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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Half Term:

Monday

13th-

Friday 17th

February

2017

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

What excitement there was in school on Thursday when girls and staff at WSFG were thrilled by the visit of Taekwondo Olympian *Lutalo Muhammad* and his trainer. Not forgetting, of course, his impressive winning performance in the *Children in Need* Strictly fundraiser last Friday! He delighted Year 8 students and staff with a very impressive display of his sporting skills. *Lutalo*, as a former Holy Family Catholic School student, is visiting a number of a local WSFG schools in order to share with youngsters his experiences as an Olympian and also the essential mindset qualities of resilience, determination-and hard work. He was happy to sign autographs-and allow several members of staff to be photographed bearing not one, but two Olympic medals. The local athlete won Bronze in the London Olympics and Silver in this year's Rio Olympics. Several of us can confirm that these medals are actually quite heavy!



Staying on the theme of sporting success, last Thursday Ms Wood and I had an excellent evening out at the Waltham Forest 2016 Sports Awards Ceremony at the very grand Assembly Hall adjacent to the Town Hall. Whilst aware that we had been nominated for one award, we actually went to the event to support the achievements of many of our students who represented their various sports clubs. Imagine our delight when we were awarded

the special (and only) Secondary School Award in acknowledgement of both the range of sports we offer at WSFG as well as the high levels of uptake. What was extremely uplifting was that the rest of the hall exploded into applause as our name was read out. Congratulations to Ms Wood and her team for all that they do to support and encourage sport at WSFG-and to all you parents and carers who work hard to ensure that your daughters continue to maintain a commitment to sport outside school as well.

After school on Thursday we held the count for the parent vacancy on the Governing Body. This post was hotly contested but there was a clear winner. This will be announced next week once all the candidates have been contacted.

A reminder that on Thursday December 2nd, we will be hosting our second fundraiser for the Bone Cancer Research Trust. In exchange for wearing an item of orange along with her school uniform, your daughter is asked to donate a minimum of 50pence towards the charity. Thank you for your support, as ever.

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

Best wishes,
Meryl Davies

Year 10 Mathematics GCSE Revision Books.

The Mathematics Department are selling the CPG GCSE Mathematics Revision Guides and Workbooks at a much reduced price.

Your daughter is now able to buy them from **Student Services** for **£2.50** each rather than the retail price of **£5.95**.

The Higher Workbook includes the answers, so both books will cost your daughter a total of **£5**.

The answers for the Foundation book are separate and cost **£1**, so the cost of all three books for Foundation students, will be **£6**.

There will not be a charge for these books to any students entitled to Free School Meals.

John Fowler - Head of Mathematics.

College Roadshow Wednesday 30th November 6pm to 8pm.

Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers

We have a large selection of Colleges and Sixth Schools coming to the event. Look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Ray
Careers Guidance and Workplace
Engagement Coordinator



RoadShow

Notice to all Parents and Carers Student Leave During Term Time

We have recently received several request from families to withdraw their daughters from school for family holidays.

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 autumn term ends on Wednesday 21st December 2016.

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



Friday 2nd December 2016

Dilara's Day

**Non-Uniform Day to support
Bone Cancer Trust on behalf of Dilara Ozbek.**

Minimum donation of **50p** payable to Form Representatives
IN ADVANCE by **Wednesday 30th November.**

Wear an item of orange with your school uniform.

(Substitute a uniform item with an item coloured orange
such as a hairband, jumper, shirt, skirt, trousers, shoes)

**All other items MUST be full uniform and
jewellery rules apply and lanyards must be worn.**



Christmas Fair

The Year 10 charity reps will be holding another fundraising event in the covered patio area on **Friday 2nd December.**

This will be a Christmas Fair to raise money for Bone Cancer Research Trust (BCRT). This trust supported Dilara throughout her illness and we now want to help them and other young people suffering from cancer by raising money.

If you wish to donate any Christmas goodies eg cakes, muffins, cookies or any type of Christmas treats you can make, please see **Ms Warren in G05 by Tuesday 29th November.**

Please come along and support this event and help us raise as much money as possible to help other children like Dilara.

