



Wallington High School *For Girls*

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE



THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

So, we have finally reached the end of another very busy and very productive term.

For this morning's assembly we were able to gather students from Years 7 to 9 in the Sports Hall, Year 10 to 11 and Sixth Form in the Main Hall, where they enjoyed some performances from various events that have taken place this term. We also had the opportunity to celebrate key successes from this term as well as say farewell and thank you to our outgoing Senior Prefect Team.

One of the performances in assembly was our a cappella group, Noteworthy, who performed an amazing Abba Medley. They also sang at the Spring Concert this week along with a wide variety of orchestras, choirs and individual performances. As usual the standard at the Spring Concert was excellent and many parents commented at the end on how much they enjoyed the evening. Thank you to all the performers and to the Music Department.

On Wednesday, Year 12 were off timetable to spend the day involved in our 'Makers of the Future' day aimed at ensuring our Year 12 students had clear understanding of all the options available to them post 18. The day included talks from a wide range of universities, advice and guidance in the UCAS application process as well as on alternatives to Higher Education and many more. There was also a careers fayre for years 11 and 12 in the Sports Hall. This was followed in the evening with the Higher Education Evening for parents. It was an incredibly useful and informative event that had taken a lot of work to organise so thank you to Mrs Collins, Director of Sixth Form.

That just leaves me to wish everyone a very happy Easter and a very restful two week break.

- MR R BOOTH



CHANGE TO THE TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

We have been reviewing our school day with staff and governors, as well as the Parent Focus group, to ensure that we maximise the time for learning in school for students.

Currently students have to travel across the site to get to their next lesson and often this can result in students arriving a few minutes after the lesson start time. Over the academic year, this can have a significant impact on learning time. As a result, we have decided to build in five minutes travel time between periods 1 & 2 and another five minutes travel time between periods 3 & 4 to ensure students always get a full hour of teaching for every lesson.

In addition, by September 2023, all mainstream schools will be expected to provide a compulsory week of at least 32.5 hours. This is the minimum expectation of the time spent in school each day and includes break and lunch times. Ofsted will check that schools are meeting this. This change to our school day will mean that we now meet this minimum expectation for September 2023 (as opposed to the current provision of 32.4 hours). We believe that the addition of travel time will ensure these changes have the biggest impact on teaching and learning whilst complying with the government guidance.

From September 2023, the timings of the school day will therefore be as follows:

8.25 Registration/Tutor Time

8.45 Period 1

9.45 Travel time

9.50 Period 2

10.50 Break

11.10 Period 3

12.10 Travel time

12.15 Period 4

13.15 lunch

14.00 Period 5

15.00 End of school day

The 627 school buses will change their pick-up times to align with this new finish time.

If you have any comments or questions about this, then please contact info@wallingtongirls.org.uk



SUPPORT OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

In case you need some support over the Easter holidays and therefore the Safeguarding team is not available, please take a look at the below. This is also on the [school website - Pastoral Care home page](#).

If you are feeling low or unsafe, it is important you talk to someone you trust and let them know how you feel. Sometimes it can be difficult to talk to friends and family so here are some other places you can contact instead:

School nurse duty line - 020 8770 5409
Childline – 0800 1111
Samaritans – 116 123
Hopeline – 0800 068 4141
NSPCC – 0808 800 5000

www.talkofftherecordonline.org (Talking therapy)
www.nspcc.org.uk (concerned about a friend and their safety in the home)
www.selfharmuk.org (if someone you know / or you is concerned about self harm)
www.youngminds.org.uk (mental health concerns of any nature)
www.kooth.com (for anonymous emotional wellbeing support)
www.papyrus.org (if you / or someone you care for has suicidal thoughts)

PARENT WORKSHOP: SUICIDE AWARENESS

Date and time: Mon 15th May, 18.00-19.00
Facilitator: Ana Djurdjevic - Suicide Prevention Co-ordinator (Children and Young People)
Location: This is a virtual event – Teams

This workshop is for parents who would like to know more about suicide awareness. The workshop will consider the attitudes, myths and stigma that surround suicide. Participants will be encouraged to recognise and explore the 'signs' that may indicate a young person is having thoughts of suicide and how to have an open, safe and sensitive conversation about suicide.

Meeting details are below:

Microsoft Teams Meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Meeting ID: 358 728 738 087
Passcode: 5G5J32



YEAR 9 PSHCE - TALK ON BEREAVEMENT

“On Wednesday 22nd March, Year 9 had an assembly about loss and bereavement presented by ex-Wally Girl, Roxanne. It is a crucial topic that we, as the future generation, should be informed about and should take seriously. Additionally, I think it takes a lot of courage and bravery to show up in front of the whole of Year 9 and give a presentation about a sensitive topic, let alone sharing the personal loss, that she went through. My favourite thing I learnt from the assembly yesterday was that grief can last for any length of time - it doesn't just go away. Over time, your sadness will heal and even if we aren't the people going through the problem, we should be kind towards those who are and try to understand and make them feel better.

Thank you to Roxanne for giving us this informative presentation”!

- Sadhna, Y9

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

To celebrate British Science Week (10th - 19th March) the students took part in a whole school competition. In form groups they tackled a range of questions, from the interpretation of electron microscope images to science in the news.

Well done to all the young scientists who participated. Congratulations to the winners 7 Bronte, 11 Pankhurst and 113HIC. Overall house winner was Bronte!

