



THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Wishing all our Parents and Carers a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Staff and Teddy at WHSG



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of term, we have enjoyed a wide range of festive activities over the last week.

On Thursday we held our annual Christmas Concert, where the audience were treated to a wide variety of fantastic performances, ranging from Senior Orchestra through to Gospel Choir, Junior Choir, the Indian Ensemble and many more including a number of solo performances. The standard across the board was exceptional so thank you and well done to all who performed and to the Music Department for organising.

We also held our annual Year 7 Christmas song competition, with each form group competing to give the best performance of a Christmas song of their choice. It was a close fought contest but overall winners were 7 Pankhurst with 7 Curie as runners up.

We also had our RAG week where our Senior Prefects organised a range of events, including a bake sale as well as a staff version of the show 'Mr and Mrs' alongside our annual Christmas Jumper Day. Our Librarian, Mrs Murphy also organised a student Christmas Fayre which proved to be very popular with students. And alongside all of this, the students also organised a Mock General Election on the 12th which resulted in a Labour landslide.

The Trust has now agreed the term dates for next academic year which, along with many schools now, includes a two week half term in the Autumn term. If parents wish to comment on this then please use the email address published with the dates - this can be found later in this edition.

Finally the staff and I here at Wallington would like to wish all of our students and their families a very happy Christmas and a relaxing break over the next two weeks.

We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 6 January.

Richard Booth
Headteacher



The Week Ahead

Tuesday 17 December

19.00-21.00—Dance Showcase

Wednesday 18 December

16.00-18.00—Year 14 Reunion & Prizegiving

Thursday 19 December

08.25-13.00—Last day of term—students dismissed at 1pm

Christmas Holidays Friday 20 December—Sunday 5 January

LOST PROPERTY

We will be holding a lost property display before the end of term. This will be held under the covered way opposite the canteen on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December. Please encourage your daughters to come along and take a look if they have lost any items as they may well be there.

This will not include valuable items such as jewellery/purses/glasses. These can be claimed at reception so if they have lost any valuables over the last term they must come and ask.

All named lost property is regularly returned by the student receptionist or put in form register trays but there are many other items waiting to be reunited with their owners.

WE ARE UNABLE TO STORE LOST PROPERTY ITEMS BEYOND THE END OF EACH TERM SO IF STUDENTS HAVE LOST ANYTHING THEY MUST CHECK TO MAKE SURE THEIR BELONGINGS ARE NOT DISPOSED OF

Please ensure that your daughters' name is written in all of their uniform and coats.



**Lost
property**

Dates for your Diary



Monday 6 January

08.25-14.50—Start of Spring Term—staff and students return to school

Wednesday 8 January

10.00-13.00—James Cousins GCSE Dance Workshop
14.50—Year 7 Netball v Epsom College 7A-D Leave @ 2:50

Tuesday 14 January

Year 7 Netball v Sutton High 7A-D (A)

Wednesday 15 January

16.00-19.00—Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 17 January

19.00-21.30—Sixth Form Winter Masquerade Ball

Wednesday 22 January

16.00-19.00—Year 12 Parents' Evening

Thursday 23 January

INSET Day—no students in school

Friday 24 January

19.00-22.00—Cultural Evening

Sunday 26 January

School Production Rehearsal (Timings TBC)

Wednesday 29 January

16.00-18.00—Careers Evening (2)

Thursday 30 January

18.00-20.00—Year 9 Options Evening





Term Dates 2020-2021

Here are our term dates for the academic year 2020-21. Please note that, in line with many schools now, we have moved to two week half-term in the Autumn Term (this replaces the Wallington Weekend). If parents have any specific comments on these dates then please email headteacher@wallingtongirls.org.uk by the end of term, Thursday 19 December.

	Start	Finish
Autumn (1)	Tuesday 1 September	Friday 16 October
Autumn (2)	Monday 2 November	Friday 18 December
Spring (1)	Monday 4 January	Friday 12 February
Spring (2)	Monday 22 February	Thursday 1 April
Summer (1)	Monday 19 April	Friday 28 May
Summer (2)	Monday 7 June	Friday 16 July

10 Pankhurst Raise Awareness for Homelessness

We organised a sit out to raise awareness for homelessness as part as our Year 10 first give project. The weather was very windy and rainy but we braved the cold and sat on cardboard pieces which we got from the canteen. We were overwhelmed by the response from fellow students who signed our banner raising awareness for Sutton night watch (the charity which we are representing) or joined in with our sit out. We were especially grateful to the students who provided us with food, either from the canteen or from their own lunch!

Overall the experience was incredibly humbling and gave us an insight to what homelessness is actually like. There are hundreds and thousands of homeless people across Britain facing animosity from the public but we hope that what we've done helps to raise awareness for Sutton night watch and other charities supporting homelessness.

