

Student Bulletin

Week Beginning 19 October 2026
WEEK B



Walthamstow Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

AMBITION

DETERMINATION

RESPECT

Theme and Thought of the Week

Theme of the Week - Resilience

Thought for the Week - “Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.” — Nelson Mandela

Lunch Rota

Time	Wc/ Oct 19
12.20 to 12.25	Year 10
12.25 to 12.30	Year 11
12.30 to 12.35	Year 8
12.35 to 12.40	Year 9
12.40 to 12.45	Year 7

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Black History Month

- This October, we celebrate **Black History Month** and this year's UK theme, "**Honouring Our Communities**"
- The theme celebrates the **people, groups and communities who have shaped Black British life and history**. It is an opportunity to recognise their contributions, celebrate the strength and diversity of our communities, and reflect on how we can all help create a stronger sense of **belonging, respect and community**



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 2026



HONOURING OUR COMMUNITIES

This October, we celebrate Black History Month. The UK theme for 2026 is **Honouring Our Communities**, recognising the people and communities who have shaped Black British life and history.

PEOPLE • CULTURE • HISTORY • CONTRIBUTIONS • BELONGING

HOW WE ARE CELEBRATING

Across the school, lessons, tutor time, assemblies, activities and displays will shine a spotlight on inspiring Black individuals, culture and communities.

ASSEMBLY



A special Black History Month assembly to explore this year's theme and celebrate Black British history and achievements.

TUTOR TIME



Tutor time sessions throughout October including key figures, stories and discussions linked to **Honouring Our Communities**.

CULTURAL GALA



Our annual Cultural Gala will take place on **Thursday 5 November**. A celebration of culture, creativity and community, with performances, food and a special guest speaker.

PSYCHOLOGY



Explore Black psychologists who have changed the face of psychology.

MATHEMATICS



Discover Black inspirational mathematicians and their discoveries, and the important contributions they have made to the field of mathematics.

DRAMA



Watch short clips featuring outstanding Black British actors, followed by discussion. Optional homework to find out more, with the best pieces displayed.

ART



Explore identity, culture and self-portraiture through the work of **Kelvin Okafor**. Onmework and a lunchtime workshop to celebrate Black artists and their cultural influences.

GEOGRAPHY



Three extra Do Nows exploring inspiring Black geographers and the influence of the Windrush generation on London. A reading comprehension homework about a Black geographer.

COMPUTER SCIENCE



Create a poster on PowerPoint about inspiring Black individuals who have contributed to computer science. Best posters will be displayed. **Homework:** complete a reading comprehension on an online form.

FRENCH



Explore the Bouyon genre of music through language activities, looking at Afro-Franco cultural influence in the modern day francophone world.

SPANISH



Explore Salsa choke dance and music through language activities, looking at Afro-Latino cultural influence in the modern day hispanophone world.

MUSIC



At the end of each lesson, listen to a song from a famous Black artist and learn about their history and career.

LEARN • CELEBRATE • BE INSPIRED • BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CELEBRATE • CREATE • HONOUR

Explore the stories, people and achievements
that have shaped our world.

Do a watercolour portrait of an important
Black person from history.



WEDNESDAY
21st OCTOBER



THE AGORA
12:30 – 13:00



The best ones
will be displayed in
our Gala Evening
after half term!

Teachers
welcome!



Walthamstow Academy

CULTURAL GALA 2026

Auditions

This years Cultural Gala will be on 5th November 2026!

5pm-7pm – Walthamstow Academy

For Music performance auditions please speak with Mr. Peacock to book an audition at break or lunch.

The audition deadline will be **Friday 16th October.**

If you would like to help out on the evening, please speak with Mr. Peacock.

Good luck!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Walthamstow Academy Cultural Gala

Djembe Workshop



Period 4 & 5



Wednesday 4th November



Performance: Thursday 5th November



5:30–7:30pm

Complete the sign-up form on Satchel One from Mr. Peacock if you are interested in this amazing opportunity!

INTERNATIONAL ART COMPETITION

2026 - 27

Open
for
entries!

WHAT IS IT?



The International Art Competition is open to **15-18-year-olds** across the globe. The winning entrant from each country will receive an **all-expenses paid trip to Japan** with a guardian to see their artwork displayed in the National Art Centre, Tokyo.

United Learning have the honour of choosing the sole representative for the United Kingdom at this international arts festival.

↖ Your artwork could be displayed here!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1



Create one piece of artwork to enter the competition.

2



Hand in your finished artwork to Miss Knowles in the Art Room by Monday 1st February.

3



Entries will be shortlisted by United Learning art teachers and via social media votes.

4



The top 10 designs will be displayed at the United Learning Leadership Conference in March.

5



A winner and 3 runners up will be chosen by professional artists and Senior Leaders from schools.

