

Student Bulletin

Week Beginning 28 September 2026
WEEK A



Walthamstow Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

AMBITION

DETERMINATION

RESPECT

Theme and Thought of the Week

Theme of the Week - Respect & the respect continuum

Thought for the Week - "We don't need to share the same opinions as others, but we need to be respectful" - Taylor Swift



The Respect Continuum

INTOLERANCE

“I hate...”

“ I can’t stand....”

“It should be stopped”

Intolerance has
no place in our
academy or society

TOLERANCE

“I don’t do X but I
know others love it”

“Other people have
a right to live their
lives how they
choose to”

Tolerance of others is
the basic expectation
for everyone in
school and society

RESPECT/ CELEBRATION

“I want to know
about X”

“Let’s celebrate that
X exists”

“I’m in full support
of X”

Respect for others is
what we all aim for

Lunch Rota

Time	Wc/Sept 1 Year 7 at 12:05	Wc/Sept 7	Wc/Sept 14	Wc/Sept 21	Wc/Sept 28	Wc/Oct 5	Wc/Oct 12	Wc/ Oct 19
12.20 to 12.25	Year 8	Year 11	Year 10	Year 7	Year 9	Year 8	Year 11	Year 10
12.25 to 12.30	Year 9	Year 8	Year 11	Year 10	Year 7	Year 9	Year 8	Year 11
12.30 to 12.35	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 11	Year 10	Year 7	Year 9	Year 8
12.35 to 12.40	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9	Year 8	Year 11	Year 10	Year 7	Year 9
12.40 to 12.45		Year 7	Year 7	Year 9	Year 8	Year 11	Year 10	Year 7

AMBITION

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EDUCATION WITH CHARACTER

At Walthamstow Academy, we want you to achieve academically **and** develop the character, confidence and skills you need for life beyond school. We call this “Education with Character.”

Our three **core values** are at the heart of everything we do:

- ★ **Ambition** – aim high and make the most of every opportunity
- 💪 **Determination** – keep going, even when things are challenging
- 🤝 **Respect** – treat others, yourself and our community with respect



Ambition, Determination and Respect are our three core values, but these are just the starting point. Throughout your time at WA, you will have opportunities to develop a wide range of character virtues.

Through lessons and the opportunities, you take part in, you'll also develop qualities such as **resilience, confidence, teamwork, leadership, responsibility, kindness, integrity, creativity and independence.**

Education with Character is about getting involved, trying new things and becoming the best version of yourself.

EDUCATION WITH CHARACTER

EDUCATION WITH CHARACTER: WHAT CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN?

There are opportunities to develop your character **all across WA**:

Clubs & Extra-Curricular

Sport • Music • Choir • Band • Drama • Creative activities • Subject clubs • Competitions • lunchtime and after-school activities

Trips, Activities Days & Residentials

Four Activities Days across the year • London experiences • cultural visits • theme parks • educational visits • residential opportunities • university visits

Challenge & Achievement

Duke of Edinburgh • representing WA in sport • performances • competitions • trying something you've never done before

Student Voice & Leadership

Form Council • Year Council • Academy Council • Student Voice Weeks • Junior Leadership Team • Head Students • Opportunities to lead and represent others

EDUCATION WITH CHARACTER

EDUCATION WITH CHARACTER: WHAT CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN?

There are opportunities to develop your character **all across WA**:

Service & Community

Charity events • fundraising • volunteering • social action • supporting our local community • helping others

Careers & Your Future

Future Fridays • Unifrog • Careers advice • Work Experience • Employer encounters • University and apprenticeship opportunities • Employability skills

Your Pupil Charter

All of these experiences help you work towards your **Pupil Charter** and develop skills including teamwork, leadership, confidence, problem-solving and communication.

The more you put into school life, the more you get out of it.

What will YOU get involved in this year?

