

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

The Wallington Week

17th March 2026

We are delighted to share that our trust, the Girls' Learning Trust, has been recognised as one of the highest-performing academy trusts in England. Recent national performance data placed the trust **1st in England for attainment in English and Maths** and **3rd nationally for Progress 8**, which measures the progress students make from primary school to GCSE.

These results reflect the dedication of our staff, the hard work of our students, and the ongoing support of our parents and the wider school community. Together, we continue to ensure that every student receives an exceptional education and the opportunity to achieve their very best.

On Monday this week we held our annual school Iftar. The organisers Zaynab, Pirahhashni, Zarina, Nillasha, Duaa, and Maahi did such an amazing job. It was so brilliant to bring together so many of our school community together in this way.



On Tuesday evening I attended the first House Music Event - the performances were very varied and the students looked like they had a lot of fun. The overall winners Bronte!



Gardening club continues and this week we have seen our onions, kale and broad beans come along well.



Here are some photographs I promised from last week's World book day...





This week we launched the Humanities Scholars Prize in school. This is an annual competition run in partnership with the John Locke Institute. Students are invited to submit an essay from one of five categories; Geography, History, Politics, Philosophy or Economics. Last year one of our students received an award from the Institute and we are keen to celebrate even more scholars this year.

A few dates for the diary:

- We have our annual Gym and Dance display taking place on Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th March at 6.30pm.
- Inset day on Friday March 20th
- We break up for Easter on Friday 27th March, the timings are: Year 12 and Year 13 will be dismissed at 11:50am and Years 7-11 will be dismissed at 12:45pm.
- Return to school on Monday 13th April with a late start, gates will open at 10.30am and registration begins at 10.50am.
- Our 'Makers of the Future' Day is taking place on Wednesday 25th March. This event includes a range of talks, workshops, and a Careers Fair for our Year 12 students. The Careers Fair will feature a variety of university and company stalls, giving students valuable information about next steps, opportunities, and potential future pathways.

- Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

18th-19th March- Gym & Dance Display
25th March- Y12 Makers of the Future Day

Useful Links

Co-Curricular Activities

SOCs, the school's online system for Co-Curricular activities, will allow your child to see all available activities but also allow you to view after school registers to see if your child is attending and in school.

Careers Noticeboard

For live updates on careers related opportunities please [click here](#).

Please see the latest careers newsletter [here](#).

Current Vacancies

Click here for a link to our [vacancies page](#)



Calendar

Week B

Monday 16th March

- Scholastic Book Fair (Library- all week)
- Gym Technical Rehearsal (3-4:30pm)

Tuesday 17th March

- Full Dress Rehearsal for Gym & Dance Show (Gym P1&2, Dance P3 & 4, Year 7 Class Dance P5)

Wednesday 18th March

- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm
- Gym and Dance Show 18:30 - 20:30pm (Sports Hall)

Thursday 19th March

- Provisional End of Ramadan
- Carley, Hamilton and Maclaurin Olympiads - 9am
- Grey and Pink Kangaroo -9am
- Gym and Dance Show 18:30 - 20:30pm (Sports Hall)

Friday 20th March

- INSET DAY



Attendance

Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11



Parent Workshop: KS3 Study Skills (Years 7, 8 and 9 Parents)

Date and time: Tues 14th April 2026, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Mr Donnelly – Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning at WHSG

Location: This event will be held at Wallington High School for Girls

This workshop is for the parents of Years 7, Year 8 and 9 students. Mr Donnelly will provide parents and carers with tips and techniques to support their child with revision and how to retain more information and knowledge. The session will also look at how we can increase students' chances of becoming expert learners.

National Child Exploitation Awareness Day – 18th March

Wednesday 18th March is National Child Exploitation Awareness Day.

Child Exploitation can take various forms, including sexual exploitation, child trafficking, forced labour and criminal exploitation. The perpetrators of these forms of exploitation can be individuals, criminal gangs, or even family members, making it a complex and multifaceted issue.

The common feature across all forms of child exploitation is the imbalance of power. Children and young people will receive something in exchange for them completing acts or favours for the person exploiting them. The something may be gifts, status in a group or gang, somewhere to live, etc. This often occurs under the guise of a seemingly caring relationship, making it difficult for children to recognise the exploitation and seek help.