Ms Warren

Focus of the Fortnight
21st Nov – 2nd Dec 2016
Chewing

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Focus of the Fortnight for 21st Nov – 2nd 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



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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.

Year 9 STEM Aviation Day: success for WSFG

Two weeks ago ten Year 9 students went to Excel to take part in a STEM day organised by London City Airport. People who work in the aviation industry gave a series of talks to explain various aspects of how a busy airport functions and the different technologies used.

There were about twelve schools represented, split up into teams of five. During the day there were different challenges such as building the tallest tower with 20 strands of spaghetti and placing a marshmallow on top! Quizzes were used to test each team's developing knowledge of the industry.



The afternoon session presented a challenge to each group to design an app. that passengers could use to make their airport experience more enjoyable. In the limited time available students had to come up with an idea, develop the look of the app and its functions and describe how this could be funded by creating a short business plan.



Both of our teams tackled this extremely professionally and it was a joy to see each team in the room collaborating whilst being fiercely competitive. Ms King and I coached our teams and were completely amazed at the incredible level of thinking and determination they showed. Each team had to create and then deliver a presentation to a section of the room, watched by other teams and judged by the experts who had come to support the day's activities. Both of our teams did extremely well and one of them was judged to have won our sector and go on to the final.

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In the final, four teams from different schools pitched their idea to the full group of nearly 200 people. Our team did an exceptional job with their presentation which would not have been out of place in any professional situation. We were all delighted and extremely proud when they were announced winners. They came away with Westfield vouchers and also won the school £250 to be spent on STEM activities.

Congratulations to:

Kate Lucas 9G;
Maddy Hilton 9G;
Iris Fishlock 9W;
Anna Morate Bishop 9G
and Raahil Amidu 9F



Many thanks to Ms Healy for organising the day, Ms King for accompanying us as well her excellent job on coaching the winning team. Also to Mr Monksfield for driving us in the minibus to get there in the morning. In all, a great team effort!

Mr Streader – Head of ADT Faculty

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property since returning after half term.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled so that it can be easily returned

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**.

Ms Jolliffe
 Student Services



Danish Links

Last Friday we were delighted to host a visit from twenty four Danish students and two of their teachers. They were really excited to be here and wanted to experience school life in the UK and chose our school to visit. Almost thirty of our Year 9 students looked after them for the day, participating in a variety of activities from people bingo to maths lessons and presentations.



They also accompanied them to their usual lessons and for our Friday fish and chips lunch.

Our teachers visited Ms Robinson's Year 8 maths class and talked about *Hygge* and the mathé. There was a great buzz and excitement around school and we had a brilliant day – we learnt a huge amount from our new Danish friends and are very excited about keeping this relationship moving forward.

Ms Philippou



Definition of Hygge

Hygge (pronounced hue-gah) is a Danish word that is a feeling or mood that comes from taking genuine pleasure in making ordinary, everyday things more meaningful, beautiful or special. This could be, making coffee a verb by creating a ritual of making it then lingering over a cup, or a cosy evening in with friends to the simple act of lighting a candle with every meal. Hygge is being aware of a good moment whether it's simple or special.

While there is no one English word to describe hygge, several can be used interchangeably to describe the idea of hygge such as cosiness, charm, happiness, security, familiarity, comfort, reassurance, kinship, and simplicity.

By creating simple rituals without effort (such as brewing real tea with a little china cup every evening to stopping at the flower shop every week) the Danes see both the domestic and personal life as an art form and not a drudgery to get away from.

Hygge is about being present and recognising (and enjoying) the moment.



Thank you to our Danish visitors for sharing their concept of Hygge with us!



Waltham Forest Special Sports Awards

Last Thursday, Ms Davies and myself went to the Waltham Forest Sports awards 2016. It was a fantastic evening aimed at recognising the many individuals, teams, and sports clubs that have made an outstanding contribution to sport and physical activity in Waltham Forest throughout 2016. We saw many of our own students in the audience, representing different sports teams.

