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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many congratulations to our Year 11 students who have been a credit to the school this week during their mock examinations. This year group will be the first with numerical rather than letters as grades, alongside a real increase in the rigour of the way in which these examinations will be assessed. We feel confident that they will do equally as well as previous ones with the support of our staff and parents, although, as we know, change is always a challenge initially. The 2016 GCSE results, as compared to others nationally, have confirmed the performance of our students at WSFG as amongst the best nationally for like schools (ie non selective).

All our younger students in Years 7 and 8 had a wonderful time on Monday when MyBnk staff spent the day with them on maths and money workshops. We are grateful to Ms Philippou and all our staff who set aside other arrangements for the day to make this fun and informative event happen. Meanwhile, on Tuesday evening, a number of lucky students visited the Young Vic Theatre to see ex MP *Glenda Jackson* play the role of King Lear in a sell-out production which has received 5 star reviews. Friday will be a very busy day at school as forty Year 9 students will be visiting the Creative Quarter event at the *Victoria and Albert Museum*. Once there, they will hear about careers in design and participate in workshops.

**Thursday 15th December**  
Carol concert:  
St Mary's Church 7pm

**Spring Term 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

Other news this week includes a fantastic win by our Year 10 basketball team against Buxton on Wednesday (19-12). Several members of the team had not played basketball before. I must say that once I left the sports hall, our girls went on to score 10 more goals so clearly I am no lucky mascot!

On Thursday Year 6 pupils from Saint Mary's and Saint Saviour's Primary Schools visited us for a Computer Coding Event. This was hosted by Year 7 ICT Reps as well as ICT staff. Whilst on Thursday evening, Ms Wood and I will be attending a special sports awards ceremony at the Waltham Forest Assembly Halls as WSFG has been nominated for an award. I will let you know if we have been successful next week.

As part of our International Links programme, we are hosting students and teachers from a Danish school on Friday. The visiting students will join in our lessons and be 'buddied' by our own girls, and the programme will include a special lesson on the Danish concept of 'hygge'.

**Please remember that on Monday WSFG will be closed for staff training.** We have an intense day of workshops scheduled for all our staff looking at a whole range of important issues related to our work ranging from safeguarding issues to a wide ranging focus on aspects of teaching and learning.

Finally another reminder about our JustGiving fundraising page for our charity the Bone Cancer Trust:

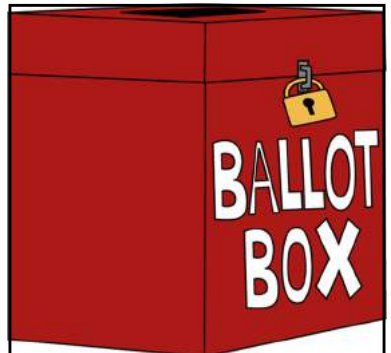
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Walthamstow-School-for-Girls>

Best wishes,  
Meryl Davies

### **Reminder to vote in the Governor Election**

You can vote for one of the three parent candidates, and your vote must be received in school by **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**.

Please do take the time to vote –the Governing Body has a crucial role in overseeing our focus and development at WSFG.



## Notice to all Parents and Carers

### Student Leave During Term Time

A student's absence during term time can seriously disrupt the continuity of her learning. Not only does she miss the teaching provided on the days she is away, she is also less prepared for the lessons building on that after her return. There is a consequent risk of underachievement which we and you must seek to avoid. Therefore, the school DOES NOT authorise absence during term time for family holidays or trips abroad.

Parents or carers do not have the right to take their daughter(s) out of school for holidays and the school will only grant leave of absence in truly exceptional circumstances.

A student who is absent longer than ten days after an agreed return date, or without authorisation, can legally be removed from the school roll.

Parents or carers who take their daughters out of school without the authorisation of the Headteacher face court action and a fine.

In considering whether or not to authorise leave of absence, the school will look at each case individually, taking into account a student's overall attendance, her stage of education, (e.g. examinations), and the reason for the absence. It is very rare that any student is granted leave of absence.

Leave of Absence forms can be obtained from the school office and all requests should be submitted to our Attendance Manager **at least four weeks before the first day of requested absence.**

Arrangements for trips should NEVER be made before permission has been sought from the Headteacher.

