



HEIRS AND MAKERS

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE:

A term of Unforgettable Moments at Wallington High School for Girls

What a whirlwind of excitement and achievement we've had at Wallington High School for Girls this term! Our students, staff, and community have come together to make this term one to remember.

From incredible performances to inspiring events, here's a round-up of some of the highlights.



Alumni Event – A Night to Remember

In January, we were thrilled to welcome over 150 old Wallingtonians to our Alumni Reception. It was a wonderful evening of reconnecting and reminiscing, as former students shared their stories and celebrated the ongoing legacy of Wallington High.

'Jason and the Argonauts' – A Production to Remember

Our whole school production of Jason and the Argonauts was nothing short of spectacular. From the stunning set designs to the electrifying performances, our students delivered an unforgettable show that kept us on the edge of our seats. A huge congratulations to everyone involved for their hard work and dedication.

Spring Fair – A Celebration of Community

Our very first Spring Fair, organised by our fantastic PFA, was a hit with students, families, and staff alike! With food, games, and plenty of fun, it was a wonderful celebration of the vibrant Wallington community, and we can't wait to do it again next year.

Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge – A Triumph for Estela

The Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Regional Final saw our very own Estela from Year 10 rise to the occasion, winning the competition and impressing judges with her confident delivery and powerful message. We're incredibly proud of her and can't wait to see what's next for this inspiring young speaker.

Enrichment Day – Exploring, Learning, and Growing

Our students had the chance to expand their horizons on Enrichment Day, with trips to RHS Wisley, The Lyric Theatre, and a variety of other exciting locations. These opportunities to explore, learn, and experience new things are a key part of what makes Wallington High so special.

Wings of Hope Achievement Award – A Year of Fundraising

The students taking part in the Wings of Hope Achievement Award have been nothing short of amazing, running countless events to raise money for this incredible cause. Their hard work and commitment are truly inspiring, and we couldn't be prouder of the impact they've made.

Iftar – A New Tradition Begins

Our first-ever Iftar celebration was a beautiful moment of togetherness and community. This event will definitely become an annual occasion, providing an opportunity for reflection, celebration, and unity for students and staff alike.

Gym and Dance Display – A Showcase of Talent

The Gym and Dance Display was a fantastic showcase of our students' athleticism and creativity. Over two nights, the performances dazzled audiences with their energy, grace, and teamwork. We were left in awe of the talent on display!

Makers of The Future Day – Shaping Ambitions

Makers of The Future Day was a day of dreaming big and planning for the future, and we're so proud to see our students thinking ambitiously about their careers.

Spring Music Concert – A Celebration of Talent

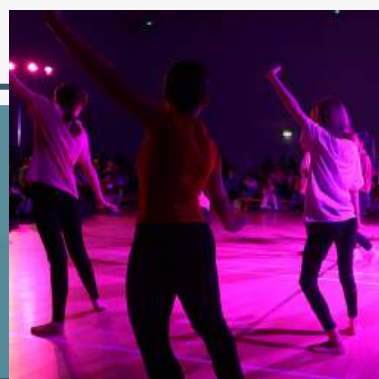
The Spring Music Concert was a fantastic evening celebrating the many talented musicians and singers in our school. From classical to contemporary, our students' performances showcased their passion and dedication. We're lucky to have such gifted young performers in our community.

Sporting Heroes – Winning in Surrey and Algeria!

Our sporting teams have been on fire this term! From dominating in local competitions in Surrey to achieving victory in Algeria, our students have proven time and again that they're champions both on and off the field. Their hard work and determination are a testament to their character and spirit.

We are so incredibly proud of everything our students and staff have achieved so far, and we can't wait to see what the next term brings. Thank you to everyone who has made these events possible. Together, we continue to make Wallington High School for Girls a truly special place!

-Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher



LIBRARY EVENT

On the 16th January, our staff enjoyed a special event where they could relax and explore a wide selection of books. The atmosphere was lively, with staff diving into new titles and engaging in conversations. Our student librarians shared recommendations and provided refreshments, making the event even more enjoyable. It was a great experience for both staff and student librarians.



