



# GREENSHEET



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## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our weekly Greensheet, we aim to keep you informed of school events and news as well as an insight into our long history. As you may be aware, the first mention of our school was a circular in 1890 which stated that 'a school for girls' was to be opened.

Walthamstow was described as a pleasant suburb on the borders of the Epping Forest. Hoe Street was almost a country road with a few houses either side or meadows for sheep and cattle. How things have changed!

In this issue, you can read an extract from the school magazine in 1944 when the girls had lessons and lunch in the school corridors due to the risks from 'flying bombs'.

You can also see the **memorial plaque** which was unveiled this week at the front of the school for former Headteacher Pat Marino who sadly passed away in 2015. Former students will find more details on the Alumnae Facebook page.

Other events include an **Art trip** to the Tate Modern. This follows on well from the Leadership Assembly last week on Perspective following the death earlier this month of the art critic John Berger. This gave us an opportunity to share with the girls the wonderful paintings of Vincent Van Gogh as well as explore the risks attached to manipulating images via social media.

Monday  
30th January  
2017 INSET  
Day, School  
closed to  
students

Thursday  
2nd  
February  
Year 11  
Parent/Carers  
Evening  
4-7pm

Thursday  
9th-Friday  
10th  
February  
Annie  
7.30pm  
Ticket details  
on page 4

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

We are planning to hold an **information evening** for you after half term on **safeguarding** and the risks attached to social media, so watch out for details nearer the time.

Our **sports teams** have been making us all very proud. The Year 7 football team won their first three games last week; 6-0 against Kelmscott, 2-2 against Lammass and 2-0 against Heathcote. Congratulations to all team members! This week our Year 9 and 10 Volleyball teams are competing in the Borough Volleyball competition. We wish them every success.

We are very pleased at WSFG to have once again achieved some of the highest levels of attainment and progress in our **2016 examination results**.

In the new **Progress 8 performance measure**, which measures value added in student progress over eight subjects, our students' overall score of **+0.63** places us in the **top 3% of schools nationally** (ranked 76th). When compared also against the new **Attainment 8 measure**, the school is ranked 54<sup>th</sup> in the country. This is a superb achievement for a non-selective comprehensive. 80% of our students achieved a C grade in both English and mathematics, 48% achieved the English Baccalaureate which represented 73% of those students eligible. The number of A\* and As achieved was extremely high with 30% of total entries achieving A\*/A grades. The DFE has produced a helpful You Tube video for parents and carers to explain Progress 8 and the new measures:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IAEgFMSGDY>

**Please note that school is closed for students on Monday for staff training.**

Best wishes,  
Meryl Davies

## Separate Science in Year 10

### Important Message for Year 9 Students

Any Year 9 students interested in taking Separate Science in Year 10 who have not already received a letter to sit the examination please see **Mr Kerr in G02** as soon as possible.

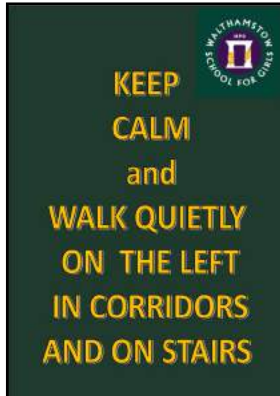
**Focus of the Fortnight**  
**23rd January-3rd February 2017.**  
**Noise and Movement in the school.**

Dear Parents / Carers,

All members of our school community are asked within the 'Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code' to move around the school "calmly, safely and quietly". We also always walk on the left in school corridors and staircases etc. If students behave in a dangerous, noisy or inappropriate way in the school buildings or grounds, they will be spoken with by a member of staff and will have their conduct card signed. It is in the interest of all members of our community to move calmly, safely and quietly around the school at all times.

Thank you for your support in this and all school matters.

Ms. K.H.Pratt  
 Assistant Headteacher



The Out of Lesson Positive Behaviour Code states that we move around the school "calmly, safely and quietly".

It also states that we walk on the left.

The corridors are not for social gathering as they need to remain clear.

The Sanctions.

The student breaking these expectations will be spoken to by a member of staff.

The student's Conduct Card will be signed if this expectation is not met by a student.

## Revision Books for Year 10 and 11

### Year 11 English Literature GCSE Workbooks

The English Faculty have arranged an opportunity for you to purchase workbooks covering two of the texts being studied for GCSE English Literature, at a reduced price. Copies of the following will be available to purchase from Student Services;

An Inspector Calls: York Notes for GCSE Workbook  
Jane Eyre: York Notes for GCSE Workbook

The recommended retail price for each workbook is £5.99 – students can purchase them here for just £4.00 each. If your daughter is able bring the exact money, that would be helpful.



