Student Bulletin

Week Beginning 2 November 2026
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AMBITION **DETERMINATION** **RESPECT**

Theme and Thought of the Week

Theme of the Week - New Leaf Week

Thought for the Week - “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” – Confucius



Lunch Rota HT 2

Time	Wc/Nov 2	Wc/Nov 9	Wc/Nov 16	Wc/Nov 23	Wc/Nov 30	Wc/Dec 7	Wc/Dec 14
12.20 to 12.25	Year 11 (EXAMS)	Year 11 (EXAMS)	Year 8	Year 10	Year 7	Year 9	Year 11
12.25 to 12.30	Year 7	Year 9	Year 11	Year 8	Year 10	Year 7	Year 9
12.30 to 12.35	Year 10	Year 7	Year 9	Year 11	Year 8	Year 10	Year 7
12.35 to 12.40	Year 8	Year 10	Year 7	Year 9	Year 11	Year 8	Year 10
12.40 to 12.45	Year 9	Year 8	Year 10	Year 7	Year 9	Year 11	Year 8

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Year 11 PPE Timetable

Year 11 Sports Hall	Session 1 8:30-10:00	Session 2 10:20-12:20	Session 3 13:10-15:10
Monday 2nd November	French Listening (45 - F, 1h -H)	History Paper 1 (1h20)	English Language Paper 2 (1h45)
Tuesday 3rd November	Geography Paper 1 (1h)	Maths Paper 1 - Non Calc (1h30)	Religious Studies Paper 1 (1hr45)
Wednesday 4th November	Spanish- Listening (45- F, 1hr -H)	Biology Combined (1h 15)	Psychology Paper 1 (1h30)
		Biology Triple (1h45)	
Thursday 5th November	PE GCSE (1h15)	Business Studies Paper 1 (1h45)	Chemistry Combined(1h15)
	Drama (1h15)		Chemistry Triple (1h45)
Friday 6th November	RS Paper 2 - 1hr	Sociology Paper 1 (1h45)	Maths Paper 2 - Calc (1h30)
		Computing Paper 1 (1h30)	
		3D Design Session 2h	
Monday 9th November	MFL Reading (45- F, 1hr -H)	History Paper 3 (1H30)	English Literature P1(1h45)
Tuesday 10th November	Geography Paper 2 (1h)	Maths Paper 3 - Calc (1h30)	Sociology Paper 2 (1h45)
			Psychology Paper 2 1h 30m
Wednesday 11th November	MFL Writing (1h15 F) (1h20 H)	Physics Triple (1h45)	Business Studies Paper 2 (1h45)
		Physics Combined(1h15)	Clash students Psych x2
Thursday 12th November	Art (1h30)		

Year 13 PPE Timetable

Year 13 Dance Studio	**Session 1 9:00-12:10**		**Session 2 13:10-15:10**
Wednesday 11th November	History Paper 1 (1h 30)		Maths Paper 1 - Pure (2h)
	Geography Paper 1 (2 h15)		RS Paper 1 1h 30m
Thursday 12th November	Economics (2h)		Government & Politics Paper 2 (1h 30m)
			Biology Paper 1 (2h)
Friday 13th November	Physics Paper 1 (2h)		Chemistry Paper 1 (2h)
	Psychology Paper 1 (1hr)		Computer Science Paper 1 (2h30 mins)
	Media Paper 1 separate room 2h 15m		
Monday 16th November	Geography Paper 2 (2h)		Maths Paper 2 - Pure (2h)
	English Paper 2 (2h30)		RS Paper 2 1h 30m
Tuesday 17th November	Business Studies Paper 1 (2h)		Psychology Paper 2 (2 hours)
	Biology Paper 2 (2h)		
Wednesday 18th November	Chemistry Paper 2 (2h)		Media paper 2 45m
	Government and Politics Paper 3 (1h 30m)		Physics Paper 2 (2 hours)
Thursday 19th November	Computer Science Paper 2 (2h30 mins)		Chemistry Paper 3 (2h)
	Sociology Paper 3 Crime & Deviance 2h		
Friday 20th November	Maths Paper 3 - Applied (2h)		Business Studies Paper 2 (2h)
	RS Paper 3 1h 30m		History Paper 2 (1h 30)

Surveys running in November

Throughout November our school will run two surveys:

Survey	Launch Date
Pupil	Monday 2nd November
Staff	Monday 9th November

All you need to know to complete the surveys

What	When	How
Pupil survey	**2nd November** to **4th December**	Pupils will use a unique login code to access the survey online
Staff survey	**9th November** to **27th November**	Staff will receive an email invitation from Edurio with a personalised survey link

Why are we running the surveys?