ALUMNI EVENT

On January 31st, we hosted our first Alumni Reception, which was a great success with over 150 Wallingtonians attending. The evening began with our choir performing the new school song, followed by speeches from our Headteacher, Ms O'Brien and our Head Girls who spoke about their experiences so far at Wallington. The Alumni enjoyed viewing old and new school photos, yearbooks from the past, and took part in tours, run by our senior prefects, around the school to see what had changed since their time here. Many alumni shared their favorite memories on the roaming mic, and our PFA provided refreshments. It was a fantastic evening filled with nostalgia and community spirit.





JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS PRODUCTION

Our whole school production of Jason and the Argonauts took place on the 4th, 5th & 6th of February. The production was a resounding success, bringing together a wide range of talent from across all year groups. The performance featured a diverse group of students, including actors, dancers, singers, musicians, as well as those working behind the scenes in costume design, lighting, and set creation. The show was both entertaining and full of energy, providing a wonderful escape from the winter chill. It truly highlighted the collaborative spirit of our school community. Congratulations to all involved for their hard work, and thank you to the families who came to support the production!



SPRING FAIR

On February 28th, we hosted a fantastic Spring Fair, which was a major highlight of the spring term.

With over 45 stalls and hundreds of visitors, the event was a great success. Six student-run stalls added a personal touch, showcasing the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of our students. The fair featured music, singing, and plenty of fun, while the PFA raised thousands of pounds to support resources for our students.

We are deeply grateful for the PFA's continuous support and encourage more parents to get involved to help strengthen their efforts. One of the stallholders commented, "The pupils at Wallington High were a real credit to you all. They made me feel very welcome and were very polite and friendly."

The Spring Fair was a wonderful community event, bringing together students, staff, and families in support of a great cause.



CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Between the 3rd-7th February, our school hosted a fantastic range of student-led activities to support mental health and encourage positive social connections. Events included Readingfest, where students explored new books, and a Poetry Competition themed around emotions. Students also enjoyed a Sports Social, featuring games like benchball and basketball in the gym, as well as board games such as Uno, Jenga, and card games in the sports hall.

In addition to these, there were creative and relaxing activities like cookie, brownie, and cupcake decorating. The Wellbeing Drop-in which included book recommendations/Self-Help books, gave students a chance to focus on self-care and discover helpful resources. Just Dance and Musical Chairs provided a fun, active outlet, while Splat and other fun games brought lots of laughter. These events offered a lovely opportunity for students from different year groups to mix, make new friendships, and prioritize their mental well-being. It was a wonderful week that promoted both creativity and connection.



JACK PETCHEY FINALS

On March 3rd, the school hosted the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Regional Final, and Estela from Year 10 emerged victorious, delivering an outstanding speech and taking home the trophy. The event showcased the power of young voices, with public speaking being highlighted as a vital skill for building confidence, fostering leadership, and enabling students to express their ideas with conviction.

This event was especially significant as Sophia, who won the regional competition the previous year, returned to host this year's event. Her inspiring journey underscored the transformative impact of the competition on students, and it was a proud moment for the school to see her take on such a meaningful role.



ENRICHMENT DAY

On the 6th of March, all students took part in a range of enriching activities. Half of Year 7 visited the Tate Modern, while the other half enjoyed a Forensic Day at school. Half of Year 8 went to Hampton Court, while the rest took on a challenging Maths escape room at school. Year 9 visited RHS Wisley, Year 10 attended a performance of Macbeth at the Lyric Theatre, and Year 11 watched Hamilton at the Victoria Theatre in London. Year 12 participated in 'Healthy Mind – Healthy Body' workshops, and Year 13 engaged in 'Independent Living' workshops.

Each event was a great success, with positive feedback from students. The weather was kind to us, which greatly enhanced the outdoor activities and made the day even more enjoyable for all involved.