Some of the signs that a child is being exploited may include:

- having more money, clothes, mobile phones etc. without plausible explanation
- sudden changes in friendship groups/interests
- increased secretiveness
- unexplained absences and/or returning home late without explanation
- being found and/or spending time outside of own town/city/area without plausible explanation
- self-harm or significant changes in emotional well-being

If you are concerned that a child might be being exploited, please contact the DSL (Mrs Sundborg) – msundborg@wallingtongirls.org.uk or call the police.

For more information about CE and what Sutton are doing to raise awareness next week, please click on this link – [Child Exploitation Awareness – Awareness Activities](#)

Child Criminal Exploitation

Children may not realise they are being exploited.

- ▶ Unexplained cash, clothes, mobile phones.
- ▶ Missing from home and education.
- ▶ Being arrested for drug-related or weapon offences.



What is the child's behaviour trying to tell you?



safeguarding.network/exploitation

Local contact details:



Staff Messages

Sanitary Products Available for Students

We would like to remind families that a range of free sanitary products are available for all students in Years 7-13. These can be collected from the Sixth Form Pastoral area, located next to the Library. Students are welcome to take whatever they need, whenever they need it.

-Mrs McCormack
KS5 Pastoral Officer & DDSL



Please join us for our free, relaxed coffee morning!

Venue: Wallington High School for Girls, E-block: E6

Date: Friday 17-April between 10-11.30am

This is an opportunity to meet parents and carers from our community over coffee and biscuits.

Hosted by the WHSG SEND Team with presentations from:

Rachel Rebello, Educational Psychologist, Cognus

Tracy Matthews, Autism Specialist, Adapt to Learn

SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE AT THE ICR



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Did you know that there is a **world leading Cancer Research Institute** making life-changing treatments here in **Sutton**?

Would you like to know about finding **NEW cancer treatments**?

Are you in **Year 12** and interested in pursuing a **career in life sciences** or **scientific research**?

☐ **JOIN US** for work experience at **'The Centre for Cancer Drug Discovery'** and **'The Centre for Cancer Imaging'** in Sutton, to find out more.

We are providing an **exciting opportunity** to observe **research** in these disciplines:

- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Cancer Imaging technologies
- Computational Biology
- Clinical studies
- Drug Metabolism
- Medicinal/Organic Chemistry
- Structural Biology



ICR The Institute of Cancer Research

To Apply:

Please **email** your **CV** and a **concise covering letter** (no more than 300 words), explaining why **you** are the best candidate for this placement and your **future career ambitions in science**.

Note: This placement is NOT suitable for those wanting to do medicine.



Closing: Friday 27th March 2026



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29th- June - 3rd July 2026



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Coffee Mornings



SEND Parent & Carer Coffee Mornings Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) Hub – Sutton Life Centre

Parents and carers of young people with SEND are warmly invited to join our Coffee Mornings. These sessions are an opportunity to share experiences, learn from each other, and build supportive networks within the community.

Friday 27th March | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Coffee Morning with Sutton Voluntary Centre | Sutton Libraries

More information: [Add link here](#)
Friday 24th April | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Coffee Morning with Sutton Transitions Team | Sutton Libraries

Friday 22nd May | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Coffee Morning | Sutton Libraries

Location: Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) Hub, Sutton Life Centre

Refreshments provided. All parents and carers welcome.

NEURO-DIVERSITY EVENTS IN MARCH

Mon 16th March 4-5pm Neurodiversity Parent Workshop @ Cantium House

Special Interests: Why does my child focus on that so intensely - and should I be worried? Delivered by the Educational Psychology Team. You'll leave with practical strategies for supporting your child's interests in healthy ways, using them to build skills and confidence, and setting boundaries when needed without shame or stress. If you've ever wondered whether to encourage, limit, or redirect your child's passions - this session is for you. To book, **email: ep.service@cognus.org.uk**

Tues 17th March 4-4.45pm Sensory Regulation Strategies @ Cantium House

For parents of children with sensory regulation needs, receive a sensory profile & explore equipment such as a body sock, therapy ball, chewy toy, ear defenders, weighted lap pad/ blanket, fidget toys, deep pressure burrito roll.