KEY DATES



Monday 1st February
Deadline for entries



Monday 8th – Thursday 25th February
Shortlisting by art teachers and via social media



Friday 26th February
Shortlisted artwork announced



Tuesday 9th / Wednesday 10th March
Judging at the United Learning Leadership Conference



Thursday 11th March
Winner and three runners-up announced via email and social media



March – April
Winners' travel arrangements made



August
The winner and their guardian will travel to Japan to participate in the Awards Ceremony at the National Art Centre, Tokyo.

EXPLORE
CREATE
REPRESENT
BE INSPIRED



OLIVER TWIST POSTER COMPETITION

"PLEASE, SIR...
CAN I HAVE SOME MORE?"

DESIGN THE IMAGE FOR OUR POSTER!

Create an original illustration inspired by
Oliver Twist and Victorian London.

Artwork only – do not include the title,
dates or details in your design.



DEADLINE: MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER



HAND YOUR ENTRY TO MISS KNOWLES

IDEAS YOU COULD EXPLORE



Characters
and silhouettes



Victorian
London streets



Food, poverty
and workhouses



Objects from
the era



Buildings
and landmarks



Textures and
mixed media



Mood and
atmosphere



Close up
views and details

MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES

- Pencil, pen or charcoal
- Paint or ink
- Collage and newspaper
- Digital drawing or photography (edited)

Be creative with
composition, scale,
viewpoint and colour
to create a powerful
image.

REWARD SHOP OPENS ON Monday 19 October

You can now exchange RESPECT POINTS for various treats from the Rewards Shop.

Respect points are “PRAISE POINTS” – “SANCTION POINTS”

**You can either exchange the points this half term
or
Collect more points over time!**

Half term 1 Points
can be redeemed
at the reward shop
in the library as per
the schedule
below

Date	Class / Form
MONDAY 19 Oct	7A 7B
TUESDAY 20 Oct	7C 7D
WEDNESDAY	7E 7F
THURSDAY 22 Oct	11A 11B 11C
FRIDAY 23 Oct	11D 11E 11F
MONDAY 2 NOV	12A 12B 12C 12D
TUESDAY 3 NOV	13A 13B 13C 13D
WEDNESDAY 4 NOV	8A, 8B
THURSDAY 5 NOV	8C , 8D
FRIDAY 6 NOV	8E 8F
MONDAY 9 NOV	9A 9B
TUESDAY 10 NOV	9C 9D
WEDNESDAY 11 NOV	9E 9F
THURSDAY 12 NOV	10A 10B 10C
FRIDAY 13 NOV	10D 10E 10F

REWARD SHOP FOR THIS HALF TERM



Can you guess which member of staff this shelf belongs to?

**The first student to email Mr Mehmet the
correct answer can claim a prize**





SPARX
Maths
Premier League



SPARX MATHS PREMIER LEAGUE

★ THE RULES ★

1



EACH CLASS COMPETES AGAINST EACH OTHER EACH WEEK

Everyone is in the league!
Every **class has** a chance to win.

2



HIGHEST COMPLETION RATE WINS 1ST EACH WEEK

The **class** with the highest **completion** rate is 1st for the week.
Ties are decided on average **Independent Learning (IL)**.

3



1ST PLACE = P2s + TROPHY!

Classes that finish 1st each week earn **P2s** for every student and keep the **trophy** in their **class** for that week.

4



TROPHY SWITCH!

When a new leader is announced, the new 1st-placed **class must collect the trophy** from the previous leaders' **class**.

5



SPARX GOLDEN WEEK!

In the middle of each term, a 'SPARX Golden Week' is announced. All **classes** gain **DOUBLE POINTS** for that week!

6



TERM CHAMPIONS!

At the end of each term, the winner for each year receives a **prize** and is named winners for that term. (e.g. **Winter Champions**, **Spring Champions**)

7



FRESH START EVERY TERM!

After each term, points are **RESET** to give every **class** a fresh start and help avoid one-sided title races.



**NEW TERM.
NEW CHANCE.
NEW CHAMPION!**

★ **WORK HARD. COMPLETE YOUR SPARX. HELP YOUR CLASS WIN!** ★



SPARX MATHS PREMIER LEAGUE

YEAR 7			
Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
7Y1	100%	11:50	12(+3)
7X1	100%	1:12	12(+3)
7Y2	83%	0:24	7(+1)
7X2	100%	0:00	6(+2)
7Y3	82.6%	0:00	3(+0)
7X4	93%	0:00	4(+1)
7X3	100%	0:00	4(+2)
7Y4	42%	0:35	0(+0)

YEAR 8			
Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
8Y2	100%	0:43	10(+2)
8Y1	100%	2:38	10(+3)
8X1	100%	1:10	9(+2)
8X3	95%	0:00	7(+1)
8X2	100%	1:32	7(+3)
8X4	100%	0:01	4(+1)
8Y3	90%	2:45	0(+0)
8Y4	67%	0:00	0(+0)

