

Student Bulletin

Week Beginning 12 October 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 - The Importance of Reading

Thought for the Week - “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr. Seuss (American children’s author, political cartoonist, illustrator, poet, animator, and filmmaker)



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 IN MATHS

Geometry in African clothing, hairstyles and beadwork

HOMework PROJECT

Design your own:

♦ COSTUME

♦ HAIRSTYLE

♦ BEADWORK JEWELLERY

Your design must use geometric shapes, symmetry and/or transformations.

African clothing: Kente textiles

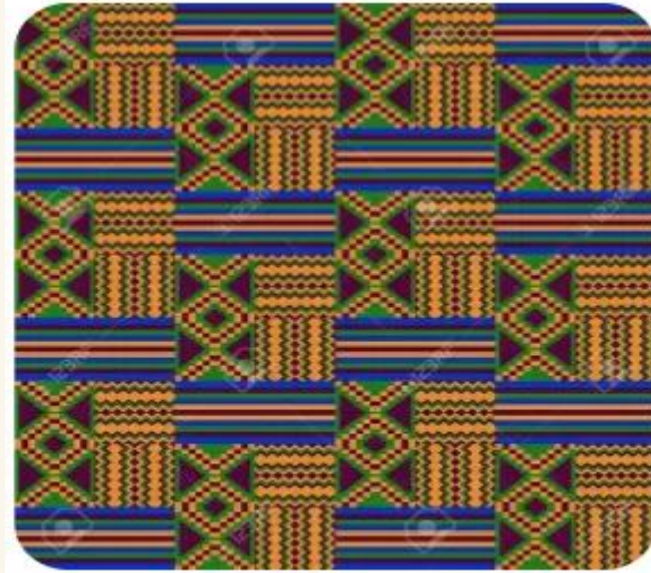
Kente is traditionally associated with Asante and Ewe weaving in present-day Ghana.



What geometry can you see?

- rectangles
- squares
- triangles
- zigzags
- repeated blocks
- stripes
- symmetry
- sequences of patterns

**MATHEMATICAL IDEA
REPETITION**



African hairstyles: braids and cornrows

Hair styling has long been an important form of identity, expression and cultural practice in Black communities.



Look at the structure of the hairstyle.

- parallel lines
- equal spacing
- repeated braids
- reflection symmetry
- angles
- geometric sections

The pattern is planned — it is not random.



African Beadwork: symmetry



Can you name the mathematical structures that produce these patterns?



HOMework: CREATE YOUR OWN DESIGN

Choose ONE inspiration:

COSTUME

HAIRSTYLE

BEADWORK

RULES

1. Use ONLY geometric shapes.
2. Include at least one form of symmetry.
3. Use at least one transformation: reflection, rotation, translation or enlargement.
4. Create a repeated pattern or rule.
5. Colour is optional.
6. Label the mathematical features you used.

Be creative — but make the mathematics visible!

ADD ANNOTATIONS TO EXPLAIN YOUR MATHEMATICS

What shapes did you use?

Where is the symmetry?

What transformations did you use?

What is the repeating rule?

Submit entries to the Maths Office

Your design should be a piece of art AND a piece of mathematics.