One of United Learning's guiding principles is **Continuous Improvement** – however good we are, we can be better.

Gathering and acting on feedback is essential if we want to improve our school as a provider of excellent education to the pupils in our care, but also as a great place to work.

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CULTURAL GALA

2026

This year's Cultural Gala will be on Thursday 5 November 2026!

5pm- 7pm– Walthamstow Academy

Tickets available now on Arbor!



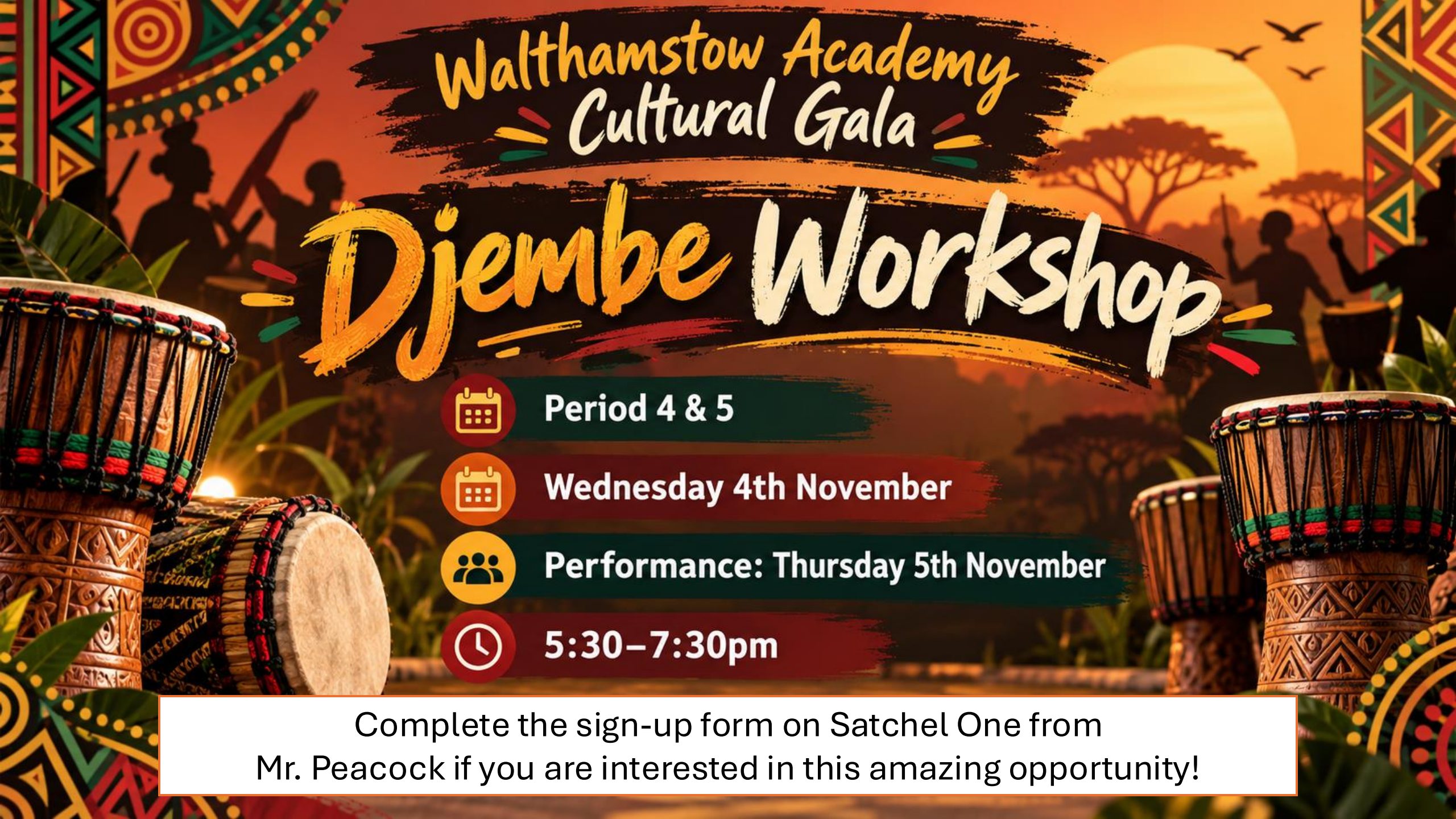
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Christmas Concert

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

Auditions starting from Monday 9th November

Book a slot with Mr. Peacock at break or lunch



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



ARTIST OF THE WEEK!

