

The Wallington Week

27th April 2026

Thank you to all those who attended our Degree Apprenticeships Event last week; it was fantastic to welcome over 250 attendees, reflecting the growing interest in this important and increasingly popular pathway.

On Friday, we held our Year 13 Prize Giving Event, where we were delighted to welcome back a former student Claire Norman-Maillet who joined us in celebrating the achievements of our current cohort. The afternoon was a wonderful occasion and a true showcase of the breadth of accomplishments our students have achieved during their seven years at Wallington High School for Girls. We are immensely proud of them all.

We also marked St George's Day with a delightful afternoon tea.

Formal examinations are now underway, with Year 11 students completing language orals, as well as Art and Photography examinations. We wish all our students the very best during this period. While we recognise that this can be a time of pressure, we remain committed to ensuring that our school is not defined solely by examinations. Outcomes support future pathways and can be a source of pride, but we are equally focused on supporting students' wellbeing. Please do contact us if your child is feeling anxious or in need of additional support.

Alongside this, Year 12 students will begin their assessment period next week. We also wish the best of luck to Year 7 and 8 students taking part in the Junior Maths Challenge.

Dates for your diary:

- Second-hand prom dress sale - 30th April, 3.00pm
- Second-hand uniform sale - 1st May, 3.00pm
- Wallington Walk - 22nd May

This year's Wallington Walk promises to be a vibrant event, and we encourage students to fully embrace their House colours. As in previous years, the event will support fundraising for new science laboratories. I would like to thank all families who have contributed to this fund; we are pleased to be in a position to refurbish at least two laboratories over the summer.

**- Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher**



Calendar

Attendance

Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11

97.5%

96.7%

96.3%

96.1%

95.5%

Week B

Monday 27th April

- Year 11 Oral Exams- ALL WEEK
- Y12 EOY Exams - ALL WEEK
- Y13 A level Art and Photography Exam

Tuesday 28th April

- Y13 A level Art and Photography Exam

Wednesday 29th April

- Y13 A level Art and Photography Exam
- Junior Mathematical Challenge Year 7 & 8
- Central Detention-3.10-4.10pm

Thursday 30th April

- Second Hand Prom Dress Sale: 3.15pm Main Hall

Friday 1st May

- Year 11 Last Day Celebration Event (9-11am)
- PFA Uniform Sale (Main Hall) 3pm
- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm

Useful Links

Co-Curricular Activities

SOCs, the school's online system for Co-Curricular activities, will allow your child to see all available activities but also allow you to view after school registers to see if your child is attending and in school.

Careers Noticeboard

For live updates on careers related opportunities please [click here](#). Please see the latest careers newsletter [here](#).

Current Vacancies

Click here for a link to our [vacancies page](#)

Upcoming Events

- 1st May- Y11 Last Day
- 6th May- Y7 Parents' Evening
- 7th May- Y13 Last Day
- 12th May- KS3 Music Recital



Staff Messages

Mental Health Policy

Wallington High School for Girls' approach to mental health and behaviour is part of a consistent whole school approach which involves providing a structured school environment with clear expectations of behaviour, well communicated social norms and routines, which are reinforced with highly consistent consequence systems. This is paired with an individualised graduated response in the form of our Social, Emotional and Mental Health Provision Map which can be found in our [Mental Health Policy](#) on the website.

For more information about the pastoral support available please see our website - [Pastoral Care - Wallington High School for Girls](#) or email our Senior Mental Health Lead and DSL, Mrs Sundborg - msundborg@wallingtongirls.org.uk

-Mrs M Sundborg
Assistant Headteacher & DSL

Uniform sale

Please note that the PFA will be holding a uniform sale on Friday 1st May, from 3:00pm to 4:30pm, in the Main Hall.

This will be a good opportunity to purchase second-hand school uniform items.

We hope to see you there.

-PFA

Year 11 Prom

We would like to remind parents and carers that the Year 11 Prom will take place on Friday 26th June at Farleigh Golf Club,

Further details, including the link to purchase tickets, were shared in the original letter sent to families. Tickets are available via Arbor Pay, and we kindly ask they are purchased as soon as possible if students would like to attend.

This event is always a memorable and magical evening and we look forward to celebrating with Year 11.

-Miss Withersby
Events and Communications Coordinator

Celebrating Student Achievement

We are delighted to celebrate Hannah's (Y13) outstanding recent achievements. A highly talented musician and Flight Sergeant in her local RAF Air Cadet squadron, Hannah has had an exceptionally busy and successful year. In the past six months alone, she has led and performed with award-winning ensembles at Surrey Wing and Regional competitions, represented the RAF Air Cadets in prestigious national and regional marching bands, and performed at significant civic and remembrance events including St Clement Danes and the Birmingham Military Tattoo. She was also named Best Cadet in her squadron and received the Deputy Lieutenant of Croydon Certificate of Achievement. We are incredibly proud of Hannah's dedication, leadership and talent.