YEAR 9			
Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
9Y1	97%	0:00	12(+3)
9X3	86%	0:00	7(+0)
9X2	95.7%	0:00	9(+2)
9Y3	90%	2:14	6(+1)
9X1	96%	0:29	8(+3)
9Y2	92%	0:00	4(+2)
9X4	85%	0:00	1(+0)
9Y4	91%	0:00	1(+1)



SPARX MATHS PREMIER LEAGUE



YEAR 10



Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
10X2	96%	2:48	12(+3)
10X1	93%	0:00	10(+2)
10Y2	96.1%	1:05	10(+3)
10X4	81.8%	0:00	5(+1)
10Y1	83%	0:00	5(+2)
10X3	82%	0:06	3(+1)
10Y3	68%	0:06	2(+0)
10Y4	67%	0:00	1(+0)



YEAR 11



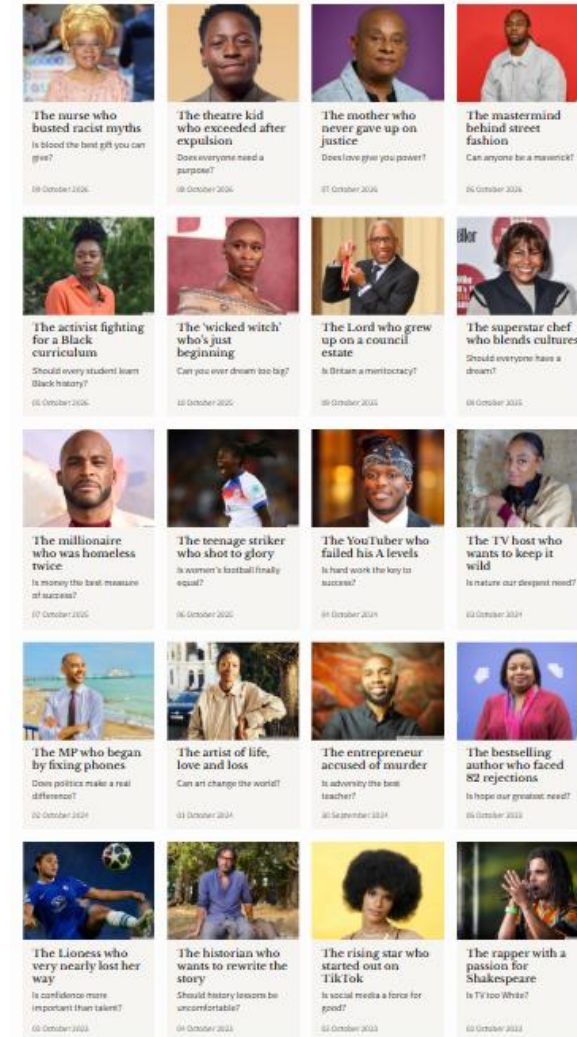
Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
11Y2	84%	0:37	8(+1)
11Y1	100%	0:00	10(+3)
11X2	88%	0:00	8(+2)
11Y3	95%	0:00	7(+2)
11X1	97%	0:00	8(+3)
11X4	67%	0:26	4(+0)
11X3	86%	0:00	3(+1)
11Y4	73%	0:00	0(+0)

InFORMed discussion – Black History Month

Inspiring lives

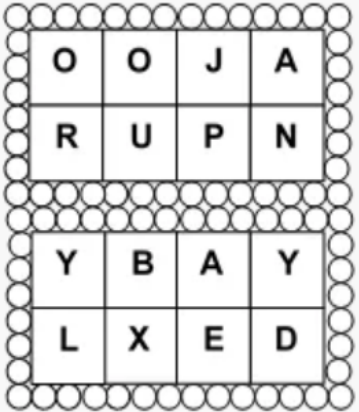
Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. They can be firefighters saving lives. They can be actors winning prizes. They can be charity workers raising money for people in need. They can be the person next door — or celebrities influencing millions. Inspiring lives is a series that celebrates modern role models, living today. Read the stories to learn about the Black artists, athletes, politicians, activists and many more who continue to inspire us in our daily lives.

Click the link and decide as a form which person you want to read about: <https://theday.co.uk/special-reports/inspiring-lives/>



Puzzles to Stretch your Thinking...

The top half and the bottom half are on interlocking rotating systems. When they move round they will realign so that the names of four gemstones are read downwards. What are they?



There are seven cars waiting at the traffic lights.

The green car is immediately behind the black car and the white car is immediately behind the silver car.

The blue car is the last in line.

The red car is the only car between the white car and the black car.

There are three cars between the white car and the grey car.

What is the order of the seven cars?

No winners last week!

Challenge yourself by
having a go at these
puzzles!

Think you know the
answer?

Email Miss Vitalis your
answer – prizes to be
won!

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