Well done **Marta 10F** for completing a painting inspired by the artist Angie Lewin!

Sparx Reader



Year 7 Superstars
(Top of the leaderboard)

Elodie 7E
Ibrahim 7D
Tesslyn 7B

Year 8 Superstars
(Top of the leaderboard)

Qassim 8D
Amerah 8C
Faith 8F

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ENTIRE PERSON EDUCATION

The ROUNDTABLE

YOU ASK. THEY ANSWER.

12 PLACES ONLY

A Waltham Forest podcast that gives Black boys aged 13-18 the opportunity to interview mental health professionals and explore the issues that matter most to them.



WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- How to record, direct, and edit a podcast episode from scratch
- How to research and lead an interview with a professional
- Camera and storytelling skills for short-form documentary
- How to speak on mental health with confidence, not just as a topic done to you

NOT AS PATIENTS, BUT AS HOSTS.

This isn't a workshop about you. It's a show you make.

Talking about what's going on in your head is one of the few things that actually changes how you carry it. This project gives you a way in that doesn't feel like a therapy session: you'll learn how to run a live podcast (the technical aspects, and the conversations worth listening to). Then use those skills to interview Black male clinicians - people who look like you, who understand what you're going through, and what actually helps.

WHEN

Six Tuesdays, starting 3rd Nov 2026.
TIME: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

WHERE

Wood Street Library
1 Troubridge Square,
Wood Street
London E17 3HB

WHAT'S PROVIDED

Drinks and refreshments at every session. All equipment supplied, no experience needed.

SCAN NOW TO REGISTER INTEREST

Or visit: shorturl.at/OyQ5A
First-come-first-served!

A select few from the group will go further, working alongside an award-winning documentarian, to write and shoot their own short documentary.

info@entireperson.co.uk
www.entireperson.co.uk

Delivered by Entire Person Education (1182675), a Black-led charity, with support from Waltham Forest Council's Community Chest.

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

Year of READING SHELFIE Competition





Year 7 volleyball

- Who: Students in **YEAR 7**
- What: an afterschool club where you can learn the basics of volleyball
- When: after school on Thursdays from **starting on 19 November**
- Where: Sports Hall
- How: have your parent/guardian **sign up on Arbor**
  - Please see Mr. Russell in EN1 if you have any questions

  - **NOTE: You will need to bring your PE kit with you**



WALTHAMSTOW ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2026

OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS

A fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop and celebrate their artistic talents. We invite pupils of all ages to get involved and show your creativity!

THIS YEAR'S THEMES



WINTER WONDERLAND



THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



THE CHRISTMAS STAR

HAND IN TO MISS KNOWLES IN THE ART ROOM

MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

PRIZES

The winning design will be printed as the official United Learning Christmas card and the winning pupil will receive a **£50 Amazon voucher** and 10 printed copies of their design.

INTERNATIONAL ART COMPETITION 2026 – 27

Open for entries!

Your art could be seen in Tokyo!

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

What counts as an extracurricular activity?

Extracurricular activities are opportunities to get involved in school life **outside your normal timetabled lessons**.

These could include:

- **Sports:** Football, netball, basketball, athletics **(including playing table tennis/cricket/football at lunch time)** or representing the school in competitions
- **Creative activities:** Drama productions, music clubs, choir or art clubs
- **Lunchtime and after-school clubs:** Chess, reading, debating or other interest-based clubs
- **Leadership opportunities:** Student Council, Junior Leadership Team or helping to organise school events
- **Other opportunities:** school performances and enrichment activities

Why do they matter?

Extracurricular activities help you develop confidence, teamwork, leadership and new skills. They're also a great way to make friends and try something different!