Ms Baldwin  
Head of English

### 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.

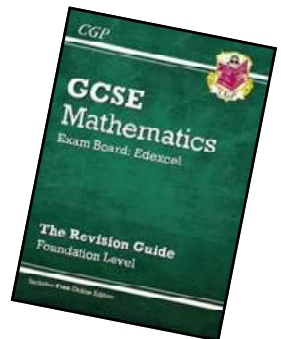
The Higher Workbook includes the answers, so both books will cost your daughter a total of £5.

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.

N.B These are **not** the ones mentioned on the One Show which were full of errors.

Mr Fowler  
Head of Mathematics.



## Year 11 Trip to the Tate Modern

This week Year 11 students visited the Tate Modern to develop ideas for their GCSE Examination. The students were able to experience an vast array of paintings, sculpture, photography, print-making, video installation as well as the building itself. There was an amazing opportunity to visit the Robert Rauschenberg Exhibition which was visually explosive and enabled students to see how an artist's work for his entire life can so clearly link together.



All of the students were brilliant in terms of representing the school and also produced high quality work that will support and develop their ideas to produce equally exciting and explosive outcomes.

*Having the opportunity to go the Tate Modern Gallery really helped me gather ideas and develop previous ideas further. It really gave me an insight into why the artist made a piece a certain way. The Tate was fun and I'd do it again. It was a great experience and I would really recommend it to future art students.'*  
 Michaela Serieux 11C



*The trip to the Tate was an excellent chance to discover new artists and get inspiration. Even artists that I'd heard of I saw in a different perspective and gained a new insight into their work.*  
 Rebecca Sharp 11F



Ms Heath



## Olive Dining Cashless Catering



Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder to parents/carers that if you wish to pay for your daughter's school meals by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'Olive Dining Ltd'.

All students have also been given usernames and passwords to enable payments to be made online via our SQUID system (see the school website for details).

Please do not hesitate to contact us via the school directly if you have any questions.

Below are a few frequently asked questions:

### **How does it work?**

Your "one card" is similar to an Oyster card whereby you top up with the amount of money you require in order to pay for your school meals. You take your card to the till and place it on the card reader.

### **How do I top up my card?**

You can either top up by a cheque made payable to "Olive Dining" and place it in the box in the Dining Hall before 8.45am each day, or by cash by using the cashloader machine in the student entrance or Dining Hall before 8.45 am, at breaktime, lunchtime or after 3.30pm.

### **How quickly will the money show on my account?**

All cheques will be loaded by morning break. Any top ups made via the cashloader machine will show instantly on your account.

### **How much can I spend?**

The school will automatically put a £5 daily limit (inc. free school meal allowance) on your card. However, parents will be asked if they wish to change this.

### **What do I do if I forget my card?**

You will need to go to Student Services for a slip and then join the back of the queue. You then give your slip in at the till and your balance will be debited

manually. Your card will be automatically updated when you next use it. Do not go to the till unless you have a card or a slip because you will be turned away, cash will not be accepted.

### **What do I do if I lose my card?**

You will have to go to Student Services where new card will be ordered which you will incur a charge of £2. The balance on your account will transfer to your new card.

### **What if I don't have enough money on my card?**

Credit options are **not** offered so it is important that you keep your card topped up.

### **What happens if I am on free school meals?**

Details of free school meals will be loaded onto the system by Student Services so all you need to do is place your card on the card reader. The system will allow you a meal deal option for £1.95 but of course you can top up your card with cash or cheque to supplement this if you wish, for use at breakfast, break and lunch time. It is essential that you keep your free school meal entitlement up to date and you will be sent reminders via the school and the Local Authority. Please make sure that you have a school meal every day.

### **What happens if my free school meal is not showing on my account?**

It may be that your free school meal entitlement has expired. You will need to go to the school office to check.

### **I have an allergy – will the system show if I am purchasing an item I shouldn't?**

Yes, we can put details of allergies into the system under various titles.

### **Can my parents see what I have bought over a period of time?**

Yes, daily reports are available.

Olive Dining



## Our School History

With the examination season fast approaching we thought you might like to read an extract from the 1944 school magazine the Iris. Even flying bombs could not disrupt school life.