Ms King  
Student Attendance Manager

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The Spring Term starts on Wednesday 4th January and ends on Friday 31st March 2017 inclusive.

**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2016**  
**Chewing**

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight for 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2016 is on Chewing. All students are clear that chewing gum is a **banned item** and is therefore not allowed in school. If a student is found to be chewing on the school premises, she will have her conduct card signed and will get an automatic one hour detention with a member of the Leadership Team. Please support the school by ensuring your daughter does not bring chewing gum into school and please do not bring chewing gum into school yourself if you are visiting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Pratt  
Assistant Headteacher



All students are clear that chewing gum is a banned item and must not be brought into school.

**Sanctions to be applied.**

If a student is caught chewing in school, she will have her conduct card signed and will get an automatic one hour detention.

Chewing gum is a banned item at WSFG.

# Competition

Design this year's school Christmas card  
using the medium of



# Collage

**Deadline: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

Please pass entries to  
Ms Royds in the Front Office  
or your Art teacher

*You shall go to  
the ball...*

*For the chance to win a trip to go and  
see Cinderella at the theatre...*

*Write a version of Cinderella from the  
point of view of an 'ugly sister'  
or*

*Re-write the ending of Cinderella to  
make it more relevant for a modern  
audience*

*Deadline: Friday 2nd December  
Hand in to Miss Wilkins - G13 English  
Office*



## Year 10 Basket Ball Success

Congratulations to the Year 10 team on winning against Buxton School this week.

WSFG: 19

Buxton: 12

It was a very close game, we had a couple of the usual players missing and we had some girls who had never played basketball for the team before so they did exceptionally well. The team was:

*Annalie Cole 10W*

*Kezia Antubam 10W*

*Eden Howles 10G*

*Renaë Steele 10C*

*Jubilee Odeyemi 10C*

*Flora Jones 10F*

*Remi Odetoyinbo 10H*

The next basketball game will be the Year 9 team who are playing away at Buxton School on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Ms Warren



(stock photo)



## Year 7 & Year 8 Accelerated Readers

Well done to all those students who have taken AR Reading Practice quizzes since September 2016.

The quizzes ask questions that measure the student's comprehension of a book. There are 3-20 multiple answer questions in each quiz and the student can take these quizzes during the school day.

Girls are encouraged to read each day for 20 minutes and complete the quiz as soon as they have finished the book.

Here are the number of words read, quizzes passed and the top quizzers by Form Group. Please congratulate your daughters, even if they are not in the top five quizzers as they will have contributed to their form group's overall number of words read.

Ms Kelly & Mrs Guest  
Learning Resource Centre

### Quizzes Passed and Words Read from September 2016 to October 2016

Year 7

Year 8

Form	Quizzes	Words Read
7W	231	1,410,752
7S	385	4,016,337
7F	469	2,014,172
7G	245	1,720,793
7C	435	1,587,272
7H	613	1,588,153

Form	Quizzes	Words Read
8W	513	1,898,660
8S	406	2,799,826
8F	563	1,894,345
8G	283	1,714,616
8C	289	4,413,575
8H	262	7,737,206





<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 7C</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Haji, Hajrah J</i>	187,444
<i>Ahmed, Zaara</i>	88,657
<i>Scaife, Ruby A</i>	65,494
<i>Tudor, Kasia</i>	65,292
<i>Jamil, Aniqah</i>	62,963
<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 7F</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Pasol, Andreea</i>	164,510
<i>Summersgill, Keira N</i>	111,638
<i>Monaghan, Ruby D</i>	64,820
<i>Burnett, Rachel B</i>	62,751
<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 7G</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Clark, Molly M</i>	156,567
<i>Gambino, Grace G</i>	156,364
<i>Robinson, Priscilla I</i>	101,960
<i>Bekem, Ilgin</i>	88,262
<i>Ramzan, Mominah A</i>	73,053
<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 7H</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Siddiqah, Sameera</i>	238,647
<i>Jafry, Zoha Batool B</i>	182,942
<i>Jacklin, Ava C</i>	120,937
<i>Javaid, Israa</i>	74,628
<i>Jackson, Siwan A</i>	65,494
<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 7S</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Vessey, Beatrix Z</i>	548,721
<i>Munir, Hibah I</i>	277,479
<i>McGrath, Aoife M</i>	240,861
<i>Phelps, Sophie F</i>	167,637
<i>Hasan, Aisha</i>	164,414
<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 7W</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Sebai, Romayssa</i>	239,684
<i>Gardner, Eliza T</i>	191,168
<i>Rattanawong, Rada</i>	88,901
<i>Bernard, Roya A</i>	75,785
<i>Arshad, Sana</i>	17,469

