



SUMMER TERM 2023

# HEIRS & MAKERS



**W**elcome to the third edition of our end of term publication, Heirs and Makers. Sometimes the summer term is often regarded as a quieter one once Year 11 and 13 students start their exam leave, however staff and students have been exceptionally busy running a number of events and activities which you can read about in this summary newsletter.

We have been saying well done/goodbye to Year 11 and 13 students at the Prom and A Level Prizegiving and then looking ahead to the new students that will be joining us in September at the Year 7 Induction Day and Sixth Form Induction Day.

There have been a number of sporting events and successes, from individual successes which include Diya in Year 8 competing in the WUKF World Karate Championship and Kelly in Year 8 in the Senior School Table Tennis Internationals, to whole year groups getting involved in the Race for Life and Sports Day. Congratulations to Curie who are Sports Day Champions 2023.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many different enrichment activities and visits that have taken place this term. A big thank you to the staff who take the time outside of their other commitments to plan and run these events – without them none of this would be possible. A special mention also goes to the Senior Prefect Team that have hosted a huge number of events this term, including a Pride Month treasure hunt, food festival, teacher v student competitions and our cultural non-uniform day.

It has been an absolute privilege to be the Acting Headteacher this term and witness the many achievements of our school community.

Wishing everyone a restful summer.

*Olivia*



## Highlights this term:

- Year 11 Prom
- Year 13 Prom
- Induction Day (Y7/12)
- Open Evening 2023
- House Music (Y7/8)
- Rag Week
- Sports Day
- Sports Awards Ceremony
- Year 9 Celebration Picnic
- Makers of the Future Day
- Well Done Wallington
- Enrichment Week
- Work Experience Placements (Y11/12)



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## Year 7 Induction Day

Our new Year 7 came to visit us on Wednesday and spent the day getting to know us a little better, in readiness for their arrival in September. Activities included a Roam Around School, some taster lessons, a playtime with some of our current year 7 pupils and the all-important first visit to the canteen. Parents joined us in the afternoon and met our new Head Teacher Ms O'Brien. We also gave each visitor a copy of the "Moving Up!" magazine that was created by our current Year 7s.

We look forward to seeing the newest members of our school community again after the summer holidays.

## Year 11 Prom

Year 11s had fun at their Prom on Friday 30th June which took place at Farleigh Golf Club.



## Sports Day



Last week, all students took to the track to compete for their house in the WHSG Sports Day. Despite a few rain showers, our students brought bounds of enthusiasm and house spirit! It was great to see all students, staff and parents outside for one of the PE department's biggest events of the year, and with some outstanding athleticism on display it truly was a great day. We had a mixture of houses placing 1st in each year group, however when all results we combined it was Curie who claimed the overall victory!

Huge congratulations to the following students who beat school records, some of which dated back to the 1980's: Grace (Y8) – 400m, Esmari (Y8) - High Jump, Sophia (Y9) – Hurdles, Angelica (Y9) – Long Jump, Johnson (Y10) – Relay, Lia (Y12) – Hurdles, Sophie (Y12) – 300m and Alexia (Y12) – Shot put.

## Annual Member's Day

On Wednesday 28th June, Year 12 Politics students attended TEAM Global's annual Members' Day. This involved a talk with a range of guest speakers, tour of the Houses of Parliament, tea party at the House of Lords and walk around the UK Supreme Court.

## Anthea Bell Competition Prize

Madeeha won the award for Level 1 Spanish of the Cambridge Anthea Bell Prize Competition. This is a fantastic achievement given the number and standard of entries received this year.

## 6th Form Induction Day

On Tuesday 27th June, we have had the privilege of welcoming 265 students to our Y12 Induction Day, which included internal and external students. As their new Head of Year, I was very excited to be able to talk to them in person along with Mrs Collins, our acting Director of Sixth Form and Ms Borrageiro-Maier, their Assistant Head of Year. It was an extremely productive day where students met the Tutor Team and our wonderful Senior Prefects, had their subject taster sessions and attended the electives and societies fair. We cannot wait to see Y12s back in September for the next phase of their academic journey.

## Sports Awards Ceremony



It has been great to finish off the year with the return of our annual Sports Awards Evening. With nearly 300 students invited for their contribution to sport and dance at Wallington, we had 400 students, parent and staff in attendance. It was great to be able to celebrate our students' successes this year across a huge range of sports. We have had students competing at county, national and even international level outside of school alongside great success in our local school leagues and tournaments.

Congratulations to all our individual sports award winners, as well as all students that have represented the school in sport and dance this year.

A particular congratulations to the Team of the Year, U16 Football Team (nominees also included Year 8 Netball, U13 Cricket, Table Tennis Team and Inter Athletics Team). And finally, a huge congratulations to the 2023 Sports Personality of the Year Junior winner, Frema (nominees also included Sophia, Ella, Sara, Esmari, Yasmin and Kelly) and the Senior winner, Chloe (nominees also included Ashviya, Emilia, Anjali, Lia and Sophie).

