

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. As always, I am pleased to share with you a Friday update.

October marks Black History Month and we started the month off with an inspiring assembly from Ms Binz, the Deputy Headteacher. There will be a series of events this month, including the non-uniform day for this half term, which is on October 23rd. It is on a Thursday as the vast majority of the school will be out on Friday 24th October for a day of learning 'beyond the classroom'. There will be separate letters about this and all the information will be on Arbor.

Waltham Forest is offering a wide range of exciting and inspirational events to get involved in. Explore the cultural history of our borough through the stories of past residents, support local Black-owned businesses, take part in arts and crafts workshops, enjoy walks and runs, experience performances, exhibitions, and much more. For more information please see [here](#).

Uniform

Please be reminded that students are not permitted to wear trainers (unless they are participating in a PE lesson).

Y10 GCSE Art Trip

Last Friday the Year 10 Art GCSE students had a fantastic day out at the National Portrait Gallery. They took part in a workshop where they sketched directly from selected portraits, developing their observation and drawing skills. Students also had time to explore the galleries independently, choosing works that inspired them and creating their own responses. It was a fantastic opportunity to immerse themselves in world-class art and gather ideas for their coursework.



Y11 GCSE Photography workshop

On Wednesday, facilitators from Autograph Gallery visited our Year 11 Photography students to lead a thought-provoking workshop. They brought photographs from the gallery's archive, highlighting the work of non-white photographers they represent. Students curated their own mini-exhibitions from these images and reflected on the stories we are told in history, considering how many voices and perspectives are often excluded. The workshop encouraged critical thinking as well as creative exploration, offering rich inspiration for their coursework.



Next week's assemblies

Our assemblies next week will be in celebration of National Poetry Day and will be delivered by Ms Caroto, the subject leader for English.

Extra-Curricular Provision

Please find the ECP schedule for the Autumn term. There are more and more clubs being added each week. The schedule so far is below:

	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 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
Lunch time	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office
	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio
	LEGO Club CJ/DF Room 20	Homework Club NA Room 20	Homework Club DL Room 20	Homework Club RIC Room 20	Year 11 Biology and Chemistry Intervention AMR Mobile
	Key Stage 4 Art and Photography Club ELB Room 9	Key Stage 3 Reading Club RAH Room 36	Key Stage 4 Art Club HCO Room 17	Key Stage 3 Computing and Coding Club ALK Room 33	11x/Ma6 Maths Intervention RGN Room 3
	Year 11 General Revision PET Room 10	Year 7 Cooking Club WAL Room H1	Board Games Club ELK Room 42	11x/Ma3 Maths Intervention PET Room 10	Rollerskating Club DIA/GAG Gym
	Empower Year 9 and 10 Media Literacy Intervention KHN Library	Year 11 Geography Intervention DES Room 7	Year 11 French Intervention FER Room 41	Badminton Club GAG Gym Week B	Crochet Club HUS
		Key Stage 4 English 19th Century Fiction Club CAR Room 34	Year 11 Sociology Intervention KAD Room 5	Year 9 Poetry Club BUR Room 35	
		Year 11 History Intervention KLE Room 6	Textiles Club RAN Room H2		
			Green Ambassadors DES Room 7 Week A Only		
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			Edinburgh Support DES Room 7 Week B Only		
			History Film Club KLE Room 6		
			11x/Ma2 Maths Intervention ADO Room 4 Week B Only		
			Year 11 Spanish Intervention Room 40 MAV		
			Dodgeball Club GAG Gym Week B		
			Let's Celebrate KHL Room 39		
After school	11x/Ma4 Maths Intervention AUL Room 1	Year 10 Maths Action Tutoring ADO Room 4	11x/Ma5 Maths Tuition LAB Library	Year 11 Textiles coursework Club RAN Room H2	Year 11 Physics and Chemistry Intervention MUJ Lab 3
	11x/Ma5 Maths Tuition LAB Library	Year 9 and 10 Debate Club KHN Library	Year 10 English Action Tutoring CAR Room 4		11x/Sc3 Science Intervention Lab 4 IQB Week B
	Key Stage 4 Art and Photography Club ELB Room 9	Leyton Orient Football Club GAG Gym			

Achievement Points

Congratulations to 8C (again!) who remain at the top of the AP Leaderboard with a total of 657 points!

Special congratulations to Mysha M and Mariam S in 9F who both had the highest number of APs in KS3 last week to Khadijah B I who had the highest number of APs last week in KS4.

Year 7 - Talk about Transition Workshop

The six students that were chosen to be the Oracy Champions for their workshop session were awarded their certificate and postcard during our year group assembly this week. A huge well done to the following students:

- Roya B - 7S
- Amara L-N - 7S
- Sheza N - 7W
- Julia S V - 7W
- Zuha O - 7C
- Hafsa A - 7C



Student with Medical Conditions - Asthma Plans - Reminder

We are currently auditing Arbor to ensure that we have Asthma Plans for all students coded. Students who were coded as such were sent home with an Asthma plan for completion and return. Can you please ensure that they are returned to the school office with a clear indication on whether you child is carrying a pump in their school bag, if you would like to leave the medication at the school office, please let us know as there will be an addition form to complete and sign

Year 7 Parents'/Carer's and Tutor Evening

It was lovely to meet the parents and families of our year 7 students on Wednesday as they attended their first parents' evening. It was an opportunity for parents to meet their daughter's form tutors, who are the first point of contact if parents have any queries or questions about their daughter's well-being or progress.

Our PTA provided a delicious selection of home baked cakes which were being sold in aid of PTA funds. If you would like any further information about our PTA or would like to get involved please email Samim Patel at connaughtschoolpta@gmail.com.

As always, have a great weekend,

Mr. Silk
Headteacher