<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 8C</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Scanlon-Sanderson, Olivia</i>	1,605,268
<i>Naeem, Hafsa</i>	457,427
<i>Sediqi, Madiha</i>	275,775
<i>Macmeikan, Jasia</i>	180,945
<i>Asaf, Aleena</i>	157,285
<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 8F</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Kajee, Zaynah</i>	217,348
<i>Bushay-Olarewaju, Silhouette</i>	191,589
<i>Kassam, Sidra</i>	187,512
<i>Zeng, Ying Hang</i>	141,478
<i>Khelifi, Selma</i>	64,846
<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 8G</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Bibi, Samra</i>	269,318
<i>Colnago, Chiara</i>	171,649
<i>Mehmood, Sumaiya</i>	136,850
<i>Miah, Mahima</i>	136,429
<i>Hillman, Charlotte</i>	127,678
<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 8H</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Giffin, Kitty</i>	1,064,084
<i>Mbakwe, Chikara</i>	714,832
<i>Sedley, Marianne</i>	649,794
<i>Chen, Hui Xin</i>	516,123
<i>Hussain, Iqra</i>	444,396
<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 8S</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Bayramoglu, Tulin</i>	135,125
<i>Mehmood, Muskaan</i>	116,420
<i>Ahmed, Amud</i>	100,132
<i>Donmez, Elif</i>	87,793
<i>Naeem, Sadiyah</i>	65,858
<b>TOP 5 Quizzers 8W</b>	<b>Words Read</b>
<i>Billington, Hannah</i>	186,089
<i>Usher, Bea</i>	140,451
<i>Noorally, Aini</i>	101,564
<i>Lloyd, Izzy</i>	97,781
<i>Wajd, Malaika</i>	87,228

## Girls Allowed- #Safe4faith

Ms Dominique and I took seven Year 9 students to a Girls Allowed- #Safe4faith event organised by the London MET Police last week. It was a fantastic experience for the girls. The purpose of the event was to bring together young females between the ages of 14 and 25 from multi faith backgrounds, and for them to provide an insight to what their concerns, interpretations and perspectives are on police interaction. Here are their reviews:



*I think the trip was really fun and cool to be a part of; they told us about their experiences before they were police officers and how they want to change the world to be a better place. The event aimed to reach out and inspire young women from multi-backgrounds. I loved how they put a lot of effort into this and how they showed videos, what they dealt with and examples of what they do in the police from 1800's to 2016. They told us a lot about the police which I didn't know about. Overall I think it was really nice and fun, I'd love to be part of more things like this because we wouldn't get many opportunities like this.*

Haviisha Jesuthas 9S

*I felt very valued as a woman. I've never been to such a trip where they really challenge you to step outside your comfort zone. The Emmanuel Centre of Westminster event really has helped me gain more confidence and self-esteem, and where I was made to feel welcome and unique as an individual. I really appreciate Ms Desbenoit as she had given me the opportunity of a lifetime.*

Baet Rasool 9C

*With a capital A I would describe the trip being Amazing. I really enjoyed the presentations they showed us which gave me good tips for my future. Also they encouraged us to be confident and brave women as we should be proud of who we are. I would like to thank Miss Desbenoit for taking me on this trip. I learned a lot from this.*