MATHEMATICAL KANGAROO RESULTS

An impressive 7 students in Year 11 achieved highly enough in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge to qualify to take part in a Mathematical Kangaroo. This is an international competition to promote mathematics among young people around the world – around six million young people take Kangaroo competitions each year. The name “Kangaroo” acknowledges the contribution made by Australia in establishing large-scale mathematics contests.

The students who sat the Pink Kangaroo included Laila, Abhishree, Felistas, Hala, Kareena, Ritika and Samiksha,

Laila and Abhishree are to be congratulated on their excellent achievement of gaining a Certificate of Merit, which is given to the top-scoring 25% of participants. Laila achieved the highest mark in the school with an impressive score of 95.

Well done to everyone who qualified to take part and we hope you enjoyed the experience.



SPORTS NOTICES



Y11 & SENIOR NETBALL

Congratulations to our Y11 and Senior netball teams on two wins against St Phils. Both teams put out great performances with strong attacking and defensive play. Each quarter they got better and more confident as a team! Shout out to POMs Reshini and Hannah.



For more regular updates, follow us on Instagram

@WHS GPE

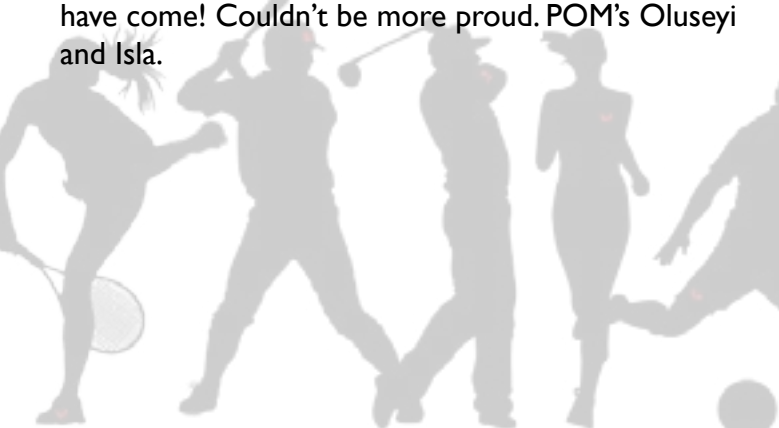
U12's NETBALL

The u12s played their final game of the season tonight vs Old Palace. A WIN for the A's 6-5 and a loss for the B's 6-3. What a season they have had and how far they have come! Couldn't be more proud. POM's Oluseyi and Isla.

WALLINGTON 2 - 4 HARRIS SUTTON FOOTBALL U16's

Our U-16's were involved in a pulsating match this afternoon against a very strong Harris Sutton side! Extremely proud of the effort and resilience shown by all.

Goals from Emilia and Maisy and POTM awarded to Hannah.



Would you like to understand more about county lines in Croydon, Bromley and Sutton?

Join our panel of experts for a live webinar



Lindsay Dalton
CEO, Pace



Metropolitan
Police



Sarah Pritchard
Barnardos

Free webinar for parents & carers

13th April, 7.00 - 8.30pm

Join our panel of experts and find out about county lines in your area, how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns. You will also hear about child exploitation from a lived experience perspective.



Learn what county lines and child criminal exploitation is



Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved



Learn how offenders groom and exploit children



Understand what is happening in your area

Register: [CroydenBromleySuttonParentWebinar.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/croyden-bromley-sutton-parent-webinar)



Under 8 to Under 13 Girl Cricketers Required

Sutton CC are looking for cricketers for our **Girls' section (Under 8 to Under 13)**—school years 3 to 8 inclusive.

In particular, we are looking for **U11/U12 girls with some hard-ball cricket experience** to supplement our current squad, who will compete in the **Surrey Junior U12 League** in 2023.

We are holding taster sessions on the below dates:

Wednesday, **5th April**: 3pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday, **12th April**: 3pm to 4.30pm

If you would like to attend, please contact **Peter Edwards** at cricket@suttoncricketclub.com or **07720 446841**

Please include your child's name, date of birth, parents' contact number and brief cricket experience.



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MONDAY 3RD APRIL 4-8PM
TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 4-8PM

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Selsdon Little League Netball

OPEN DAYS

Saturdays, 13 & 20 May 2023

We currently have vacancies in our Junior and Senior teams for next season.

Are YOU interested in joining us for regular matches during term time?

HAVING LOTS OF FUN

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

If so, we would love you to come along to
Riddlesdown College courts, Honister Heights, Purley

JUNIORS: Yrs 5-7 as at 1 Sept.
Registration 9.00 a.m. for 9.30-10.30

SENIORS: Yrs 8 & 9 as at 1 Sept.
Registration 11.00 a.m. for 11.30-12.30

If you can't make it on these days call Lorna Jones



For further information contact **LORNA JONES – 020 8651 2383**

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TALK ABOUT YOUR
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IF AVAILABILITY, YOU WILL BE
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AUTISM ADVICE SESSION FOR SUTTON FAMILIES

FRI, 10TH MAR, 9:30-12:30

MON 3RD APRIL 1-4

WED 17TH MAY 1-4

TUES 6TH JUNE 9.30-12.30

TUES 13TH JUNE 9.40-12.30

MON 10TH JULY 9.30-12.30

THURS 14TH SEPT 9.30-12.30

WEDS 11TH OCT 1-4

MON 6TH NOV 9.30-12.30

TUES DEC 12TH 3-6

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THEAUTISMSERVICE@COGNUS.ORG.UK

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FRI 2ND JUNE 9.30-12

TUES 20TH SEPT 1-4

THURS 2ND NOV 9.30-12

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