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seize the day

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, I have a Friday update as always. It was lovely to see our Year 11 parents in school last week to talk through how well the students have been learning and the progress they have made. As ever, you will have heard of our ambitions for your children and I can reassure you that the drive for high standards in teaching and learning continues to be a priority area for us.

You may be aware that unfortunately I have been informed by the NEU representative that there is a possibility of further ballot for strike action this term. The school leadership and the governors have been meeting with the NEU representative and offered to meet with members to discuss concerns and continue to work with them in good faith to avoid further disruption. However, we will always continue to ask for teaching that serves the children and fulfils the potential they all show. I hope the parents' evening and talking to the teachers directly was a chance for you to also see this and find out how your children are being challenged and supported.

This week I had the privilege to join two geography classes out on their field work visit to look at sustainable developments. I can say that their conduct was exemplary and I was very proud of their diligent approach to their studies- more on this below.

History visit to Ypres

We wish our history students well as they embark on the first residential visit for the school in several years. They left this morning with Mr Klemenic, Ms Hickee, Ms El Khandari, and Mr Desborough at 5:30am- a very early start for them! We sent them off expecting them to have a great time and I will update you more on their progress next week. It shows how far we have come in a short time to have such an increase in the number of visits across the school and I am incredibly thankful to these staff for committing their time to go on this residential visit.



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Rewards

Achievement Points - Spring term

Year 10 stay in the lead overall this term, with 1244 Achievement Points. Well done to you all. Salma (11F) is back in the lead individually this week with 37 APs!

Attendance

7S have taken the top spot for attendance so far this year - they are currently at 97.7% Close run for 2 - 5th places, with only 0.1% in it!

Year 9 keep their overall lead with 95.81% attendance this year though year 7 are snapping at their heels with 95.76%.

A reminder that students should only visit the medical room if they might be too unwell to stay in school. There is little our staff can do for period pain, please encourage your daughters to try their best to stay in lessons where possible.

Geography field trip

This week the Year 11 GCSE students ventured to Hackney Wick and East Village for a field trip focused on the Eduqas B specification. Despite the heavy rain on Tuesday, the students remained upbeat and engaged, working effectively throughout the day. Their enthusiasm and teamwork were impressive, and the trip provided valuable insights for their fieldwork in Paper 3. The following trip on Thursday saw much better weather, with all the students continuing to work diligently. Both outings not only reinforced their knowledge in Theme 1 but also helped deepen their understanding of urban regeneration and the impacts of the 2012 Olympic legacy to the area.



Music opportunities

An exciting opportunity for singers, instrumentalists, or composers eager to explore the art of acoustic songwriting and join a team of renowned musicians for an inspiring afternoon dedicated to writing for voice and piano. This inclusive, multi-skills workshop is open to all young people aged 12 to 19. **Saturday 8th February** from 1.30-4.30pm at Willowfield School. For more information please see [here](#).

An exciting two-day project takes place during the February half-term, on **Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February**, from 10.00am to 3.00pm. SoundShapers is a dynamic music ensemble designed for musicians and vocalists to create fresh, innovative sounds through jamming, exploration, and composition.

Open to musicians aged 11 to 16 who are at **Grade 1 to 5 standard**, the sessions will be led by expert music teachers from the Waltham Forest Music Service and held at Walthamstow School for Girls (E17 9RZ).

Please note there is a charge for participation in this event. For more information please see [here](#).

Prefects saying goodbye!

After doing a sterling job, the Y11 students who have been prefects for the last academic year enjoyed a pizza party on Wednesday lunchtime, with lots of singing and dancing, and, of course, pizza! A good time was had by all! Many thanks, Y11 for your commitment and dedication to the role and for your support of the school. They have set a very high standard for the next cohort of student leaders who take up their prefect positions.



Archery

After the success of last half term's "have a go" sessions, we are offering students the opportunity to take part in a reduced price six week intensive beginners course on a Friday from 14:30 to 16:00. At the end of this course, students will receive an Archery GB certificate which they can then use to shoot at any archery GB clubs. The course will cover the Asiatic thumb draw shooting style and focus on Mamluk archery. Here is a link to some more information about the archery course: [Archery Education for Toxophilites](#). The six week course running in January and February is now at full capacity; however we do have spaces on the course which will begin on Friday 14th March 2025. Please see the letter attached to this newsletter if your child would like to sign up for this exciting experience.

