

Dear Year 11 Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Year 11 is a crucial year for students when they will be considering their future options and making decisions about the best path after they leave Walthamstow School for Girls. It can be confusing and challenging for students and for you as their parents and carers.

I want to provide as much information as possible to help our students to make positive and well-informed choices, so that they can have all the successes that we wish for them in the future.

Here are some of the events / activities I have organised for the students to support them with this:

Parent / Carer Information Evening -GCSE and College ready - Wednesday 3rd October 5.30-6.30

- An opportunity to hear about how best to support your child in the run up to the exams and how best to support your child as they prepare for their next steps either at Sixth form/College or another higher education provider. This event will be held on school site - please arrive for a prompt start.

Post-16 options assembly - Tuesday 24th September delivered Ms Philippou

- Information to parents/carers on our Parent Information Evening
- Link to PPT on our website (link below)
- You will find useful websites on the final slide of this PPT

ASK Apprenticeships Assembly - Tuesday 29th October

- Delivered by ASK Apprenticeships [Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
- Information on apprenticeships for students
- Information available to parents/carers on our website (link below)

There is information for parents/carers on our website, including both PPTs here: [Walthamstow School for Girls - Year 11 Post-16 Options \(wsfg.waltham.sch.uk\)](http://Walthamstow School for Girls - Year 11 Post-16 Options (wsfg.waltham.sch.uk))

One to one Career Meetings - Every Monday from 23rd September – Spring 2025

- Every Year 11 student will receive a 30-40 minute meeting with a qualified advisor (please be patient – some appointments have to be later in the year due to them only running on Mondays – I am trying to secure some further dates to help with this)
- An opportunity to talk about anything career related, ask questions, seek advice – most students will find it most useful to talk about post-16 options but they are not limited to this
- **Should this appointment date be inconvenient, students must let me know as soon as possible.** If a student does not attend a session, that slot is paid for and lost! If we know in advance, we can make use this slot for another student and reschedule your daughter's appointment for a later date.
- Students and parents/carers will receive an action plan following this meeting

The College Roadshow - Tuesday 15th October 2024 5.30-7pm

- 11WSF 5.30-6:15
- 11GCH 6:15-7:00
- Parents/carers welcome
- We will have a range of post-16 providers here in Norris Hall for students and parents/carers to ask questions and gather information
- Nearer the time, I will send a list of confirmed providers

Professional Interview Day - Friday 7th February

- Each student will receive an interview with a volunteer to help practise interview skills and get some feedback on their personal statement / CV

Unifrog

- A careers platform to help explore options from KS3 to University and career level
- All students have a log-in for this and I will show them some key functions in assembly next week
- Parents/carers can create their own log in using this link (this can be used to support your child or for your own use)
- At the end of the school year, please remind your child to change their email address from their school to a personal email account – this will enable them to continue accessing Unifrog
- Website sign up link here: [Code - Unifrog](#) and enter code: **WASGparents**
- More information can be found in the parent/carer launch pack here: [Sign In - Unifrog](#)

Year 11 Mocks - Starting Monday 4th November

- A three week mock period where students will be examined in all subjects Over this period it is likely that your child will have 12 or more exams depending on the courses they study.
- To support students to revise we have provided the students with external input from *positively you* on 'effective revision strategies' and we are giving time and space to students to revise in form time.
- We would encourage your child to complete one to two hours of study per day to prepare for their exams over the next 9 weeks. If your child wants a space to study in school the LRC is open every day from 3:30 – 4:30.
- Each subject area will share with students how they can best use their independent time when revising.
- We will publish the exams timetable on our website and share with students next week.

Year 11 predicted grades

In January students will receive a new set of predicted grades, these are the grades that will be given to colleges when students apply and when we provide references. Once these grades are given to students they are not able to be changed. How your child does on their Mock exams will determine their predicted grades in January.

In the meantime, if your child is applying for college or sixth form they will use their predicted grades from their Year 10 end of year exams. The key information that your child needs for their applications will be shared with them in form time. More information about how to support your child applying for college will be shared in our parent information evening on Wednesday 3rd October.

Thanks

What can I do to support as a parent/carer?

- Conversations at home – do not underestimate how powerful conversations are for encouragement – even if you are unsure of next steps, asking questions and letting your child say things out loud is really helpful
- Look at the websites at the end of the Post-16 assembly presentation
- Sign up to Unifrog as above – or ask your child to show you their account – help them to shortlist or show you what they have found out
- Ask how their career meeting went and what their next steps are – talk through the action plan together
- Support your child in writing their personal statement and applying to colleges – ensure that they have AT LEAST 3 options: safe, secure and aspirational
- Visit college and sixth form open evening together – we will be getting these on our website but this is not an exhaustive list! Please do research specific colleges/sixth forms you are interested in (please note we cannot allow students to miss time during the school day for open days – most are in the evenings)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via the info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk address and title your e-mail **ATTN: MPH Careers Meetings**.

Kind regards

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