



THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I trust everyone had an enjoyable and restful half-term break.

Many of our Year 13 students are now beginning to receive offers from universities whilst others are finalising their UCAS forms ready to be sent off. More details about this and our guidance programme supporting students in making their university applications can be found later on in this edition. We had around 55 Year 13 students sitting the Oxford and Cambridge aptitude tests and the BMAT, or Bio Medical Admissions test. These tests form an important part of the admissions process for Oxbridge as well as Medicine at a range of top universities so good luck with the results to all involved.

This week our assemblies have been on the theme of 'Remembrance', why remembrance is important and looking at the various ways in which remembrance takes place around the world. Following on from this, we held a two minutes silence today at 11.11am in honour of Remembrance Day and those who gave up their lives in the line of duty.

Year 11 have been completing their mock GCSE examinations in preparation for the summer's public examinations. Their mocks continue through to the end of next week so we wish all of Year 11 the best of luck and look forward to seeing them back in lessons on Monday 21st November.

Finally, congratulations to Millie in Year 12, who is the national winner of the Nutrition Foundation Drummond Education Award awarded by AQA. Millie will be collecting her award up in London next week.

Have a great weekend.

MR R BOOTH
HEADTEACHER





WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE TO PARENTS/ CARERS

Workshop 1: Managing your child's anxiety (Years 9-13 parents)

Date and time: Tues 15th Nov, 18.30-19.30

*Facilitator: Dr Jo Suchy - Senior Educational Psychologist
from Cognus*

Location: This is a virtual event - Teams

This workshop is for the parents of Years 9-13 students. Jo Suchy from the Educational Psychology team will be running a workshop to support parents to better understand and support worries and anxiety in their children. The workshop will provide an overview of the psychology behind anxiety and offer a number of practical strategies that can be used at home by parents. The workshop will also encourage parents to think about triggers for anxiety in their children, and time for questions at the end of the session will be available.

The link is here for this online workshop:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Meeting ID: 339 961 317 854

Passcode: EXaTjc

Workshop 2: Cost of living crisis, financial wellbeing and our mental health

Date and time: Tues 22nd Nov, 12.00-14.00

Facilitator: Dr Mike Oliver from The Charlie Waller Trust

Location: This is a virtual event – Zoom

Is there any getting away from the cost of living crisis? How comfortable do you feel talking about your mental health when it comes to financial stress? In this webinar, Dr Mike Oliver will explain why it's normal to feel anxious about the situation. We can't change it, but we can suggest practical, positive steps that you and the people you care for can take to help cope better during this challenging time.

To sign up for this webinar click here.

HAIR DISCRIMINATION IN SCHOOLS

You may have seen in the news recently that the Equality and Human Rights Commission published new guidance, designed to prevent discrimination based on hair in schools.

At WHSG, we follow the Halo Code which means we recognise and celebrate our staff and students' identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed. For more information regarding the Halo Code please see their website: <https://halocollective.co.uk/halo-code-school/>

RELIGIOUS JEWELLERY

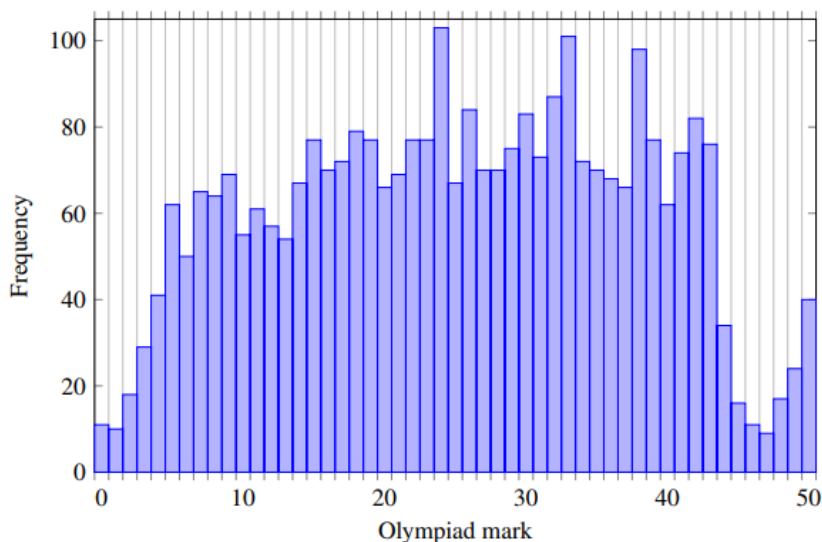
A watch and one small pair of plain gold or silver ear studs in the lobe of the ear are the only jewellery allowed. However, we recognise the diversity of our community and discrete, visible religious symbols will be individually considered on request by the parent / carer, in writing to the Headteacher. If a student does not have permission from the Headteacher, they will be asked to remove the jewellery.