WOHAA & STUDENT RUN EVENTS

This term, our students have shown incredible creativity and dedication in organizing over 25 different events, many of which have been in support of the Wings of Hope Achievement Award. From themed movie nights and discos to bake sales and raffles, they've come up with fun and engaging ways to bring the school community together while raising funds for a great cause. Highlights included a lively student-teacher karaoke session, the much-anticipated Iftar Night event and the "Bedazzle Mr. Parkinson" challenge, their enthusiasm and effort have truly made this term special!



IFTAH EVENT

The recent Iftar Night on the 18th March was a remarkable success, marking the first event organized and organised by Charity Senior Prefect, Zaara. The evening featured beautiful decorations, a vibrant atmosphere, and a delicious meal provided by Spice Village.

One of the most notable aspects of the event was the incredible turnout, bringing together individuals from diverse backgrounds and faiths. This sense of unity and community spirit highlighted the school's commitment to inclusivity and charitable giving.

With such a positive response, there is hope that Iftar Night will become a cherished tradition at Wallington.

Future events will continue to bring the school community together while supporting those in need.



GYM AND DANCE DISPLAY

The Gym and Dance display, held on the 19th and 20th of March, was a spectacular celebration of talent, energy, and creativity, featuring performances from students across all year groups. The evening was filled with dynamic routines, impressive choreography, and outstanding displays of skill, reflecting the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. A huge congratulations to all the students who took part, and a sincere thank you to those who attended and supported the event. The show was a testament to the school's vibrant and inclusive spirit, where achievements in all areas are recognized and celebrated.

With such an incredible display of talent and enthusiasm, the Gym and Dance Show continues to be a highlight of the school calendar.



MAKERS OF THE FUTURE DAY

On Wednesday, 26th March, the school hosted its annual Makers of the Future day, providing students with a valuable opportunity to explore their next steps in education and careers.

Throughout the morning, students took part in a series of engaging talks, where they heard from industry professionals, university representatives, and alumni about the wide range of opportunities available after school. These sessions offered invaluable insights into different career paths, higher education routes, and the skills needed to succeed in the modern world.

In the afternoon, the sports hall was transformed into a vibrant careers and higher education fair. With over 20 universities in attendance, alongside a variety of career stalls, students had the chance to speak directly with representatives, ask questions, and gather information to help shape their future aspirations. The event was a fantastic success, equipping students with the knowledge and inspiration to take their next steps with confidence.



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HOLI EVENT

The field came alive with clouds of colour, laughter echoing through the air, and music that had everyone dancing—this was truly an afternoon to remember.

With a vibrant mix of Bollywood, Tollywood, Kollywood, and English tunes playing in the background, students threw organic, skin-safe colours in every direction, creating a kaleidoscope of joy. There was a real sense of community as friends came together to celebrate the arrival of spring and the spirit of togetherness that Holi represents.

Students came prepared with spare clothes, and the Hindu Society were ready with drinks and snacks to fuel the fun. The atmosphere was electric, full of energy, excitement, and colour, as students and teachers joined in the celebrations.

As WHSG's first-ever Holi event, it couldn't have gone better. We're incredibly proud of how it turned out and hope it becomes a tradition for years to come.



SPORTS

Isla (Y7) ran in the inter-counties in March for Surrey after being selected in Reigate. She came 8th helping the Surrey girls secure 1st place! She has made so much progress this cross country season, and we can't wait to see what she can achieve in athletics this summer!



Frema (Y11) competed in her first international Judo world ranking event in Algeria during February half term. With over 800 athletes for the event, Frema managed a bronze medal after winning her quarter finals fight. It now means she is ranked 81 in the world at Junior level and has started her Commonwealth games eligibility journey! Congratulations Frema!