PSHE & RSE: Learning for Life

PSHE & RSE at Walthamstow Academy

- Preparing you for life, not just exams

Our PSHE and RSE curriculum helps you develop the knowledge and skills to:

- Make informed decisions
- Build healthy, respectful relationships
- Keep yourself and others safe
- Look after your wellbeing
- Prepare for life beyond school

Why is PSHE/RSE important?

- PSHE and RSE help us in everyday life, not just in school.
- Safety: Recognising risks and knowing how to seek help
- Relationships: Building positive friendships and respecting boundaries
- Wellbeing: Looking after our physical and mental health
- Future: Preparing for employment, independence and adult life

What is PSHE?

- PSHE = Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education
- PSHE helps you understand the world around you and make positive choices

We learn about:

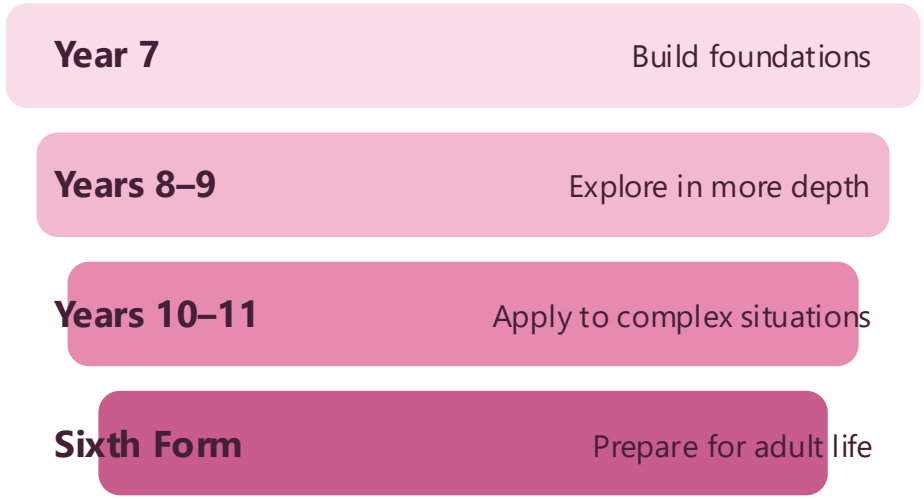
- Mental and physical health
- Online safety and social media
- Friendships and relationships
- Careers, money and future opportunities
- Citizenship, rights and responsibilities
- British Values and living in modern Britain

What is RSE?

- RSE = Relationships and Sex Education
- RSE helps us understand how to build safe, healthy and respectful relationships

We learn about:

- Healthy and unhealthy relationships
- Consent and personal boundaries
- Respect, equality and discrimination
- Recognising harassment and harmful behaviour
- Sexual health and making informed choices
- How and where to get support



We revisit topics, building our knowledge each year.

This means:

- We don't just learn something once
- We revisit important topics as we get older
- Each time, we build on our previous understanding
- We explore more complex situations and develop new skills
- Example: Learning about healthy relationships in Year 7 might develop into more detailed learning about consent, coercion and relationship safety in later years

How does our learning progress?

Example: You learn about healthy relationships every year, but WHAT you learn is slightly different

Earlier learning	Later learning
What makes a good friend?	Recognising unhealthy or controlling behaviour
Understanding respect	Consent and personal boundaries
Being kind and inclusive	Challenging harassment and discrimination
Knowing who to ask for help	Understanding how to report concerns and access support

Keeping yourself and others safe

Through PSHE and RSE, we learn to:

- Recognise when behaviour is inappropriate or unsafe
- Understand consent and respect personal boundaries
- Identify bullying, harassment and discrimination
- Make safe choices online and offline
- Speak to a trusted adult when something doesn't feel right
- Remember: If something is worrying you, speak to your tutor, Head of Year or a member of the safeguarding team

Turn and Talk

- What PSHE or RSE topics have you studied recently?
- Can you remember learning about a topic in a previous year?
- How has your understanding developed as you've got older?
- What is one thing you've learnt that could help you outside school?
- Who would you speak to if you needed help or advice?

Remembrance Day



Armistice Day was on **11 November** and is also known as Remembrance Day.

It marks the day **World War One** ended, at **11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918**.