Deadline – Thursday 22nd October



Prizes to be won for best entries

Winners announced after half term



Dungeons and Dragons -

When: Monday and Tuesday at
lunch

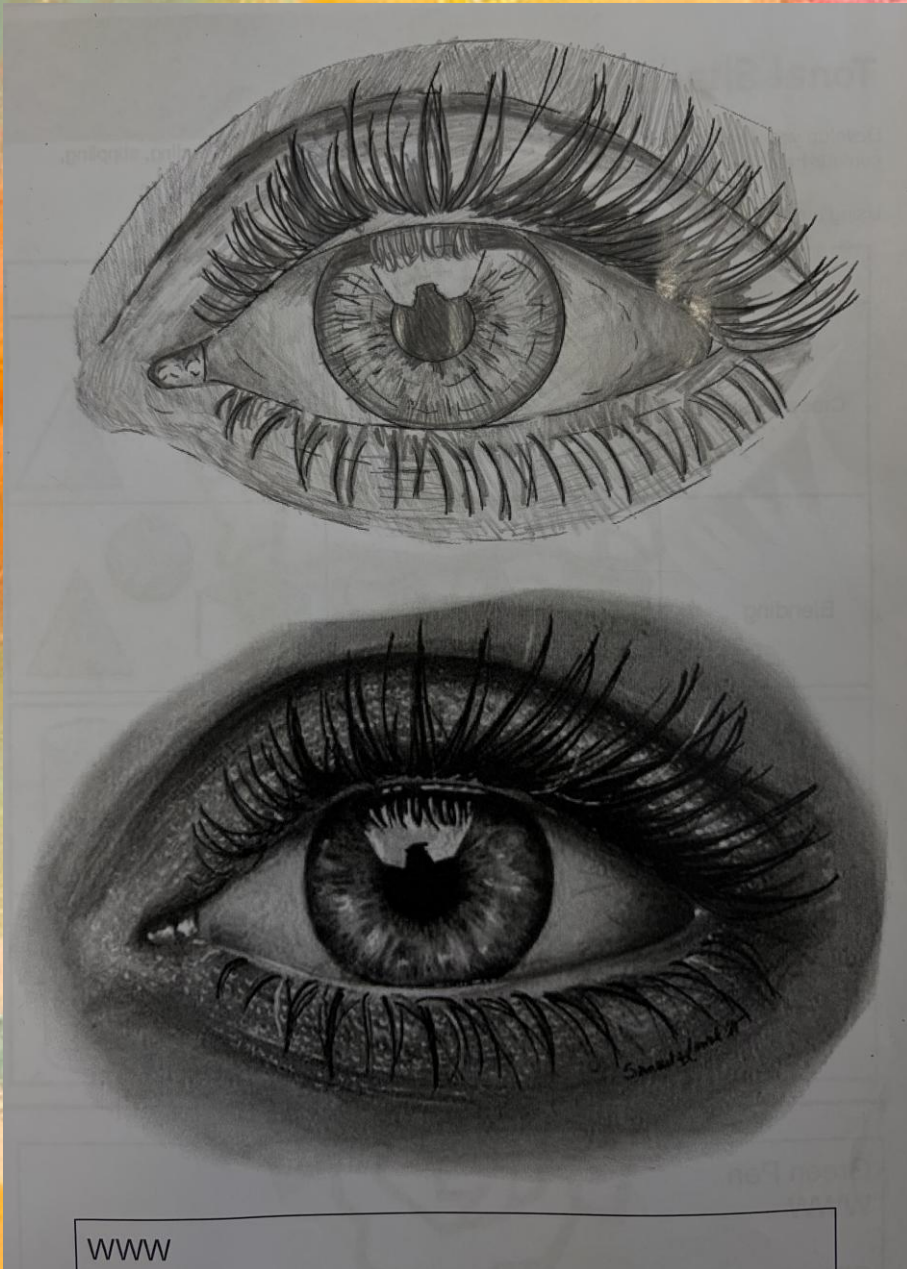
Where: EN1

How: Sign up on Arbor and speak
to Mr. Russell



ARTIST OF THE WEEK!

Well done **Ahnaf 7E** for completing an observational drawing by adding in the 6 levels of tone.



Pine Resin Faces

Thursday 8th October - 29th October 5-7.30pm

In this After School Club, students will experiment with pine rosin, a natural, biodegradable and re-meltable material that's harvested from pine trees. Led by designer-maker Jacob Marks, the workshop will see each participant craft their very own pine rosin face, covering areas such as colour theory, composition and working with bio-materials.

The pine resin will be used to cast various facial elements, such as noses and eyes, as well as poured on the surface of the face itself, bonding all of the elements into place.

Please note, this workshop will take in-person at:

STORE STORE Camden
118 Lower Stable Street
N1C 4DR

Students can reserve a place by emailing school@storeprojects.org with their name, school and which year they are in.

STORE
AFTER SCHOOL
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PINE
RESIN



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This is a free opportunity for 15 state school students (age 14-18).

