



Wallington High School For Girls

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Our Fusion Showcase last Friday was an amazing event – such a great evening with over 40 performances celebrating the diverse cultural heritage of our student body. The whole event was organized and delivered by a talented bunch of sixth formers and

was a huge success, with such talent showcased for our entertainment.

We also hosted our GCSE Prize Giving celebration this week. We welcomed Moira Cameron – the first female Beefeater and guard of The Crown Jewels at The Tower of London – as our inspirational speaker. The ceremony was beautiful, again recognizing the talents and achievements of our students. It was a very special event.

Nex week sees our Festive Fair on Thursday – we have lots of exciting stalls and even a Santa and his Elf so please do come along and support.

Thank you to those of you who have signed up for our first parent workshop. We value stakeholder voice and are always open to feedback on school practices.

Talking of stakeholders we are happy to announce two new school governors. Hasan Simeen has become an appointed governor, he currently works as Global Mergers and Acquisitions Senior Manager. We also welcome Tushar Gupta who will join us as a Parent Governor and has a daughter in Year 7. We look forward to meeting them at our next full governors meeting in February.

PARENT WORKSHOP: IMPROVING ATTENDANCE

Date and time: Tues 16th Jan 2024, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Aniké Clarke (Education Welfare Officer - Cognus)

Location: This is a virtual event - Teams

A workshop for parents of students whose attendance is below 90% and finding it difficult to attend school on a regular basis. The aim of the workshop is to help parents develop a better understanding of how chronic absence can impact a child's achievement and to explore strategies for improving their child's attendance.

Meeting details:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 344 149 001 200

Passcode: 9M7Vdb

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

[SOCs](#), the school's new 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](#).

CURRENT VACANCIES

Food and Textiles Technician, Teacher of Geography (MAT) and Teacher of Humanities (MAT), Cover Supervisor, Lunchtime Supervisor are all available.

To find out more, click [here](#).



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GENERAL NOTICES

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

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.

WHS will issue same day, 20 min detentions for students that are late into school, without a valid reason or persistent lateness to classes. Parents and students will be notified as soon as possible of the detention and the reasoning by email.

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.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ON SNAPCHAT

SWGfL have updated their Snapchat guide, please see attached. This resource can act as a comprehensive guide for understanding more about Snapchat and raising awareness around privacy and security settings. Whether you're concerned about privacy, age restrictions, or simply want to explore new features, this guide will come in handy.

CHANGES IN CONTACT INFO

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

KS3 and 4 – mandrews@wallingtongirls.org.uk

KS5 – jday@wallingtongirls.org.uk

PARKING

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

reception@wallingtongirls.org.uk

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

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

With the Christmas holidays only a few weeks away, we would like to remind parents/carers that holidays should not be taken in term time and students should be in school until the last day of term.

As per the Government guidance, "Working together to improve school attendance", parents/carers should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable. For more information see the guidance here - Working together to improve school attendance (publishing.service.gov.uk)



WHAT ARE SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS?

With online scams on the rise worldwide, particularly at this time of year, it's important we are all aware of what scams are, the common types of scams and helpful tips. Internet Matters have a great information page for parents/carers with lots of useful information. You can find all the information [here](#).

YEAR 13 INTERVIEW DAY

Last week, our year 13 students had a unique opportunity to develop a crucial life skill: Interviewing.

For many of our Year 13s, this marked their first encounter with a formal interview setting. The day not only provided invaluable experience but also instilled in them the confidence and competitive edge crucial for future endeavours, be it higher education, apprenticeships, or employment opportunities.

A key highlight of the event was the overwhelming support from our school community, with over 100 volunteers generously contributing their time and expertise. Among them were parents, alumni, and employers, all eager to play a role in the day. As a result, an astounding 700 interviews were conducted throughout the day - a testament to the commitment of both interviewers and interviewees to make the most of this enriching experience!

The day was further enhanced by the presence of esteemed alumni, who shared their diverse career journeys, providing valuable insights and inspiration. In addition, workshops on applications and CV writing were expertly delivered by the government-run programme ASK and the Oxbridge Hub offered guidance to over 50 students with ambitions of applying to Oxford and Cambridge University.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parents who played a pivotal role in making this day a resounding success. Your support and involvement contribute significantly to the growth and development of our students.

FREE TRAINING IN PARENT/CARER PEER SUPPORT

Are you a parent or carer of a child with mental health difficulties? Are you using - or would like to use - your experience to help others? Or, are you a service that is offering parent/carer peer led support or would like to offer this to parents and carers?

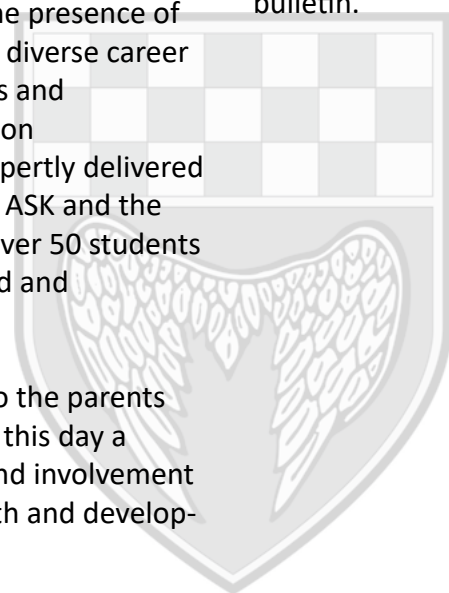
The Charlie Waller Trust are now taking joint applications for their fully funded parent carer peer support course which will start in the first week of January 2024. The deadline for completed applications is 8th December at 6pm.