MISS M GOUGH
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER
DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD



Mathematical Olympiad for Girls

In September, eighteen students from Year 12 and 13 took part in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls. It is a very challenging competition which involved sitting a $2\frac{1}{2}$ hour examination paper. In the whole country only 3086 students sat this paper and this graph shows the distribution of all the students marks – showing how difficult the paper really was!



We are very proud of Zaira, Kasthury, Bianca, Sophie, Katie, Hannah, Chloe, Emily, Abhiraami, Rukaiya, Abigail, Deya, Dhriti, Naomi, Piya, Zara, Zhi Ying and Hibah for taking part. They all took time to complete past papers, which can be found by the following link if you want to have a look and maybe try a few questions (remember they are super challenging but from working through the solutions you can really learn a lot!) <https://bmos.ukmt.org.uk/home/ukmog.shtml>

This was the first question on the paper:

1. The points A , B and C lie, in that order, on a straight line. Line CD is perpendicular to AC , and $CD = AB$. The point E lies on the line AD , between A and D , so that $EB = EC = AB$.

(a) Draw a diagram to show this information. Your diagram need not be accurate or to scale, but you should clearly indicate which lengths are equal. (2 marks)

(b) Calculate the size of the angle BAE . (8 marks)

It is tricky but you don't actually need much knowledge beyond KS3 maths to solve it! Why not give it a try?

We have just received their results which were all impressive.

The following students achieved a Distinction: Deya, Katie, Hannah and Naomi

The following students achieved a Merit: Emily, Zaira, Rukaiya, Abigail, Kasthury, Sophie, Dhriti, Zara, Zhi Ying, Bianca and Abhiraami.

Deya achieved the highest result in the school with an impressive 42 marks.



SENIOR MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE

This term, all Year 12 and 13 Mathematicians took part in the Senior Mathematical Challenge. This is a multiple-choice test that is sat by students across the UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems are challenging and designed to make even the most able students think!

An example of one of the questions, which may be accessible to students from lower years as well was...

What is the value of $\frac{4^{800}}{8^{400}}$?

A $\frac{1}{2^{800}}$

B $\frac{1}{2^{200}}$

C 1

D 2^{200}

E 2^{400}

The competition was tough this year and the thresholds for certificates were 76+ for Gold, 62+ for Silver and 48+ for Bronze. A score of 76+ meant the student would qualify to sit the Senior Kangaroo and a score of 100+ meant qualification for the British Mathematical Olympiad round 1.

It is a great achievement to have been awarded a certificate and we would like to congratulate and celebrate the success of the following students:

Y13 GOLD CERTIFICATES

Rukaiya, Angelica, Banujaa, Karnuya and Grace.

Y13 SILVER CERTIFICATES

Andrea, Sophie, Sutapi, Ashana, Shivanjaly, Yuvathi, Madumida, Tia, Thivahene, Shuwathi, Alice, Sumayya, Lucy, Hadiya, Ayesha, Soleyana, Emily, Charlotte, Jiya, Jasvene, Saranya and Levine.

Y13 BRONZE CERTIFICATES

Gayathiri, Vinu, Nadine, Laxshana, Maisha, Uma, Olubukayomi, Raagave, Varsha, Najah, Amineh, Vaasahi, Karthikaa, Vithura, Shriya, Amnah, Ridhi, Safia, Sanshana, Khaviya, Isoke, Freya, Janelle, Venice, Roslynn, Anuraga, Varnikha, Aishah, Kavinajah, Aaminah, Poppy, Sujitha, Nanjeeba, Shreya, Aalia, Isobel, Khadeeja, Thebika, Sadaf, Dora, Thenuhaa, Manvi, Neekaiya, Sarah, Annie, Fariha, Vahini, Natalie, Bianca, Sophie, Anna, Melanie, Thushikaa, Arsha, Liz, Priyanka, Anjali, Pireethy, Dhushana, Ragshidaa, Ashmita and Methusha.

Y12 GOLD CERTIFICATES

Abbie, Naomi, Anusjhni and Alishba.

Y12 SILVER CERTIFICATES

Arisha, Karshiga, Inez, Wendy, Abisna, Shu Ying, Lavanya, Aiko, Raji, Piranaya, Amelie, Kile, Trishali, Rym, Yasmine, Zainab, Lydia, Alvita, Zaira, Katie, Hannah, Deya, Piya and Zhi Ying.

Y13 BRONZE CERTIFICATES

Hamama, Minali, Shrija, Shahrin, Kasthury, Tanvee, Ashani, Dora, Mariam, Leila, Chloe H, Danya, Alexandra, Theodora, Amirrthaa, Janya, Arunima, Suvika, Donna, Alexia, Zara, Thunsara, Maira, Abisha, Asiyah, Yvonne, Sophie, Dhriti, Tabitha, Maathuri, Debbyca, Chilohem, Sufia, Anna-Maria, Sri Nikhila, Melinda, Annapurna, Ashini, Sasha, Grace, Maahi, Ahlaam, Chloe D, Olya, Deepika, Alisha, Mathura, Romoluwa, Abarana, Sohana, Farida, Khullat, Mariam, Anjali, Imani, Amtul Baqi, Anusha, Bushra, Zahra, Rosa, Sharika, Shirin, Tuba, Joanna, Rochelle, Ayesha, Vilasini and Hibah.

All of the students who achieved a Gold certificate qualified for the next round and will sit the Senior Kangaroo.

Particular congratulations go to Rukaiya, Abbie and Naomi for achieving the highest result in their years. Rukaiya's incredibly impressive score of 91 is the best result of the whole school.

Well done to everyone who took part!

MISS S TUCKER
TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS





Duke of Edinburgh Launch

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a parents' information evening for any students in Y9, 10, 12 who would like more information regarding the Duke of Edinburgh award at any level (bronze, silver and gold).

Details: **Tuesday 15th November 2022 @ 6-7pm in the school hall.**

Please can we ask that only one parent/carer attends with their child on this evening so that we can manage numbers and avoid overcrowding. Please be assured that all information will be made available on our website should you not be able to attend.

What is the Duke of Edinburgh award?

The Duke of Edinburgh scheme enables a young person to elevate their self-confidence, skills and aspirations in a non-competitive environment. Employers have named the Award as the highest non-academic accolade they look for in prospective employees.

Students who enrol on the scheme will undertake four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and an Expedition. For those students who wish to take part in the Gold scheme, there is also an additional Residential section. Each section must be done for a minimum period of time, which increases between the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. The Bronze award is open to Year 9. The Silver and Gold awards are open to all students in Years 10 and 12 respectively, regardless of whether they have completed any previous levels.

WHSG is a directly licensed centre which is supported by the operations team at London DofE. This means that we will coordinate the Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections in school and using an online portal. Activ Adventures, who have worked with WHSG and Nonsuch for the past four years, run the expedition section with training sessions in school. Alternatively, students may choose to join an open expedition run by London DofE or use another provider.

Bronze: For students in Year 9 and above. Enrolment fee + expedition cost of £245.

Silver: For students in Year 10 and above. Enrolment fee + expedition cost of £325.

Gold: For students in Lower Sixth. Enrolment fee + expedition cost of £245.





Love Letters to London



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LOVE LETTERS TO LONDON COMPETITION

Once again The London Society aims to celebrate the city in all its life, charm and mystery, with a free to enter writing competition "Love Letters to London". We want Londoners - as well as non-Londoners who wish to celebrate this place - to tell us why they love the city. Write us up to 500 words around the theme of "making connections".

Entries can have been published elsewhere, but must fit the brief and have been written in 2022.

(Deadline for entries is noon on Wednesday 30 November 2022)

We're biased, but we believe London is the greatest city in the world. It is the nation's capital, but woven from hundreds of separate communities; the economic powerhouse of the UK with a richly diverse demographic. It has an amazing history, but is constantly evolving; it offers world class art, music, theatre and other live performances. It is 'home' to nine million people but attracts dozens of millions more each year as visitors.

To fit with The London Society motto of 'valuing the past; looking to the future', entrants can write on any aspect of London's past, present or future. It might be reportage, an historical essay, a 'think piece', a spot of futurology, a work of fiction, a poem. We are open to all forms and styles.



IT'S CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Lunch

Monday 12th December years 7,10,11
Tuesday 13th December years 8,9,12,13

Meat

Roast Turkey served with roast potatoes, seasonal
Winter veg, glazed pigs in blankets and gravy

Halal Meat

Roast Turkey served with roast potatoes, seasonal
Winter veg, Glazed chicken sausage and gravy

Vegetarian

Lentil Meatloaf served with Roast Potatoes, seasonal
Winter Veg, vegan sausage and gravy

Dessert

Choice of 3

Traditional Mince Pie & Cream

Reindeer Cheesecake

Christmas Chocolate Brownie

Jugs of water or squash on table

All for £3.50

Merry Christmas

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IT'S CHRISTMAS!

Come and join us in the canteen for christmas lunch

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 21st November.

At the cost of £3.50

We will be holding a Christmas raffle which will be drawn on the Thursday 15th December, prizes to be collected at reception at the end of day.

Tickets will be £1.00 for a strip of 5.

3 prizes to be won

Which will be displayed in the canteen from the 1st December.

Hope you can join us

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