to find local childcare and access all the exciting activities and events taking place in Waltham Forest this summer. www.walthamforest.gov.uk/summer

To help you plan your summer and find what is best suited to you we have created an interactive online map to enable you to search activities based on age, interest and area.

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Wednesday 19th October

Year 7 Settling in afternoon

Half Term: Monday 24-Friday 28 October 2016

Thursday 3rd November

Year 10 Parent/Carers Evening

Monday 21st November

INSET Day School closed to students

Thursday 15th December

Carol Concert details to follow

Spring Term 2017

Start: Wednesday 4th January 2017

End: Friday 31st March

Monday 30th January 2017

INSET Day School closed to students

Thursday 2nd February

Year 11 Parent/Carers Evening

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

Thursday 2nd March

Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening

Thursday 16th March

Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening

Easter Holiday

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

Good Friday Bank Holiday: Friday 14th April

Easter Monday Bank Holiday: Monday 17th April

Summer Term 2017

Start: Tuesday 18th April

End: Wednesday 19th July

Holidays

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

Thursday 11th May

Year 7 Parent/Carers Evening

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