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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well; a Friday update for you, as always. We welcomed the students back following half term break to a purposeful second half of the Spring Term. There is a strong sense of momentum across the school, with students quickly re-establishing routines and expectations, and engaging positively in their learning.

Year 11 mock examinations have now concluded. The examination period extended into the holiday and represented the final significant checkpoint before the summer GCSE series. Conduct throughout has been exemplary, and students approached the process with the seriousness it deserved. We are proud of the maturity, resilience and focus demonstrated, and we look forward to sharing outcomes and learning points in due course, alongside clear guidance on next steps and targeted support as we move into the final phase of preparation for GCSE exams.

As we are in the month of Ramadan, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all members of our community who will be observing this important and reflective time. Ramadan is a period of spiritual reflection, discipline, generosity and community, and we recognise its significance for many of our students and families. In order to provide practical support during this month, we have made a minor adjustment to the structure of the school day: lunchtime will be slightly shorter, reflecting the reduced need for catering provision, and the school day will therefore conclude 20 minutes earlier. Please be assured that the curriculum will continue in full, with no changes to the curriculum, no reduction to lesson time or loss of learning. Teaching and learning will proceed as normal, and we remain committed to maintaining high expectations and strong academic focus throughout the month, while supporting the wellbeing of those who are fasting.

Social media - 'school wars'

You will have seen in the media and from our message earlier this week that there is concern regarding so-called 'school wars' being promoted on social media. Please see the letter from the Metropolitan Police attached with this newsletter. Local police teams are patrolling the area and school staff will be on duty at the end of school day. Please reassure your daughters that this is being taken very seriously. Students should not engage with any social media posts in relation to this and as always, should make their way home promptly at the end of the day.

HAF activities during the Easter break

Bookings open on 2nd March 2026 for the Waltham Forest Easter Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme from Monday 30th March- Friday 10th April 2026, excluding bank holidays. The programme provides holiday clubs for children who are in receipt of benefit related FSM across the borough. We would encourage you to share the attached flyer with families who are eligible to attend and support them in booking onto the provision being offered throughout the February half term. Full information about what is on offer and how to book can be found here – www.walthamforest.gov.uk/holidays. The programme supports:

Eligible families – school aged children in receipt of benefit related FSM. We would encourage you to send the letter out to those children who are eligible (benefit related FSM children). Eligible families will be able to book directly via our website.

Vulnerable families not in receipt of benefit related FSM: In addition to the eligible families, a small proportion of places will be offered to vulnerable families which can be referred via the school or professionals across the borough. If you have families who you would like to refer to the programme, please read the [updated eligibility criteria](#) and complete the attached form- Waltham Forest Holiday Activity and Food Programme Vulnerable Child Referral Form -Easter26 – [Fill out form](#)

Once the form is completed and returned, parents will need to book themselves onto the booking system and will need to provide the name of the referrer for checks made by Waltham Forest HAF team. If the parent makes a booking without the referral form it will not be accepted. Referrals close on **Monday 23rd March 2026**.

Children requiring additional support: If a child meets the eligibility criteria and requires additional support to engage in the activities please contact wfholidayactivityprogramme@walthamforest.gov.uk , before booking to ensure the provision is suitable and that we are able to support the child's needs at the activity. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Kayla Whiting – kayla.whiting@walthamforest.gov.uk

Football opportunity

A fantastic opportunity has come up with a newly established local football club which is promoting sport/ football for girls and young women. Aldersbrook Rangers are a local side and train and play locally.

For more information please see the flyer:

