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THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to another a week in lockdown and I trust that you and your families are keeping well.

As promised, we are endeavouring to produce a weekly newsletter keeping parents and carers up to date with what has been happening regarding the school, even though we are still in lockdown. I know that our students have been doing some great things over the past few weeks and we really want to share some of the amazing things that students and staff have been doing during lockdown. So please let us know of anything, with some brief details and, if you are able to, include a high-resolution photo, by emailing sdavies@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Students and staff have adapted brilliantly from having lessons within school to being taught remotely at home. This has presented a number of challenges for both students and staff and I appreciate your patience as this new style of teaching and learning has taken shape. Whilst students should try to do their best to complete work being set, we need to remember that these are unprecedented and challenging times. What is more important is everyone's well-being and safety and that students just try to do their best given the circumstances.

One piece of staffing news that I want to share with you is that Mrs. Ann Scollard, my PA, celebrates 30 years of working at WHSG this week. Throughout that time, Mrs. Scollard has been a loyal, hardworking and committed member of the school and has seen many changes during her time at Wallington. We also say thank you to Mr. Gordon Ironside who has been helping to deliver Further Mathematics A level to Year 13 over the last couple of terms on a Wednesday afternoon. Finally, we said farewell to our Enrichment Officer, Mrs. Julia Donovan, just before Easter. Mrs. Donovan has played an important role in the development of our Enrichment programme over the last four years, as well as ensuring that all the various trips and events run smoothly. We wish her all the best and we welcome her successor, Mrs. Caroline Kinchington, who has now joined the staff.

I know that there has been a lot of media speculation recently as to when schools might reopen and what that may look like. It looks like we may get an important announcement at some point, possibly this week. As always, we will share with parents any updates regarding the school as soon as we have confirmed the details.

Stay safe.

Richard Booth
Headteacher

Telephone Numbers / Email Addresses

On the 21 April, we emailed parents and carers to let you know that your daughter's Head of Year of Form Tutor would be giving her a telephone call to check in with her and find out how remote schooling was going. It is absolutely vital therefore that we have all your correct details. If you have changed your home phone number, your mobile number or your email address, please let us know as soon as possible.

If your daughter is in Years 7-11—please email mandrews@wallingtongirls.org.uk

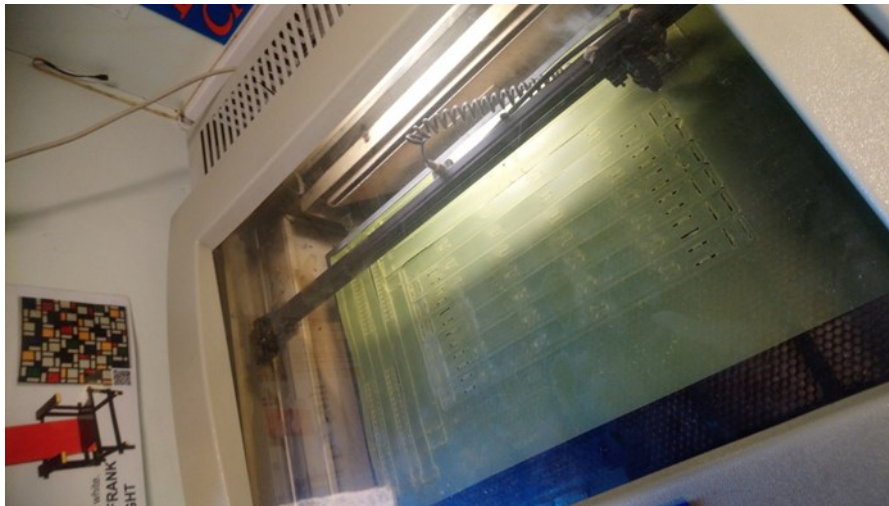
If your daughter is in Years 12—13, please email smccormack@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Thank you.

Making Masks for the NHS / Care Homes

We are absolutely delighted to report that our Head of Technology, Mr Slight, has been into school to make Face protection masks to give to Health care providers or care homes.

This first photo is the laser cutter cutting the Poly Propylene components that we had in stock at school. Each mask needs 4 parts and the laser can cut about 7 mask parts every 40 minutes.