Kyanne

10 Pankhurst



Christmas in the Food Department

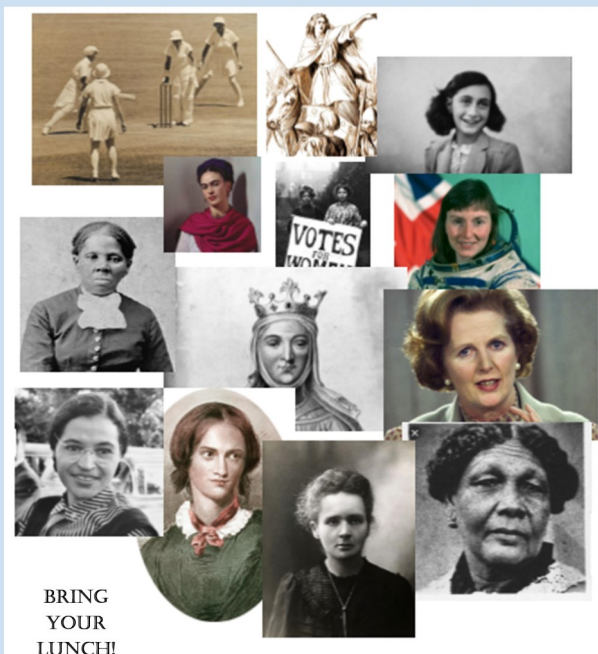
We have had a very festive time in the Food department this week. Year 10 students made individual Christmas cakes and iced and decorated them beautifully. Year 11 also had a relaxing lesson after all their hard work with theory and practical mock exams and made a wide selection of Christmas goodies including truffles. There are more delicious Christmas foods being made by KS3 students next week.

Mrs Beales



Opportunities for Students

WHSG HISTORY SOCIETY



BRING
YOUR
LUNCH!

WHO: EVERYONE WELCOME!

WHEN: FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES STARTING AFTER CHRISTMAS

WHERE: F20

WHY: TO DISCUSS AND DEBATE BBC HISTORY'S LIST OF 100
MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN HISTORY AND EAT SWEET
THINGS!

STEAM Xmas Challenges



Over the holidays complete our STEAM challenges and earn house-points.
Find the challenges on the FROG STEAM page,
complete a task and upload it to the file drop box.
Deadline 10th January.
Enjoy!

ICE #iCanEngineer H2oohh Nooo

Two of our year 8 students were shortlisted for a prize in the ICE #iCanEngineer H2oohh Nooo poster competition this year.

The ICE invited them together with 9 other teams to the award ceremony at Jacobs Engineering's offices in London Bridge which was a real treat. Sadly we did not take a prize home this year but being shortlisted was a great achievement in itself.

Well done girls!

Mrs Caspary

The awards ceremony that we got shortlisted for was worth going to. The people who ran it were really nice and really supported us throughout the day. Who knew there were different aspects of civil engineering? When we first arrived we had refreshments that were nice and the lunch was amazing. We ended this extraordinary day with an Awards Ceremony (the main part of today) and because we were shortlisted we received goody bags and certificates. Coming here was amazing and truly inspiring.
Ysehult—8 Bronte

The day we went for the #iCanEngineer Awards Ceremony was definitely worth going to. There were actual engineers for us to talk to and we learnt so much from them. There were 2 engineering tasks which we had to complete with other groups in a limited time. This was an opportunity for us to get to know other people and there were many staff who encouraged us and motivated us the whole way through. After lunch the awards ceremony was held and I'm glad that we got a certificate for being shortlisted. I would definitely recommend anyone to participate, even if you don't think you are good at engineering.
Magisaa—8 Bronte



Wallington Students Mock General Election 2019

Congratulations to all candidates and campaigners for taking part.

To summarise, we had a large turnout of 803 voters and the winner of Wallington General Election 2019 was the Labour Party.

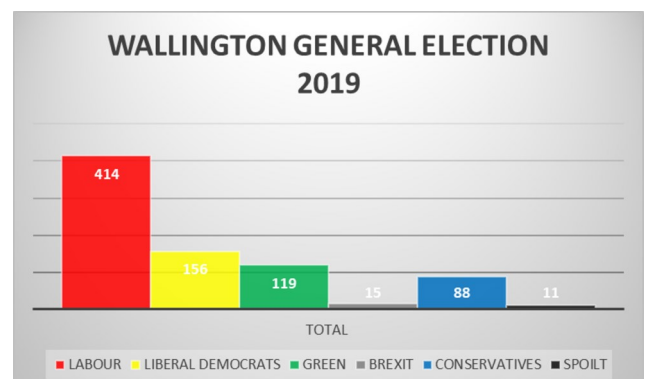
I am pleased to announce that the year group with the highest turnout was...Year 8. Well Done!

As we now all know, the Conservative party won in the National Election with a commanding majority of seats and will form our next government.

As always, I would like to remind all students that the MUN Society (Lunch-E29) meets on Mondays and Politics Society on Thursdays (Lunch-C2) each week to those interested.

