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Walthamstow Academy Start of Term Update

Welcome back to a new academic year, it has been great to see all our returning pupils and hear about their summer break as well as welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 students.

It's always busy at the start of a new term and this one is no exception! We have lots of information to share with you, and a couple of requests for your assistance.

We are working hard to improve communication and make it easier for you to find the information you need. Our website is currently being updated, if you have any requests or suggestions please do let us know. All letters and forms sent home will be sent via email and loaded onto our [letters page](#).

Sporting Fixtures

The PE department have been working hard, running trials and setting up sports teams for the new year.

If you have received a letter requesting permission for your child to participate in sporting fixtures/external after school activities, please make sure this is returned as soon as possible. A copy of this letter can be found on our letters page [here](#).

Breakfast Club

We have previously been able to offer food at breakfast club free for students due to additional Government funding. However, this funding has now stopped. Therefore, from 1 October 2018, food at breakfast club will be chargeable at a cost of £1.

Pupils will be able to choose from the following food options: Toast with butter/jam, porridge and hot chocolate (during winter months), selection of cereals, fruit and juice.

Food at breakfast club is chargeable for all students eating and will need to be paid via the schoolgateway. If your child would like to attend but is unable due to the change in funding please do let us know. We will always try to provide support where we can. All students are welcome to attend breakfast club whether they are eating or not.

Medical Matters

Please keep us informed of changes to your child's welfare/medical needs so that we can best support them in school.

Allergies: If your child has any allergies that may result in anaphylaxis please ensure we have an Epi Pen in school for them and make a note of the expiry date.

Asthma: If your child has asthma please remember that we require a spare asthma pump in school. Asthma pumps should be handed into the office and an asthma card completed. A copy of the asthma card can be downloaded from our website [here](#).

Dates For Your Diary

- **Year 7 Meet the Tutor Event**
27 September (2.30-6.00pm)
- **Year 6 Open Evening**
4 October 2018, (Welcome Talk @18.15, 18.45, 19.15)
- **Academy Early Closure (due to open event)**
4 October 2018 1.20pm
- **Half Term**
Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October 2018
- **Open Door**
22 November (15.15-16.00) Pop in to see the Principal, no appointment necessary.



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Drop Off and Collection

We would like to request your assistance at drop off and collection times. If you are escorting your child to and from school by car, please either park away from the school and walk to the school gates or use the drop off point. This is accessed via Academy Way, to the right of the school. Gates will be open for parents to drop off and collect between 08.20 & 08.35 and 15.00 & 15.45.

Both the Secondary and Primary Academy car parks are for staff only and should not be used for dropping off or collecting your child.

Updating Contact Information

Please remember to keep us updated with any changes to your child's needs or to your contact details. Email is our primary route for contacting you so it is really important that you make sure we have this on file. Please click [here](#) to access the form on our website so that you can notify us of any changes to your contact information. Alternatively, you can notify us of changes via the schoolgateway.

A Paper Light and Cashless Academy

Schoolgateway is the parent portal (app and website) that provides a single point of contact allowing parents to receive messages, notifications and payment requests. We are using this platform to work towards becoming a paper light and cashless Academy.

Setting up an account is easy, but, you will need to be aware of the email address and mobile number we hold on file for your child's primary nominated contact. If you haven't yet registered for the Gateway, please do so.

To Get Started

Download the app: The app shows the same information as the website PLUS you can send app messages to the school for FREE – this will also save the school money when we send text messages.

OR

Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

If you have any problems, questions or queries about setting up or using Schoolgateway please get in touch. We are also more than happy to make an appointment for you to pop into the school and so we can assist with this in person.

[Email](#) or call the office to book or for advice on set up.

School Meals and Catering

Our catering team takes great pride in serving nutritious fresh food that is enjoyed by pupils and staff. Our core lunch menus are on a 3 week rotation and can be found [here](#).

We regularly host themed weeks and days such as 'food heros' or 'destination of the week' where food is showcased from selected regions around the world. These events are promoted within the school.

We actively encourage pupils to try our meal of the day. This is particularly the case at the start of a new term when new menus are introduced and when new pupils join at the start of the academic year. We are proud of our catering provision and many staff regularly eat in the canteen. Further information about school meals and pricing can be found on our [website](#).

Enrichment and Clubs

We are busy collating our enrichment and extended activities programme, this will be sent home this week and posted on our [website](#). We would welcome any requests and suggestions for clubs and activities that your child would enjoy. Please email the office with any suggestions you may have. In the meantime, our PE and Sports clubs timetable for term one can be found [here](#).

Schoolgateway
Download the app
1. save our school money on texting you...
2. top up your child's account...

OUR TARGET:
50% of parents using the app.

Available on the App Store

ANDROID APP ON Google play

The graphic features a hand holding a smartphone displaying the Schoolgateway app interface, with the app's logo and download instructions prominently displayed.



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The Academy Office is open: Monday to Friday 07.30 – 17.00. **Email** info@walthamstow-academy.org

For **Absence** or **Attendance** queries: **Email** attendance@walthamstow-academy.org

Form Tutors should always be your first point of contact with queries about your child's learning and time in school. Please find a list of contact details for Tutors for the academic year 18/19 below.

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