Sumbal Arshad 9C

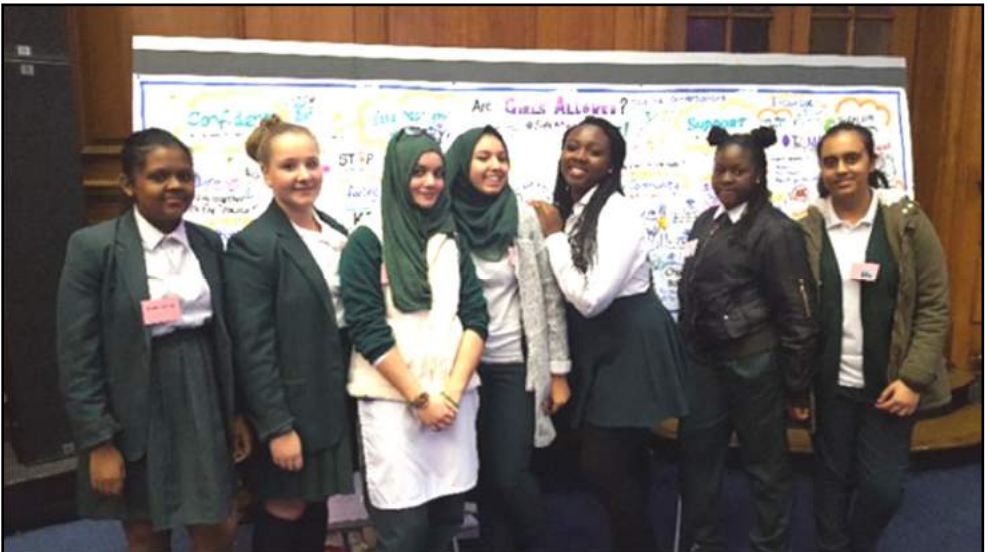
Last week, six other students and I were given an amazing opportunity to attend an event in Westminster, organised by the Metropolitan Police. The event was organised in order to empower young girls and inspire them to achieve higher things in life and it definitely did so. I left the event feeling empowered, confident and very informed about different opportunities that women have in the police force, and that there are no limits to what I can achieve despite my gender and race. There were also many advocates from different charities that reassured me about my safety as a Muslim girl in London. The entertainment and refreshments made the experience even more fun. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Firdaous Attioui 9F

The event communicated with girls and young women from different faith groups with the police. They explained the roles of the police and suggested support and how to support people in need. I mainly enjoyed the police cadet's speech and the short clip of knife crime and how dangerous it is to carry a knife even if it is for your own safety. Overall I really enjoyed the event and it has made me realise that the police are more than people who stop crime, they are here to help you too.

Amie Burgess 9S

Ms Desbenoit  
Diversity Coordinator



**Years 10 and 11:  
Opportunity to join the Olympic Legacy Youth Voice Panel !**

Would you like to decide the future of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park?  
14- 18 year olds who study or live in Waltham Forest, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Hackney are invited to apply for a position on the Youth Panel, which will give you training in leadership and communications, while you help create sustainable opportunities for local young people in East London.

**Closing date: 18th December 2016;  
first selection workshop is on 14th January 2017.**

Apply online: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/legacyyouthvoice> and allow 10 minutes to complete the application form

or text: 07850653313 to book a telephone interview

or email: [lyv@weare.kaizen.co.uk](mailto:lyv@weare.kaizen.co.uk)

Mrs Finamore



**Walthamstow School for Girls  
Community Christmas Party.  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year at WSFG we host a community Christmas party.

This is a very special event as the whole school comes together to organise a celebration with food, gifts and entertainment for the elderly members of our community.

We like to show them how much we appreciate and value them and to make sure they have a good time with some great company.



This year, our community party will take place on the afternoon of **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. We are starting to organise the event and to send out invitations to our elderly guests. If you have any elderly relatives, neighbours, friends or contacts who you would like to invite, please provide us with their full name(s) and address (es) so that we can contact them. This could be via phone (020 8509 9446), email ([info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk)) or via your daughter(s).

Additionally, if you have any unwanted (brand new) gifts that we could offer our guests, please send them to Miss Eveleigh in the Humanities office via your daughter(s). Last year was one of our best ever community parties and, with your support, we'd like to make sure this year is even more memorable.

Thank you,

Ms Philippou  
Assistant Headteacher



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

### WALTHAMSTOW

#### **SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER: INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY,**

The Mill, 7-11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HA, 4-7pm, entry by donation. Enjoy a buffet of dishes from around the world, plus music and conversation.