Ms Kelly  
LRC Manager

*At Christmas the School enjoyed a delightful Nativity play by U.3S. and the usual carols. A gallant band of choristers went carol singing in Rectory Road one evening, and collected money amid the pouring rain and an air-raid siren.*

*In the Summer Term the normal routine was abruptly shattered by the Flying Bombs. Despite these, however, lessons in the corridors were not only successful, but also very much enjoyed. Dinners in the same place were not so popular, but all admired the conduct of the Fifth forms who not only ploughed through their School Certificate Examination in the corridors, but also gave us afterwards amusing and successful performances of Tovarich and the Admirable Crichton. These achievements are all the more significant and praiseworthy in the light of the excellent School Certificate results*



*The inter-form competitions were again held this year, and even the Tennis was only interrupted by one siren.*

*The Flying-Bomb necessitated the cancellation of our farming intentions during the summer holidays. There were to have been daily parties to the allotments and the Chingford Isolation Hospital, where we worked so successfully last year.*

*Certain members of the Upper School enjoyed a short rest from the Flying Bombs when they visited Thaxted in July in order to discuss post-war problems with other schools; also some Upper Fourth girls attended a French Course held at Harrogate in August.*

*During the present term the School has returned to its normal routine, but the lively temper of the girls has been dimmed in no small degree by the death on September 30th of Miss Cunningham who had only the week before presented us with £25 to spend on a Library chair. She had been with the School since 1918, and had rendered it invaluable service; her death is indeed a sorrowful event for us all.*

Doreen Wickes VI



## Patricia Marino Memorial

Earlier this week four members of ex-staff came to school to unveil a memorial plaque attached to the school facade dedicated to Patricia Marino who was headteacher from 1986– 2000, who sadly passed away last year.

The first headteacher of Walthamstow School for Girls as we know it now, an 11 to 16 school. Pat died in 2015 and it was decided at the time that her legacy should be marked. Vic Mackenzie, Anne Loveluck, Bob d'Angelo and Sue Milligan were delighted to be given the opportunity to be present at the 'unveiling'.



Pat will be fondly remembered as an inspirational leader who led the school tirelessly for fourteen years, achieving two outstanding Ofsted judgements as an endorsement of her tenure. Girls remember her as someone who led by example, taught them the value of education and that there are no limits to what women can achieve.



L to R Anne Loveluck, Vic Mackenzie, Sue Milligan and Bob d'Angelo.

Sue Milligan





Walthamstow School for Girls Presents

# Annie



9th-10th  
February  
2017

7:30pm

£7 Adults  
£4 Concessions

Tickets available from:  
Student Services: 020 8509 9430

The School Office: 020 8509 9446

"It's the  
hard  
Knock  
life"



## Beginners Yoga and Relaxation

Are you looking for a way to get fit and manage your stress in 2017?

Why not try yoga?

**Beginners Yoga and Relaxation** is open to **staff, parents and carers** and takes place on:

**Thursdays at WSGF,**  
in **F11**, from **4 – 5pm**  
Starting **23 February 2017**



**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](mailto:swilkinson@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk) to sign up for your place.

Cost: **£15** for four sessions or **£5** per session drop in, with **your first session free!**

## Sunken Garden Community Orchard Project

**The drawing shed** invites you to our first workshop for the **Sunken Garden Community Orchard Project** - an exciting two-year development of the garden in front of Attlee Terrace estate on Prospect Hill. Do drop by on **Saturday 28th January**, anytime between **10am and 1pm** to meet our fantastic community gardener Lisa Eller, and help us prepare the garden for planting in the spring. During the morning, **the drawing shed** lead artists Sally Labern & Bobby Lloyd will introduce their climate justice project in the garden.



We are prepared for bad weather and will have gazebos in the garden should we need shelter. Please wrap up warm and wear strong footwear. We will provide tools and gardening gloves, and also hot drinks and snacks.

The Sunken Garden project will continue throughout 2017 & 18 and residents of all ages will have the opportunity to design the garden, decide what should be planted there, participate in planting, and bee-house making workshops, and creatively explore how we can reduce local pollution levels. Even if you have just a few minutes to spare on Saturday, do come and say hello!

Clare Moloney  
Community Development Coordinator **the drawing shed**  
07970 224495 [thedrawingshed.org](http://thedrawingshed.org)

## School Calendar for 2016-17

### 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  
4-7pm

**Thursday 9th-Friday 10th February**

Annie 7.30pm  
Ticket details on page 4

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

Thursday 2nd March

Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening 4-7pm

Thursday 16th March

Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening 4-7pm

### 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 4-7pm

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

#### YEAR 11 2017 Summer

#### Written Examination timetable

The Year 11 Summer written examinations begin on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May and finish on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017** a copy of the timetable can be found on the school's website under the Exams section.

Please be aware that all examinations are set externally by the examination boards and the school cannot make any changes and is not accountable for any changes made by the examination boards. It is also important to remember that these examinations **cannot be taken at another time** so attendance is vital to ensure grades are achieved.

Many thanks,

Mrs Brickett

Examinations and Assessment Manager