A two-minute silence is held at 11am to remember the people who have died in wars.

Remembrance Day
Poppy Appeal

Sixth Form students will be visiting tutor groups this week and next week to collect donations for the **Poppy Appeal**.
You can make a contribution (bring cash) and receive a poppy to show your support and remembrance for those who have served.

All proceeds go to charity.

Remembrance at Walthamstow Academy

- Across the UK, 2 minutes' silence is held at 11am on both 11th November and Remembrance Sunday
- We will hold our Act of Remembrance at **10:18am during line up on Wednesday 11 November. <u>Y7 – Y13 will all attend</u>**
- When the bell rings at 10:15am (end of break) all students should walk with pace and purpose to the cage, and line up as normal
- Sixth Form students will line up in their fire drill lines
- Please **be silent and respectful** as we honour all the people who have risked and given their lives in service
- Think about families who are **missing loved ones**
- **Remember** there are people serving now

The cage will be closed at break time on this day

What is the Act of Remembrance?

- **The Exhortation is recited:**

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

- **The Last Post is sounded.**
- **The Two Minute Silence is observed.**
- **Reveille is sounded.**
- **The Kohima Epitaph is recited:**

When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.



SPARX Maths Premier League

SPARX MATHS PREMIER LEAGUE

YEAR 7

Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
7Y1	100%	18:08	15(+3)
7X1	97%	0:50	15(+3)
7Y2	92%	0:02	8(+1)
7X2	96%	0:00	8(+2)
7X4	93%	0:04	6(+2)
7X3	90%	0:00	5(+1)
7Y3	87%	0:37	3(+0)
7Y4	67%	0:32	0(+0)

YEAR 8

Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
8Y2	100%	1:21	13(+3)
8Y1	100%	0:00	12(+2)
8X1	100%	0:00	10(+1)
8X3	100%	0:01	10(+3)
8X2	96%	0:25	8(+1)
8X4	100%	0:00	6(+2)
8Y3	85%	0:43	0(+0)
8Y4	73%	0:00	0(+0)

YEAR 9

Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
9Y1	100%	0:16	15(+3)
9X2	100%	0:00	11(+2)
9X1	100%	0:29	9(+1)
9X3	100%	0:00	9(+2)
9Y3	90%	2:14	6(+0)
9Y2	92%	0:00	5(+1)
9X4	85%	0:18	1(+0)
9Y4	100%	0:28	4(+3)

SPARX MATHS PREMIER LEAGUE

YEAR 10

Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
10X2	92%	0:23	14(+2)
10Y2	81%	0:00	10(+0)
10X1	100%	0:00	13(+3)
10X4	100%	0:00	8(+3)
10Y1	97%	0:27	7(+2)
10X3	88%	0:00	4(+1)
10Y3	75%	0:08	2(+0)
10Y4	86%	0:00	2(+1)

YEAR 11

Class	Compulsory %	IL	Points
11Y1	93%	0:00	12(+2)
11Y2	96%	5:35	11(+3)
11X2	83%	0:05	9(+1)
11X1	100%	0:11	11(+3)
11Y3	81%	0:00	8(+1)
11X4	50%	0:00	4(+0)
11X3	86%	4:19	5(+2)
11Y4	60%	0:00	0(+0)

SPARX MATHS PREMIER LEAGUE

GOLDEN WEEK!

DOUBLE POINTS ALL WEEK!

YEAR 7

Form	Compulsory %	IL	Points

YEAR 8

Form	Compulsory %	IL	Points

YEAR 9

Form	Compulsory %	IL	Points

YEAR 10

Form	Compulsory %	IL	Points

YEAR 11

Form	Compulsory %	IL	Points

Puzzles to Stretch your Thinking…

I am a favourite drink. Add one letter and I am a blue-green colour. Change one letter and I am a business agreement. Change another letter and I am a small valley. Change one final letter and I am a percussion instrument. What was I and what did I become?

At a leisure centre there are three times as many people taking part in Yoga as doing Boxing. There are 10 more people Swimming than Boxing and 7 less in the Gym than Swimming in the pool. 9 people are working out in the Gym. How many are doing Yoga?

Last Week's Winners

- Miss Alam
- Aishah I – Yr 13
- Kaan Yagiz - Yr 13

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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Ambition - Determination - Resilience