Ring 0208 521 3211 or visit: [www.themill-coppermill.org](http://www.themill-coppermill.org)

#### **SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER: WINTER TABLE TOP SALE,**

Holy Family School, 1 Shernhall Street, E17 3EA, 10am-1pm, 50p adults, children free. Grab a bargain, or why not book a stall ( £10 in advance, £15 on the day) and sell your own items? Ring 0208 520 0482 or email:

[t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:t.friends@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk) to book.

#### **SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER: CHARITY BARN DANCE,** St Barnabas

Church Hall, St Barnabas Road, E17 8JZ, £10, 8-16 year olds £8, bring your own food, pay bar available. Dance to the music of E17 Ceilidh Music Plus and help to raise funds for cancer charities. Ring Canon Steve Saxby on 0208 520 5323 to confirm times and book tickets.

#### **SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER: AUNTIE MAUREEN'S WINTER-a-FAIR,**

Orford House Social Club, 73 Orford Road, E17 9QZ, 11am-5pm, £2, £1 under 16s. Vintage gifts galore, plus seasonal cabaret and refreshments. Ring Maureen on 07432 430386.

#### **THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER: MUSIC IN THE VILLAGE WITH**

**HARPSICHORDIST CAROLE CERANI,** St Mary's Church, Church End, E17 9RJ, 7.30pm, £6.50 concs, £13 adults. Enjoy an evening of baroque music by Scarlatti and Couperin. Ring 0208

223 0772 to book, or email [VillageMusic@WalthamSoft.com](mailto:VillageMusic@WalthamSoft.com) ;

tickets also available at the door from 7pm.



## BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

### **THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER UNTIL 26th FEBRUARY 2017: TAYLOR WESSING PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT PRIZE**

**EXHIBITION**, National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, WC2H OHE, 10am-6pm Saturday and Sunday, 10am-9pm Thursday and Friday, 10am-6pm Monday to Wednesday, £3, £2 concessions. 60 shortlisted photographic portraits by amateur and professional photographers in this important annual exhibition. See [www.npg.org.uk](http://www.npg.org.uk) Nearest tubes: Charing Cross and Leicester Square. Why not combine this with a visit to the new Spiegel Tent in nearby Leicester Square, open 10am-6pm on Saturday and Sunday, 12-10pm Monday to Friday until 8th January. Live performances, Christmas market and food stalls, plus snow! See [www.christmasinleicestersquare.com](http://www.christmasinleicestersquare.com) for full programme.

### **UNTIL 1st MARCH 2017: MAPS AND THE 20th CENTURY- DRAWING THE LINE**

British Library, 96 Euston Road, NW1 2D3, Saturday 9.30am-5pm, 11am-5pm Sunday, 9.30am-8pm Monday to Thursday, under 18s free, adults £12. Discover 100 years of mapping technology, from the first map of the Underground to satellite maps, moonlanding and battlefields. See [www.bl.co.uk](http://www.bl.co.uk) for details. Nearest tubes: Euston or King's Cross.

### **UNTIL 25th JANUARY 2017: SOUTHBANK CENTRE'S WINTER**

**FESTIVAL**, the Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX, 10am-10pm, many free attractions. This 21 acre site has been transformed into a Nordic landscape, with a Christmas market, workshops, social dancing, cabaret, circus, concerts, roller disco and more for all ages, 10am- 10pm daily.

See: [www.southbankcentre.co.uk](http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk) for full programme details.

Nearest tubes:

Waterloo and  
Embankment.

Enjoy your free time!  
Mrs Finamore



## School Calendar for 2016-17

### Autumn Term 2016

**End: Wednesday 21st December 2016**

Monday 21st November  
Thursday 15th December

INSET Day School closed to students  
Carol concert, St Mary's Church 7pm

### Spring Term 2017

**Start: Wednesday 4th January 2017 End: Friday 31st March**

Monday 30th January 2017  
Thursday 2nd February

INSET Day School closed to students  
Year 11 Parent/Carers Evening

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

Thursday 2nd March  
Thursday 16th March

Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening  
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**