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*seize the day*

**Friday 7th June 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

### **Trespassing incident at school**

As you may have seen from my letter yesterday (06-06-24) there was an incident where a schoolboy was brought onto the site dressed in a girl's uniform with his head and face covered with a headscarf. A small group of students had helped the disguised schoolboy to get through the security doors. We have been investigating the actions of the students involved and will respond accordingly within the parameters of the behaviour policy. The police will be investigating the actions of the intruder and we have passed the information and CCTV footage to the safer schools police officer and they will take action from here. We have taken immediate action to strengthen the security at the entrance to the school and want to assure you that we have taken every step to ensure this cannot happen again.

### **Notices from WF catering regarding school lunches**

On the 13th of June Waltham Forest Catering along with Connaught School for Girls is doing a testing day for students looking tasty plant-based alternatives. We are always striving to make changes to help our environment and reduce the risks around allergens and introducing tasty plant-based alternatives is just one of the many ways we are looking at to make changes.

On the 19th of June Waltham Forest Catering is introducing refillable water bottles to go with packed lunches on this day. This is part of a drive in the school to reduce our carbon footprint and environmental impact with single-use plastics in schools as part of the council's commitment to climate change. Any student getting a packed lunch will get a refillable water bottle. Going forward, packed lunches will not come with environmentally damaging single-use cartons of juice which are so harmful to the environment. Instead, students will have their reusable water bottles for lunches. Students can still get water in the dining room if needed.



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## Yr8 Geography fieldwork: Leytonstone

We recently conducted a Geography fieldwork trip to Leytonstone with our Year 8 students, focusing on the concept of 15-minute communities. During the visit, students carried out traffic counts to assess accessibility and mobility within the community. They also conducted environmental quality surveys, evaluating aspects such as green spaces, cleanliness, and noise levels. Additionally, emotional mapping exercises allowed students to record their personal feelings and perceptions about different areas within Leytonstone. This fieldwork provided a valuable opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of sustainable urban planning and the elements that contribute to creating a livable, efficient, and community-oriented urban environment. Through these activities, students developed essential geographical skills and gained a richer appreciation for the complexities of urban living. This will then feed into their end-of-unit assessment integrating and drawing in other key concepts from this unit including the use of geographical information systems to help map and plan an area best suited for a 15-minute community and evaluate the current development within the area of Leytonstone. The students conducted the fieldwork extremely well and were able to critically analyse the 4 site locations we had chosen for the field work.



***Students in 8G at site 3 Browning Road, Mr Beaumont speaking to the students before completing the environmental quality survey.***

## Year 11 Exams

Year 11 continue to conduct themselves very well through the exam period, they are rarely seen without a clutch of exam revision cards, past exam papers or similar. A reminder to families that students are expected in full uniform for all their exams. The school is open to students and teachers will be in classrooms for the students to go to them to get support, revision and teaching when they would have their lessons. Students only need to attend for their remaining exams if they wish to revise at home and once an individual has completed all their exams they do not have to attend again.

## Global Girl Leading Inspirational Film Project

Our 6 Year 9 GGL ambassadors visited Mulberry School for Girls this week. They met the older women, who were participating in the project, for the first time and did some activities to get to know each other better before they moved on to their work about inspirational women. They were divided into groups of 4 (2 students working with 2 older women) and started working on creating their piece for the Intergenerational Film. Each individual in the group created their own description of the inspirational woman they had chosen and then, as a group, they decided how they would present this. I am truly in awe of how creative, resilient and hardworking our students are and how well they worked with the students from Mulberry School for Girls and the older women. By the end of the session two of the groups had already done the filming. We are all looking forward to the session next week and I can not wait to see what the other groups have come up with or what the next steps to the process will be.



I hope you have a good weekend

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Silk  
Headteacher