## At the end of March, Wallington flew 40 students to Barcelona, Spain for a three-day trip in the city!

The itinerary was packed with exciting activities and beautiful sights, such as views over the city from Park Güell, exploring La Boqueria market, and, most famously, La Sagrada Familia, where we learned about the story behind the elaborate architecture. Other fun parts were the chocolate museum, shopping around the city, and taking pictures with the Arc de Triomf. The best parts of the trip were the incredible food, rich culture and using our improved language skills to meet new friends. Three days in Barcelona flew by, but it was such a wonderful experience never to forget!



## Year 11 Celebration Breakfast

The Year 11 Celebration Breakfast was a fun-filled event that celebrated the hard work and achievements of students so far. Led by the Head of Year, an assembly recognised the efforts of the year group as they approach their final exams. Pastries and fruit platters provided a delicious start to the day, and an ice cream van was a highlight.



## Sutton Youth Art Exhibition

The Sutton Youth Art Exhibition ran from Saturday 8th of April until Saturday 22nd April at Sutton Central Library Gallery in Sutton. There was also private view and celebration prize-giving. The exhibition was arranged by Arts Network Sutton and features work from various schools in the area, including work from Wallington Girls students.

## Robotics Challenge

*“Our school’s Robotics team attended the RAF Museum with the Computer Science department to compete and present robots which we had coded to complete environmentally themed, engineering challenges. During our Robotic sessions, at lunch times, we would plan, design and code robots to complete different challenges. Working together, sharing ideas and skills which we learnt along the way, was a wonderful experience. This exciting opportunity helped us develop our computer science, maths, and physics skills”.*

- Lakshmi

## Maclaurin Mathematical Olympiad

We are incredibly proud to announce that Julia in Year 11 has achieved a Distinction in the Maclaurin Mathematical Olympiad. This is an amazing result which places her as one of the strongest mathematicians of her age group in the country. It was already impressive that she achieved the best result in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge in our school and was one of only 600 students in the country sitting this exam.



## Year 10 Study Skills Day

We recently held a Year 10 Study Skills Day to help students develop their independent study habits. The day included various workshops and seminars aimed at enhancing students’ approaches and attitudes towards studying. Through the event, the school hoped to equip students with the skills they need to excel even further both academically and beyond.

## 4th Plinth Competition

Congratulations to Elizabeth for her winning entry to the Mayor’s 4th Plinth competition. Here’s what Elizabeth had to say:

*“I had a wonderful time at City hall and the host, and the workers were very hospitable. I also got to look at many other brilliant art pieces which many powerful messages and/or were very humorous. The judges were also very kind, and you could tell they were passionate about inspiring young minds to think creatively. I was overjoyed when I found out I won 1st place in the 12-15 age group for my design of a road pigeon inspired by roadmen which I received a prize of loads of art supplies for. All in all, I had a delightful time which I will cherish greatly, and I was very proud to represent the school there”.*

## IoPNN Youth Awards

We were pleased that Wendy has been selected for this year’s IoPNN Youth Awards where each award relates to subjects in STEM. The selection process was highly competitive, and Wendy’s application stood out due to her ability to meet the inclusion criteria and the relevance of her written text answers. What a terrific addition to Wendy’s CV and UCAS application. Well done!

# Sports at WHSG

## Cricket



This year, cricket has once again proved to be very popular, and we have been extremely impressed with the standard of play in both after-school club and interhouse competitions. We have had lots of students representing the school in tournaments and fixtures against other schools. The U15 team have even padded up and played in some incredible matches this term. The U13 team finished the season off playing in the Surrey Starburst Tournament. They had a great day, playing in some very competitive smash-it matches and coming home with medals for 2nd place.

## Athletics



The athletics season kicked off with our top athletes competing at the English Schools competition with both the Junior and Intermediate teams making it through to the South East Regional Finals. Both teams have demonstrated excellent athletic skill and ability across the season, and we even had several students representing Sutton at the SSCA Track and Field Championships. The athletics season ended with Borough Athletics; we took 50 of our top athletes from Year 7 to Year 10 to compete against local schools. It was a fantastic day of athletics with some phenomenal performances across track and field events. Our Year 7 team placed 4th and Year 8, 9 & 10 teams all placed 2nd. We then took home 2nd place overall!

## Rounders

We have played in a range of friendly games, league matches and tournaments with our Rounders teams this year, including Nonsuch, St. Philomena's, Overton, Harris Sutton, Carshalton Girls and Oaks Park. It has been great to see so many students attending after school club sessions from Y7-10 and keen to represent the school in competitive matches. We have seen huge progress in skill and game play across the season, particularly in our Y7 team, and we look forward to more competition next year!

## Tennis



Our Y7&8 and Y9&10 Tennis teams have played in the Surrey schools league this year and we have seen some outstandingly competitive doubles and singles game play. During the season the Y7&8 team secured wins against Wimbledon and Tiffin placing 3rd in the league, and the Y9&10 teams secured wins against Royal Russell and Lingfield placing 2nd. Congratulations to both teams and we look forward to more matches in Summer 2024!

## Race for Life



This month all students took part in our annual Race for Life in their PE lessons across the week. We saw students walking, running and cartwheeling around the track in aid of raising money for Cancer Research. We even had a few staff members join in with the fun!

Thank you to everyone for taking part and donating to Cancer Research!