Walthamstow School for Girls was nominated for the 'Secondary School Special Award' for outstanding participation and progress through sport. We were up against all the schools in the borough. We were delighted by this achievement and are both ecstatic to announce that we won the award. We were able to reconstruct the award presentation with staff on Monday morning at the start of our training day.

Ms Wood



Ms Davies and Ms Wood on the platform,



some of the entertainment



Two of the clubs on offer



Community Christmas Party. Tuesday 13th 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 13th 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) 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



Competition

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



Collage

Deadline: Tuesday 29th November, 2016

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

**Cards will be sold on order to raise funds for the
Bone Cancer Research Trust**

*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*



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER : CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKET,

William Morris Gallery, Forest Road, E17 4PP , 6.30-10pm, £1 entry donation. E17 Designers' annual festive event, featuring local designers' work, refreshments and even a Christmas tree switch on! See : www.wmgallery.org.uk for more information.

THURSDAY 24th SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER: WINTER THEATRE

FESTIVAL, Mirth, Marvel and Maud, 186 Hoe Street, E17 4QH, £10 adults, under 18s £7, or 3 shows for £24 / £18. A weekend of new plays presented by up and coming local theatre companies on the themes of, body image, Brexit, bullying and illness, shown in the small Maud cinema (the Fleapit) at the reopened cinema. To book, see : www.beartuza.com/tickets

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER : POP UP POTTERY at the Mill,

7-11 Coppermill Lane, E17, 10am onwards, £10, all materials included. Learn 3 new pottery painting techniques and take home the results. Limited places, so booking essential. Email: info@themill-coppermill.org or ring 0208 521 3211.

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER : EAT OR HEAT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR,

Quaker Meeting House, Jewel Road, E17 4QU, 10am-4pm, entry by a donation of a packet or tin of food. Local charity Eat or Heat runs a busy foodbank, and this annual event will help to raise funds for Christmas and New Year food parcels for families in need. Stalls include knitwear, jewellery, preserves and homemade beauty products, plus refreshments. See: www.eatorheat.org for more information. Volunteer helpers are needed - all ages welcome.

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

FRIDAY 25th- SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER : HYPER JAPAN

CHRISTMAS MARKET, Tobacco Dock, 50 Porters' Walk, E1W 2SF, open 9am-8pm Friday, 9am-9pm Saturday and 9am-6pm Sunday, £20, £15 concessions. This festival showcases modern Japanese culture, customs, language, travel and anime, with kawaii clothes, kitsch gifts, craft and makeup workshops, food, entertainment and more! See: <http://www.hyperjapan.co.uk>
Nearest station: Rotherhithe overground.

UNTIL MARCH 2017: VICTORIAN ENTERTAINMENTS : THERE WILL BE FUN!, British Library, 96 Euston Road, NW1 2DB, open daily 10am-6pm, free. A new colourful exhibition about popular entertainment in the 19th century, including pantomime, circus, magic and mesmerism, with fascinating ephemera, contemporary film and sound recordings, and live performances every Saturday afternoon, 3-5pm, until 17th December. Contact: boxoffice@bl.uk or ring 01937 546546. Nearest tubes: King's Cross or Euston.

FRIDAY 27 SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER : GLOW FESTIVAL AT EASTBURY MANOR HOUSE, Eastbury Square, Barking, IG11 9SN, 5-10pm, £5, children free. This National Trust Elizabethan manor house and its gardens will be transformed with light sculpture, art installations, workshops and performances. See: <http://www.studio3arts.org.uk/glow> for full programme of events, or ring 0208 594 7136. Nearest tube: Upney, or Barking station.

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER : CHRISTMAS FAIR AND ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIOS, Valentine's Mansion, Emerson Road, Ilford, IG1 4XA, 10am-4pm, free. Enjoy a wide range of festive stalls, plus visit the artists in residence in their studios, with refreshments and activities for children too. Ring 0208 708 8100 for details. Nearest tube: Gants Hill.

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore



School Calendar for 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016

End: Wednesday 21st December 2016

Thursday 15th December

Carol Concert, St Mary's Church 7pm

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