These are the parts pre-assembled. First they need cleaning properly to avoid any cross contaminations.



The Assembled top parts. The front part keeps the visor away from the face so goggles and mask can also be worn.

Breaking News

First batch of 75 face shields has been delivered to Ryelands care home in Wallington - they were so grateful.

Another delivery has also been made to Treetops Care Home in Croydon.



This is a fully assembled mask with the acetate screen attached.



Mr Slight in his PPE to make the masks



And finally, the finished mask as modelled by Mr Slight – well done!

Textiles in Lockdown

It's great to see that this student—Lola in 7 Johnson—has been busy not only making a dress but also masks. She even managed to get some David Bowie and Harry Potter material to make her masks to people who requested this. She has enough material to make 16 masks!

Well done Lola.



Engineering Challenges for Students

Students may like to use the following link which has Engineering Challenges to do at home. You will also find lots of resources on FROG School Closure page.

<https://www.smallpeicetrust.org.uk/engineering-at-home>



The Day is an excellent resource for students and their families that WHSG subscribes to. Providing news stories from all over the world and covering a wide range of different subjects; including publishing some articles in foreign languages.

Families can currently sign up for a free daily newsletter and students can access the WHSG site by following the icon on the FROG student homepage.

Please do make use of this great resource for keeping up to date with news and as a resource for continuing remote learning.

Here are some examples of recent headlines, they can be accessed in full via the link on FROG.



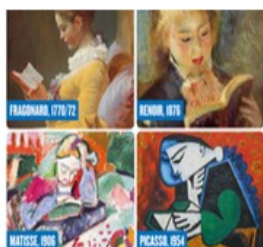
We were never meant to be on our own

Friday, 24 April 2020

Is loneliness the real pandemic? As the virus forces us to keep our distance from others, those who live by themselves are exposed to a host of ailments. A new dog might not be enough.

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The great escape: reading booms in lockdown

Friday, 24 April 2020

Is reading fiction escapist? With half of the world's population under lockdown, sales of novels have rocketed. People are turning to stories to keep themselves company and pass the time.

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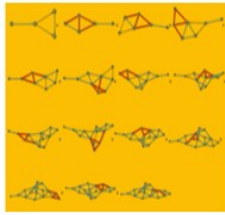
Wanted: a scapegoat for the coronavirus chaos

Thursday, 23 April 2020

Should Matt Hancock be fired? With the opening of Britain's first 'virtual' Parliament, attention is fixed on the government's mishandling of the pandemic – and who is most to blame for it.

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Now you can help see into the mind of God

Thursday, 23 April 2020

Is this the path to a fundamental theory of physics? The computer scientist Stephen Wolfram has unveiled an ambitious new project: crowd-sourcing an all-encompassing theory of everything.

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Mass bleaching of Barrier Reef could go global

Friday, 3 April 2020

Are all the coral reefs going to disappear? The Great Barrier Reef has just suffered its third mass bleaching event in five years, causing huge loss in the world's largest living structure.

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Happy birthday to Wordsworth the eco-hero

Tuesday, 7 April 2020

Was Wordsworth the first 'green'? England's great poet of nature was born 250 years ago today, and a new biography argues that the environmental movement owes its whole existence to him.

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What you need in a crisis: a woman in charge

Monday, 20 April 2020

In a crisis, is a woman leader more effective? It is certainly one of the most striking factors that seems to be shared by the countries that are responding best to the coronavirus pandemic.

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TikTok's 'sight bites' capture the zeitgeist

Friday, 13 March 2020

Should we take TikTok politics seriously? One of the most successful apps in the world was developed for teenagers messing around. Now, it is being adopted by political campaigners.

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Trust is dying across the world, says survey

Tuesday, 21 January 2020

Whatever happened to good faith? People no longer believe that it is possible for institutions to do the right thing AND be competent. This is creating an unprecedented wave of cynicism.

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All you need is love - and a cheese sandwich

Thursday, 2 April 2020

Are food and love the only real things in life? At the age of 82, Britain's greatest living painter, David Hockney, has written a moving letter telling the world his deepest convictions.

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