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**

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





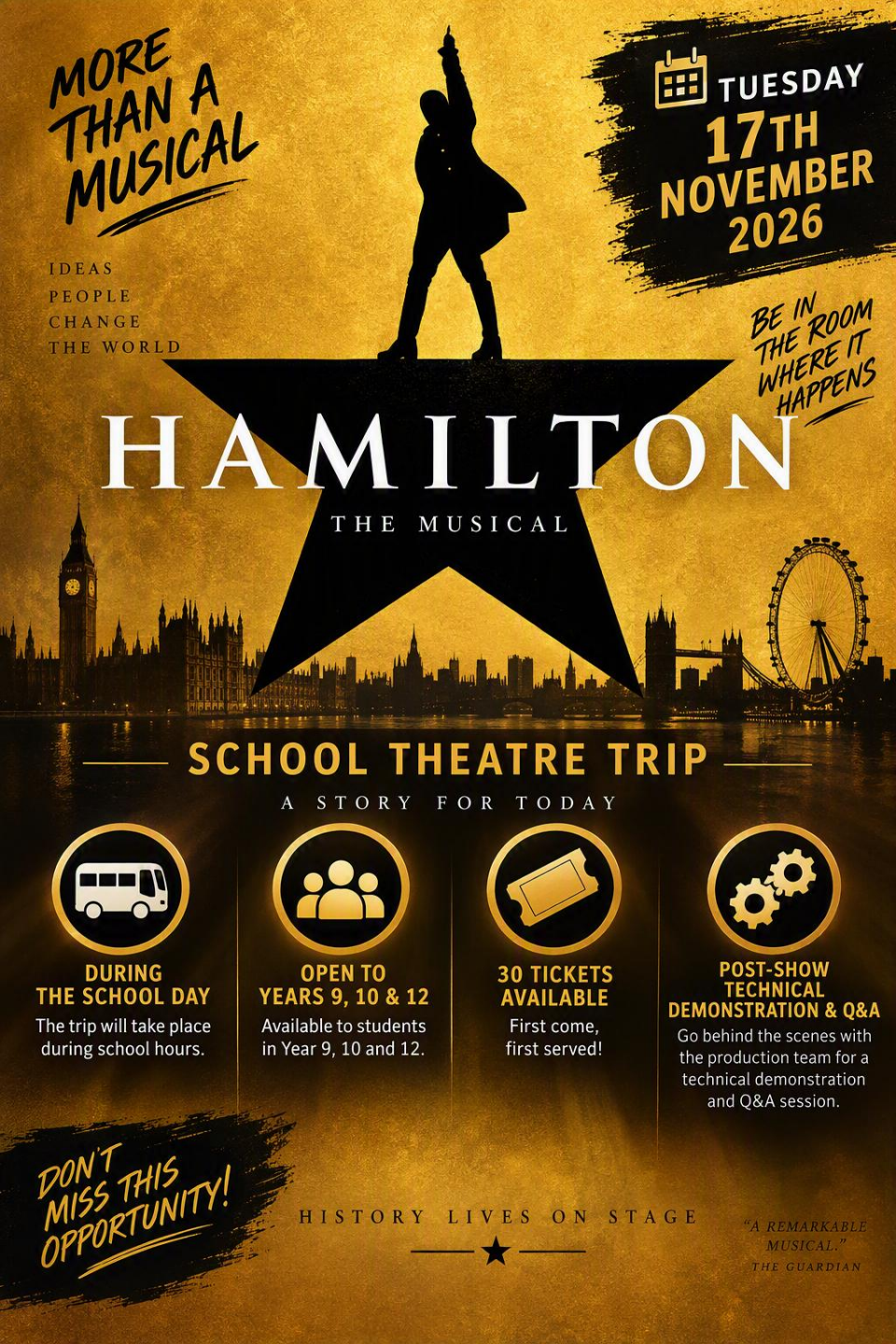
D&D - Club

**Whether you are a
member from last year or
interested in joining**

**Please come to EN1 at
lunch on Thursday 1
October**

**This will be to make
plans!**





Drama Trip- Hamilton with a post show technical demonstration and Q&A

- **Who:** Open to **Y9, 10 and 12**
- **When:** 17 November 2026 (daytime trip) return time approx. 5.30pm
- **Cost:** £10 or £5 if you are in receipt of free school meals
- **How:** Sign up on Arbor from Friday 9th October 7pm (tickets may sell out quickly so make a note of this day/time if you want to secure a ticket)



Drama Trip- The Play That Goes Wrong

- **Who:** Open to Y11 Drama GCSE students
- **When:** 4th March 2027 (evening trip)
- **Cost:** £0
- **How:** Sign up on Arbor

THE
OLD
VIC

OLD VIC *SCHOOLS CLUB* PROGRAMME 2026-27

★ WALTHAMSTOW ACADEMY HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN SELECTED
AS ONE OF ONLY **40** STATE SCHOOLS ACROSS LONDON TO ★
TAKE PART IN THIS PRESTIGIOUS PROGRAMME.

FREE!
4 TRIPS
+
4 WORKSHOPS

WHAT IS IT?

- ✓ Explore careers behind the scenes in theatre
- ✓ Meet professionals from The Old Vic
- ✓ Learn about set design, costume, lighting, sound, directing, producing, marketing and more
- ✓ Take part in **4 FREE** theatre trips and **4** creative workshops



WHO CAN APPLY?