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To Cast, To Keep

Wednesday 28th October - 11th November 5-7.30pm

For thousands of years, people have cast jewellery, monuments and everyday objects to preserve stories and memories. Join Studio miman for a sand casting After School Club, where you'll make and cast your own object while exploring: What deserves to become metal?

Working with modelling clay, sand moulds and molten pewter, you'll transform an idea into a small object to wear, carry or keep..

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





ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2026

Monday 16th to Friday 20th November



ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE



BREAK THE
SILENCE

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

FACE-TO-FACE

It happens face to face,

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2026

Monday 16th to Friday 20th November



**ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE**

**APPLY
NOW**



BREAK THE SILENCE



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

**...and become an
Anti-bullying Ambassador
(YEAR 10-13)**

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (ABA) (YEAR 10-13)



Our purpose: help everyone feel safe, respected and part of our community.

01 Educate our community

Use assemblies, posters, PSHE and lessons to teach about bullying, healthy friendships, mental health and body image.

02 Listen and support

Be kind and approachable. Listen without judging and help peers report bullying behaviour.

03 Be an upstander

Support anyone being targeted. Include others and speak up safely against bullying and discrimination.

04 Work with staff

Pass concerns promptly to the Pastoral and Safeguarding teams so adults can help keep students safe.

05 Train and develop

Attend training and take part in campaigns. Work towards anti-bullying badges.

Your safety matters

Keep concerns private from other students. Never promise secrecy, investigate alone or put yourself at risk. Tell a trusted adult.

Complete ABA application form on Satchel One by Monday 12 October – training begins 19 October.

Thank you for applying. We look forward to hearing your ideas and learning how you could contribute to our school community – see Ms Campbell or Mr Kujore if you have any questions.

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!