If your child is yet to enjoy a "have a go session" which is subsidised by the school, they can still sign up for this opportunity which will run on Friday 7th March 2025 by filling in the following form: [Archery "have a go" sign up form](#)



Extra Curricular Programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET
	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET
				Year 11 Maths revision 7:30-8:20 Room 2 HUS (Week B only)	
Lunch time	Homework Support Room 20 RIC	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20	Homework Support Room 20
	GCSE Art and Photography Club Room 17 ELB	GCSE Art and Photography Club Room 17 GIL	KS3 Badminton AGI (Week A only)	Board Game Club Room 42 ELK (Week A only)	KS3 Royal Academy Young Artists Club Room 17 ELB
	Citizens UK Club Room 8 PHI	Year 11 Maths revision Room 3 RGN (Week A only)	Geography Video Club Room 7 DES	Year 11 Maths revision Room 3 RGN (Week B only)	KS3 History Film Club Room 6 KLE
	KS4 Textiles Club Room H2 RAN	KS3 Multi skills sports AGI (Week A only)	KS3 Crochet Club Room H2 RAN	Year 11 French intervention (by invitation) Room 41 FER	Year 11 Biology Intervention (by invitation) Lab 1 AMR
	Computing Club Room 33 LAK	KS3 Textiles Club Room H2 RAN	Computing Club Room 33 ALK	KS3 Dodgeball AGI (Week A only)	Year 11 Chemistry Intervention (by invitation) Lab 4 IQB
	Year 11 Biology Intervention (by invitation) Lab 2 SIQ	Year 11 Geography Drop In Club Room 7 DES	Year 11 Sociology intervention (by invitation) Room 5 KAD	Eco Club Room 7 DES	Year 11 Physics Intervention (by invitation) Lab 3 MUJ
	Year 11 Drama Club Hall JEM	Year 11 History intervention (by invitation) Room 6 KLE	Drama Rehearsals Hall JEM	KS3 Humanities Homework Catch Up Room 7 DES	Year 11 Science Revision Lab 5 ALI
	Year 11 Geography Revision Room 39 KHL	Year 11 Drama Club Hall JEM	Dog Club SIL	Drama Rehearsals Hall JEM	Peer mentoring (by invitation) Room 5 KAD
	Year 11 Geography Intervention (by invitation) Room 7 DES	Year 8 and 9 Science Cinema Club Room 8 AMR	Year 11 English intervention SAI Room 37	Mindfulness Club Room 10 GAH (Week A only)	Year 7 and 8 Maths Club Room 4 SW 11C and PET
		Year 11 Study Space Room 32 WAL		Props Club Room 17 GIL	Year 7 Connections Club Library ALI
		Mindfulness Club			

		Room 10 GAH (Week B only)		
		Year 10 Homework Club Room 36 RAH		
After school	Year 11 Maths revision 15:30- 16:30 Room 1 AUL	Football 15:30- 16:30 Playground Leyton Orient/AGI	Basketball Club 15:30-16:30 Sports Hall AGI	Archery 14:30-16:00
	Year 10 English Action Tutoring (by invitation) Room 4 CAR	Year 10 Maths Action Tutoring (by invitation) Room 4 LAB		Drama Rehearsals Hall JEM 14:00-15:30
	Boxing 15:30-16:30 Main Hall DIA	Year 11 Art Club 15:30-16:30		
		Year 11 Maths revision 15:30- 16:30 Room 2 LAB		

Year 11

A reminder to our year 11 students that from Monday 3rd February they will be doing assessments across the curriculum. Please encourage your child to revise and prepare thoroughly for the assessments. They are an opportunity for teachers to assess what they have learned and what they still need support with in the final weeks leading up the exams. They are a chance for the students to demonstrate their understanding and progress since the last assessments in November and another valuable learning experience to help prepare them for the real GCSE exams which are starting in 10 school weeks.

Enjoy the weekend,

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Silk
Headteacher