Jessie (7P) had an outstanding cheerleading competition, achieving fantastic results across multiple cheerleading teams. On Saturday 15th, she competed with Lime (Level 2, USA Team U12) and Peach (Level 3, U14). Both teams secured 1st place, with Lime earning the prestigious title of Grand Champions. On Sunday 16th, Jessie continued her success, competing with Teal (Level 4, U16), where the team also achieved 1st place. Congratulations to Jessie!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

This term, we were thrilled to celebrate an incredible achievement by one of our students, Sachi (10C). Following her participation in the Rap Therapy session at our school, Sachi was invited to BBC Radio, where she recorded her first song as the lead chorus singer! She also stars in the official music video (coming soon) and had the exciting opportunity to give her first-ever radio interview.

You can listen to her feature on BBC Radio here: [BBC Sounds](#).

This is a fantastic milestone, and we are so proud of Sachi for embracing this opportunity and showcasing her talent.



OXBRIDGE

We are incredibly proud of the ten students who have earned a place at either the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge this year. Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and we wish them, along with all the other Oxbridge candidates in this year's programme, the very best as they embark on this exciting next step in their academic journey.

University	Campus	Course
Cambridge	Christ's	C800 Psychological and Behavioural Sciences
Cambridge	Corpus Christi	V100 History
Cambridge	Corpus Christi	Q801 Classics (including preliminary year)
Cambridge	Sidney Sussex	KL41 Land Economy
Cambridge	Lucy Cavendish	L000 Human, Social, and political Sciences
Oxford	At Anne's	GV15 Mathematics and Philosophy
Cambridge	Fitzwilliam	G400 Computer Science
Cambridge	Robinson	L000 Human, Social, and political Sciences
Cambridge	Christ's	G100 Mathematics
Oxford	Open Application	CV85 Psychology and Philosophy



TRIPS & VISITS

There have been a variety of trips since the start of the spring term which our students have had the opportunity to participate in, these have included:

CERN Residential Trip (22nd-25th January) – Year 12 students visited the renowned European Organization for Nuclear Research.

Disney DT Trip (18th-21st February) – Design and Technology students enjoyed a creative trip to Disney, exploring the world of design and innovation.

Year 10/11 Trip to Tate Britain (25th February) – Students explored the world of art and culture at the iconic Tate Britain.

Year 13 Trip to the Church of Scientology (27th February) – Year 13 students had a unique cultural experience at this notable landmark.

Nantes French Trip (5th-8th March) – Year 10 students immersed themselves in French culture and language in Nantes.

Sevilla Spanish Trip (5th-8th March) – Year 10 students also explored Spanish culture, language, and history in Sevilla.

Politics Conference in London (10th March) – Year 13 students attended an insightful politics conference in London.

Imperial College Trip (12th March) – Year 12 students had the opportunity to visit Imperial College and explore the academic environment.

Paradise Lost trip (27th March)– Year 12/13 visited Battersea Arts Centre to watch Paradise Lost

Each of these trips provided valuable learning experiences and allowed students to broaden their horizons in exciting and meaningful ways.



Year 10 Trip to Seville

On the 5th of March, 30 Year 10 students embarked on an enriching three-day visit to Seville, Spain. The trip provided an excellent opportunity for students to immerse themselves in Spanish culture, history, and language.

Throughout their stay, students explored many of Seville's most famous landmarks, including the cathedral, the Alcázar, and bustling traditional markets. They also had the chance to experience an authentic flamenco performance, gaining insight into one of Spain's most iconic art forms. Shopping breaks and time to explore the city center further enriched their experience.

A structured Spanish lesson was also incorporated into the trip, allowing students to enhance their language skills in an immersive environment. The group stayed in a centrally located hostel, making it easy to navigate the city and maximize their time exploring.

Overall, the trip was a great success, offering students a balance of cultural education, sightseeing, and real-world language practice.



English Theatre Trip- Paradise Lost

On 27th March, Year 12 English Literature students visited Battersea Arts Centre to watch a staging of Milton's epic poem, 'Paradise Lost,' which they are studying as part of their course. The performance was an impressive one-man show that condensed the biblical story of creation into a captivating 75 minutes. Overall, it was found to be both hilarious and moving, skilfully combining biblical and modern references with contemporary dance to create a thrilling narrative. The trip was not only highly enjoyable but also an exciting and memorable evening for everyone involved!