For more information visit their website [here](#).

PARENT/CARER WEBINAR - SUPPORT YOUR TEEN WITH SLEEP

Our NHS-led Education Wellbeing Service will be delivering a free parent/carer webinar with a focus on teen sleep on Monday 4th December at 7pm and Thursday 7th December at 1pm. The session will look at some of the research and science around sleep hygiene and teenage sleep patterns. We'll also look at some of the common challenges teenagers experience with sleep and how parents and carers might support their teen. Click [here](#) for more information and to book your free ticket.

Please also refer to the poster at the end of the bulletin.





VISITS THIS WEEK: YEAR 12 POLITICS VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIMENT

Year 12 students visited the Houses of Parliment this week where they were able to participate in a variety of experiences including a guided tour, an opportunity to watch debates and a visit to the UK Supreme Court.



SPORTING: YEAR 12 SPORTS LEADERS



Over the last two weeks, the Year 12 Sports leaders hosted their first big events of the year, the Primary School Indoor Athletics Finals. They did an amazing job in leading a variety of track and field events for Y3-6 pupils from over 20 different local primary schools. The schools in attendance and our local SGO spoke so highly of our leaders and were extremely impressed with their organisation and enthusiasm! They have made a great start to the course and we are looking forward to their help in future events.

PE SPORTING STARS OF THE HALF-TERM

The following students have been awarded sporting star of the half-term by their PE teachers:

Mrs Collins - Zaynah - Year 8, Seacole

Miss Lake - Emily Hunt - Year 7, Curie

Mrs Bates - Lyra - Year 10, Seacole

Mrs Parkinson - Davina - Year 7, Sharman

Mrs Waight - Sara - Year 10, Pankhurst

Mrs Wadsworth - Libby - Year 9, Bronte

Mrs Woodvine - Rhea - Year 7, Bronte

Miss Gough - Anya - Year 7, Seacole



NEWS FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT:

ANDREW JOBBINGS SENIOR KANGAROO

On Wednesday 15th November a group of sixth form students sat the Senior Kangaroo – this is a 60-minute mathematical challenge consisting of 20 problems. In order to qualify to sit this paper, students needed to achieve a Gold Certificate in the Senior Mathematical Challenge – which is a major achievement in itself.

Congratulations to the following students for qualifying to sit the Senior Kangaroo:

Year 13:

Kasthury, Katie, Yasmine, Hannah, Abbie, Dhriti, Minali, Piya, Abisna and Saini.

Year 12:

Tharaniga, Rebecca, Mekavi, Abita and Abhishree.

The results have now come back and we are delighted to announce that Katie, Hannah, Abbie, Abisna, Mekavi and Abita have all achieved a Merit. Abita achieved the highest mark in Year 12 and Abbie achieved the highest mark in Year 13 and overall in our School.

Here is an example of one of the questions that was asked...

The town of Coppersville uses some special coins. Edward has five 5 p coins, four 4 p coins, three 3 p coins, two 2 p coins and one 1 p coin. The smallest amount he cannot pay with his coins alone is W p. What is the value of W?

Well done to everyone who took part!

Miss Tucker

LOOKING FOR A TREE?

Crossways Nursery are selling Christmas Trees. You can find them on Woodcote Road, Purley, Surrey, CR8 3PA.



GALLERY: YEAR 7/8 SCHOOL DISCO





CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: GCSE PRIZEGIVING 2023

Our GCSE Prizegiving which was held on Wednesday 29th November was a fantastic way to celebrate the achievements of our students.

The event featured speeches from our Headteacher, Head Girls and key note speaker Moira Cameron as well as musical performances by Natsai, Pragati, Abita, Valentine.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to support such a wonderful celebration.





Winter Fair

DECEMBER 7TH
4:30PM TO 7:00PM

WOODCOTE ROAD
SM6 0PH

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023

Tuesday 19th December,
starting at 7pm

Please refer to the
communications sent via e-mail on
how to purchase and RSVP to this
highly anticipated event.



Tickets via Eventbrite

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Parent/Carer Webinar: Understanding and Supporting Teen Sleep

There can be many challenges with teen sleep.

This webinar will look at some of the research and science around sleep hygiene, teenage sleep and thinking together about the challenges with some options for supporting from the perspective of parents or carers.

DATE / TIME

Monday 4th December 7-8 pm

Thursday 7th December 1-2 pm

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite (and check out our others!) by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

[CLICK HERE](#) to book

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St George's Mental Health
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wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

Wallington High School for Girls PFA Winter Fair

Woodcote Road, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 0PH

Thursday 7th December 2023

4.30-7.30pm

**Amazing Raffle + Prizes * Refreshments * variety of stalls * Photo Booth
Form Music competitions * Gym & Dance showcase**



Come and find that perfect gift for someone special, savour a warming drink and some seasonal music, or just enjoy the atmosphere and get into the festive spirit.

Entrance: £1 per person (under 5's free)

Entry tickets & Raffle tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wallington-girls-winter-fair-tickets-755806015137?utm_experiment=control_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios

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4.30-7.30pm

Do you have a wonderful small business and would like to have a stall at the WHSG Winter Fair, then please contact Mohua Kumar 07763 338786 or email PFA@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Sellers fee only £25

Set up: 4pm onwards

Pack up: to be completed by 8pm (latest)

One complimentary hot drink to all stall holders

Please contact the above for further information

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