YEAR 10
GCSE DRAMA STUDENTS
(PRIORITY PLACES)



ALL YEAR 9
STUDENTS

IMPORTANT



Application form
available via
MICROSOFT TEAMS
& **SACHEL:ONE**



Applications close
TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
AT 4:00PM

ONLY **30** PLACES AVAILABLE!

LOOK OUT FOR THE PARENT/CARER LETTER ARRIVING SOON.



Don't forget
to apply via
Satchel.One
before the
deadline on
29th Sept!

See Mrs Quince if
you have any
questions

DRAMA: LIGHTING TECH

LUNCHTIME CLUB

LEARN.
CREATE.
LIGHT UP
THE STAGE!



WHAT: Drama: Lighting Tech



LEADER: Mrs Quince



WHERE: DR1



WHO: **Year 9** (space for eight students only—those with a keen interest in lighting/tech/design please)
Year 8 will be Spring Term and **Year 7** will be Summer Term



WHEN: TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES 12.20 TO 12.45



GET CREATIVE. LEARN NEW SKILLS.
BE PART OF THE MAGIC BEHIND THE SHOW!

SPACE
FOR EIGHT
STUDENTS
ONLY!

Do you love watching films and TV shows?

Why not try watching French or Spanish films and TV shows?

First club film – ‘**Les Choristes**’ – a film about a troublesome all-boys school turned around by the power of music.

TRAILER - [The Chorus \(2004\) - IMDb](#)



MFL film and TV club

LA1 – Miss Guccio – Friday lunch time

Auditions

This terms Agora Concert will be on Thursday 22nd October 2026.

- We are looking for bands, singers, soloists and more!
- Speak to **Mr. Peacock in MU1** at **lunch time** to book in your audition slot
- Don't forget we will end with '*The Candy Dance*' as is tradition!



Walthamstow Academy

CULTURAL GALA 2026

Auditions

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

17:30-19:30 – 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!



Community Languages 2026/27

Would you like the opportunity to achieve an additional GCSE in your home language?

If you are currently in Year 10 and 11, you can apply to be entered to do a home language exam for this year's GCSE series. Although there are not any lessons in the language at WA, you can be entered to take the exam here in May/June 2027.

However, you must complete an 80-90 Word Essay in the language to check whether your knowledge of the language is already at a level to take it as a GCSE. Please see **Mr Agar in LA2**, if you are interested in applying.

At Walthamstow Academy, we have had students completing a GCSE in;

- Italian
- Polish
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Arabic
- Portuguese
- Japanese
- Chinese (Mandarin)

We are open to also offering German, Russian and Bengali.



2026 GCSE Results

87% achieved 8+
100% achieved 5+



InFORMed discussion

Are parents responsible for their children's behaviour?

In England and Wales, children can be held criminally responsible from the age of 10. But how much responsibility should their parents have?

The government has proposed strengthening **Parenting Orders** when children commit crimes or repeatedly cause anti-social behaviour. Parenting Orders already allow courts to require parents or carers to take steps such as attending parenting programmes. The government argues that families can play an important role in preventing children from offending



Price: Sending parents to jail would only happen in the most extreme cases.

InFORMed discussion

Arguments FOR greater parental responsibility:

Parents have a responsibility to supervise and guide their children. If they repeatedly ignore serious warning signs or make no reasonable attempt to address dangerous behaviour, some argue that there should be consequences. Greater parental involvement might also help prevent further offending.

Arguments AGAINST:

Parents cannot completely control another person's choices, particularly as children become teenagers. Young people may also be affected by poverty, exploitation, peers, trauma, school experiences and social media. Punishing a struggling family could make their situation worse rather than address the reasons behind the offending.

Parents could lose benefits or face prison for child's crimes, minister says



Ottile Mitchell

19 September 2026

InFORMed Discussion Questions

Discuss these questions in your pairs

1. Imagine a 15-year-old repeatedly gets into trouble despite their parent trying to stop them. **Would it be fair to punish the parent? Why/why not?**
2. Now imagine the parent **knew about serious behaviour and repeatedly chose to ignore it**. Does that change your answer?

Challenge question:

“Parents should face consequences if their child repeatedly commits crimes.”
Agree, disagree or unsure? What evidence or reasoning would change your mind?

Puzzles to Stretch your Thinking...

Congratulations to last weeks winners!

Jonah – Year 7

Prince – Year 11

Xiaoxiao – Year 7

Challenge yourself by
having ago at these
puzzles!

Think you know the
answer?

Email Miss Vitalis your
answer – prizes to be
won!

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academy.org](mailto:devon.vitalis@walthamstow-academy.org)