Walthamstow Academy Cultural Gala

Djembe Workshop



Period 4 & 5



Wednesday 4th November

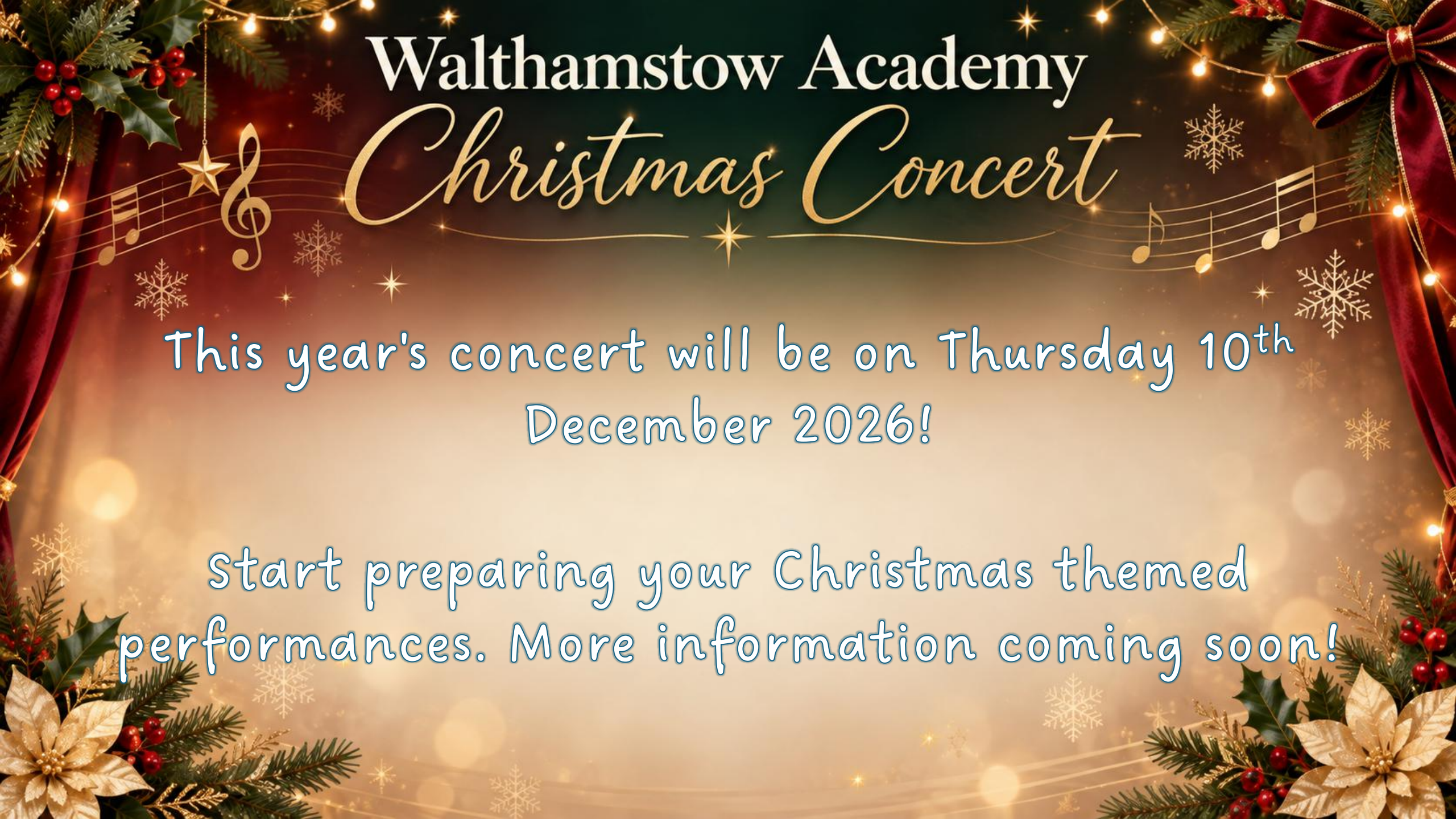


Performance: Thursday 5th November



5:30–7:30pm

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



Walthamstow Academy *Christmas Concert*

This year's concert will be on Thursday 10th
December 2026!

Start preparing your Christmas themed
performances. More information coming soon!



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%	9:14	9(+3)
7X1	100%	0:19	9(+3)
7Y2	96%	0:00	6(+2)
7Y3	84%	0:00	3(+0)
7X4	85%	0:00	3(+1)
7X2	96.2%	0:03	4(+2)
7X3	87%	0:00	2(+1)
7Y4	54%	0:00	0(+0)



YEAR 8



Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
8Y2	95.8%	3:22	8(+2)
8Y1	97%	0:19	7(+2)
8X1	100%	0:00	7(+3)
8X3	100%	0:04	6(+3)
8X2	95.7%	0:05	4(+1)
8X4	93%	0:03	3(+1)
8Y3	90%	1:04	0(+0)
8Y4	60%	0:00	0(+0)



YEAR 9



Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
9Y1	100%	0:03	9(+3)
9X3	95.2%	0:00	7(+2)
9Y3	90%	0:00	5(+1)
9X2	95.5%	0:00	7(+3)
9X1	93%	0:00	5(+2)
9X4	69%	0:00	1(+0)
9Y2	88%	0:00	2(+1)
9Y4	73%	0:00	0(+0)





SPARX MATHS PREMIER LEAGUE

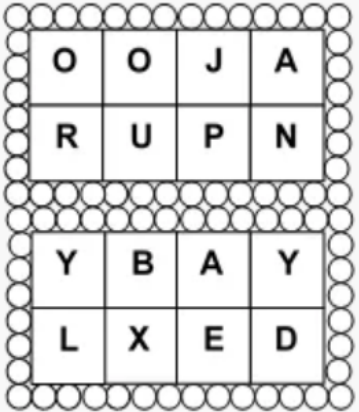
YEAR 10			
Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
10X2	96%	0:26	9(+3)
10X1	93%	0:00	8(+3)
10Y2	88%	0:00	7(+2)
10Y1	76%	0:00	3(+0)
10X4	91%	0:00	4(+2)
10X3	78%	0:25	2(+1)
10Y3	83%	0:00	2(+1)
10Y4	67%	0:00	1(+0)

YEAR 11			
Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
11Y2	96%	2:22	7(+2)
11Y1	96.6%	0:00	7(+3)
11X2	95.8%	0:00	6(+2)
11Y3	91%	0:00	5(+1)
11X4	83%	0:26	4(+1)
11X1	96.7%	0:00	5(+3)
11X3	71%	0:00	2(+0)
11Y4	50%	0:00	0(+0)



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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