Wed 18th March 10-11.30am Coffee & Create @ Cantium House

Join us for a friendly and relaxed Parent Coffee Morning, a welcoming space for parents and carers of autistic children. During the session, you'll have the opportunity to meet the Paving the Way team, who will be on hand to answer questions, offer guidance, and introduce a range of helpful autism resources. We'll explore and create resources, strategies, and information designed to support your child.



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NEURO-DIVERSITY EVENTS IN MARCH & APRIL

Thurs 19th March 4:45-5:45 Autism Leads: Using tech & AI to support autistic learners

Session for our current Autism Leads, focusing on tips, strategies and resources for using tech and AI in schools.

Thurs 26th March 9.30-11.30 Just received your child's autism diagnosis — what now?

During this session you will hear from Rebecca Duffus, Advisory Teacher for Autism. This focused workshop for parents and carers of autistic children, offers evidence-informed guidance, practical strategies, and opportunities for discussion. It is designed to support understanding, advocacy, and everyday confidence in supporting your child.

At Cantium House.



Thurs 23rd April 7.30-9pm Parent Workshop: supporting your child to understand their autistic identity @ Cantium House

Join Advisory Teacher for Autism, Alex Silk and Educational Psychologist, Dr Emily Crosby for a parent workshop for Sutton families who want to better understand autistic identity and how to support their child. The session will explore what autistic identity means, how it can develop over time, and how parents can respond with understanding, compassion, and confidence.

To sign up, click the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/mGVzEYj5rb>
or scan the QR code >.



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COGNUS LIMITED PRESENTS...

AUTISM

WEDNESDAY
1ST APRIL
1-3.30PM

Family Event

Join us for a fun, family event to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month. Siblings and other family members welcome!

SCAN HERE



BOOK NOW

Young people

-  Chilled activities e.g. decorating tote bags
-  Sensory sessions
-  Board games
-  Calm room
-  Musical activities
-  Early years activities

Parents & Carers

-  Chat to education professionals
-  Advice and information
-  Refreshments and a chance to sit down!



To attend, please complete the sign-up form

Cognus Limited, Cantium House, Railway Approach, Wallington, SM6 0DZ

Attendance

Requests for absence, including illness or appointments should be sent to:

attendance@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Please provide at least 2 full school days notice of a planned absence for the school to complete the required processes before the event.

Absences for longer than one day need to be confirmed at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Families should note that requests for holidays during term time will not be approved and penalty fines can be issued.

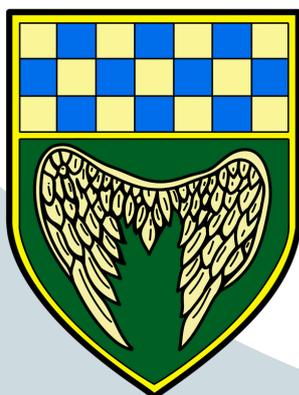
To notify WHSG of a leave of absence, please complete this [form](#) and return to the email above.

Contact Information and emails

If you need to update your home address or contact telephone number, emergency contacts or any other information, please send the updates to:

attendance@wallingtongirls.org.uk

When replying to any SchoolComms emails, please use the individual contact email provided and for general enquiries use info@wallingtongirls.org.uk



Parking

Please note that parents are unable to park or drive into the school grounds between the hours of 7.30am-4.30pm for safeguarding reasons. Families can contact our reception to ask for permission, where the need arises for a student with mobility issues.

reception@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Please also ensure that when dropping/collecting your child at school each day, you are respectful of our local residents by not blocking drives and roads or impacting others' safety by pulling in/ parking irresponsibly.

Punctuality

Good punctuality to both lessons and to school is expected of all students. We know that employers place great importance on punctuality and attendance, therefore it is important for our students to understand the value of being on time.

If a student is late 3 times within a half-term (roughly 6 weeks) they will receive a 60 mins detention on a Wednesday or a Friday. If the student is late again within the half-term they will receive an automatic 60 mins detention, a late report and there will be a meeting with parents. This will re-set at the start of each half-term.

We ask that parents support these actions as important processes for the school and understand that detentions cannot be moved for any after school clubs or enrichment events. Should a detention clash with a medical appointment, evidence will be requested for the school to show flexibility.