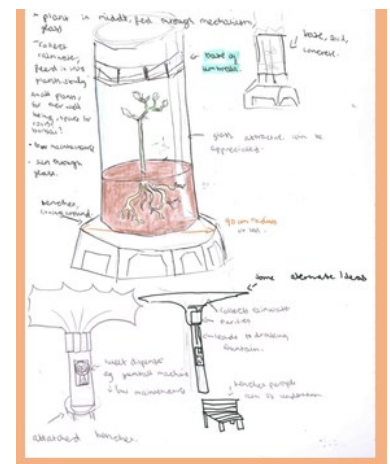
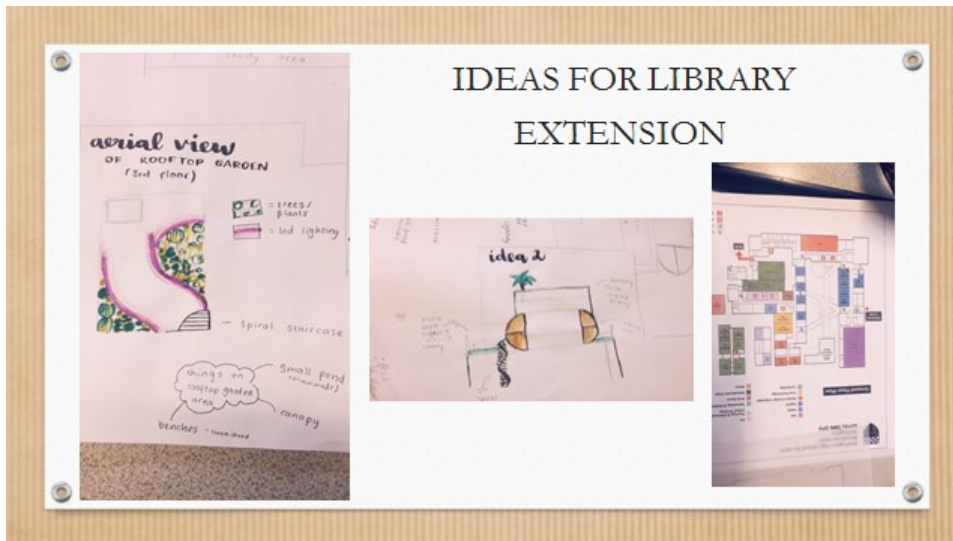
Finally can I thank all helpers, sixth-formers and Ms Godyn for helping put together this election.

Sabah—13DLE

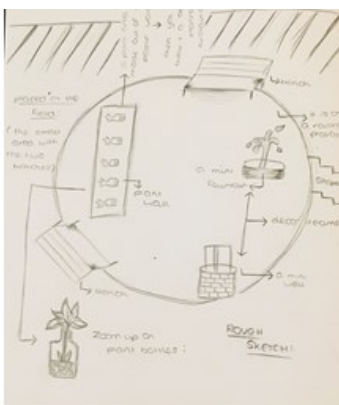


Through a collaboration with the RIBA we have been very lucky to have been running an Architecture Workshop in collaboration with TP Bennet architects. Year 9 students have been analysing how the school works as a building and where problem areas are.

The 6 week workshop ended last week with pupils presenting their ideas to our architecture ambassadors. The top 3 teams received book vouchers for the TATE bookshop and the winner – Kilé in 9 Sharman - also was offered work experience at TP Bennet.

Plants-
decoration+
seats

SKETCHES



FABRIKAM

Design Ventura

Our school was taking part in a tech competition called Design Ventura where we had to come up with a product that fulfils the specific brief that they gave us and if we had the best product, it would be made in the Design Museum.

In our class the four of us - Aryana, Charlotte, Sophie and Ishmal pitched our product to the class and later the year which we won and so got to put our product forward to represent the school in the national UK competition. Our product was coasters made of cork in the shape of jigsaw puzzles that form a placemat. Out of around 16,000 students in around 400 schools, our product was chosen for the top ten schools in the UK which meant that we had to go and pitch it to a team of professionals.

On Monday we left for London heading to the Deutsche Bank where we were given a little practice time- our school having to go last as it was in alphabetical order. Some of the other schools had notable pitches and there was tough competition but we managed to present our product as best we could using a large screen on a sort of stage in an auditorium. The panel of judges had good feedback and while their questions were challenging, we seemed to have answered them well. After this we participated in an activity which we would have won if our tower hadn't been knocked over but overall it was a good experience. We did a brief interview and had a while to eat cakes and drink tea before receiving feedback for all schools and coming home.

We will find out during the celebration event on 13 February who won but we feel we did our best and could definitely qualify for winners.

Ishmal, Sophie, Aryana and Charlotte



Christmas Craft Fair



Senior Maths Challenge

Twenty seven members of Year 12, thirteen Further Mathematicians and eight Year 11's sat the Senior Maths challenge in November. Out of this group, six of them qualified for the follow on round of Senior Kangaroo, three of these students being Year 11s . Overall a fantastic achievement.

In this follow on round, all students achieved a qualification award with two Year 11 students, Aashi and Nivethika, achieving the highest score out of all our qualifiers.

Also from the Senior Maths Challenge, Emily in Year 12 scored an amazing 113, entering her into the British Mathematical Olympiad. She completed a three and a half hour paper and scored a brilliant 39 achieving a distinction, only missing the next round by one mark.

Well done to all who took part.

Christmas Carol Concert

Students in their rehearsal.