-Mrs Parkinson, Joint Head of Y13

Events

St Georges Day

Students enjoyed a wonderful lunchtime celebration of St George's Day with a traditional afternoon tea held in the hall. Beautifully decorated for the occasion, the space was filled with music, conversation and a real sense of community.

Pupils shared tea, scones and biscuits, with many bringing along their own favourite teacups, adding a lovely personal touch to the event. The relaxed atmosphere gave students the chance to come together, enjoy a much-loved English tradition and take a well-earned break in the middle of a busy school day.

The afternoon was full of smiles and laughter and was a fitting way to celebrate St George's Day while highlighting the importance of shared traditions and togetherness.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success.



Year 13 Prizegiving

On Friday 24th April, we were delighted to welcome parents and all of Year 13 to our annual Prizegiving ceremony, a fitting celebration of our students' achievements as they approach the end of their school journey. The event was enriched by an inspiring address from our guest speaker, Dr Claire Norman-Maillet, who spoke warmly about ambition, resilience and the importance of staying true to one's values beyond school.

Prizes were awarded across a wide range of subjects, recognising both academic excellence and commitment to learning. Tutor Group Awards celebrated students who have made outstanding contributions within their forms, while Prefect Awards acknowledged the dedication and leadership shown by our senior students. The ceremony also highlighted our School Values, recognising those who consistently embody them in their daily life.

It was a proud and joyful occasion, shared with families, staff and students, and a wonderful way to honour the hard work and character of our Year 13 cohort.



SCARE! Hoaxes, online challenges & 'bad apps'

What parents and schools need to know to keep children safe from the latest dares, scares, threats & challenges

There are always stories going round about nasty things online and you may be asked to share warnings about them. The ones with clever names and funny pictures are usually fakes and hoaxes, but of course bad things happen online too and we all want to keep young people safe from them.

Whether a scare is real or not, we would advise against sharing warnings about specific challenges or even 'bad apps', sites or games. Read on to find out why...and what to do instead.



NO NEED TO SHOW SCARY THINGS, NAME THEM OR SAY WHERE TO FIND THEM

Why shouldn't we share specific warnings?

Scare-shares can cause:

1. A false sense of security
2. Free publicity
3. Unproductive panic

What can we do instead?

1. Talk about **GENERAL** risks and what can go wrong online wherever you are
2. Use **NON-SCARY EXAMPLES** to talk about how to respond to dares, challenges, scares and threats
3. Make sure children and young people know who to talk to and where to get **HELP** from different sources
4. Focus on the **POSITIVES** – after all, if we say it's all bad, they won't listen to us

Top tips



NOT A GOOD IDEA



Still not sure? Have a look at what the experts at CEOP say about online scares or how the Samaritans advise us to talk about challenges.



SafeguardED

Find out more at scare.lgfl.net

 &  @LGfLSafeguardED

Sustainability



FACTS

- In 2015 England introduced charges for single use carrier bags. These are now thicker and usually dubbed 'bags for life' so that they can be reused
- Over 100 countries now have a full or partial ban on single-use plastic bags. Bangladesh became the first country to introduce a ban on plastic bags back in 2002. In Kenya, manufacturing the bags – which clog the country's infrastructure and causes flooding – can land you with up to four years in prison or a €36,000 fine!
- Avoidance of single-use waste is of huge importance both to reduce landfill usage and waste going into the natural environment.



TIPS/SOLUTIONS

- Some retailers such as M&S are swapping plastic for paper bags
- One of the best things you can do for the environment is to use fabric or reusable shopping bags.
- Create your own bags using leftover fabric. Upcycle old clothing, blankets, or other cloth items. Just sew the edges together and add handles.



Attendance

Requests for absence, including illness or appointments should be sent to:

attendance@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Please provide at least 2 full school days notice of a planned absence for the school to complete the required processes before the event.

Absences for longer than one day need to be confirmed at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Families should note that requests for holidays during term time will not be approved and penalty fines can be issued.

To notify WHSG of a leave of absence, please complete this [form](#) and return to the email above.

Contact Information and emails

If you need to update your home address or contact telephone number, emergency contacts or any other information, please send the updates to:

attendance@wallingtongirls.org.uk

When replying to any SchoolComms emails, please use the individual contact email provided and for general enquiries use info@wallingtongirls.org.uk



Parking

Please note that parents are unable to park or drive into the school grounds between the hours of 7.30am-4.30pm for safeguarding reasons. Families can contact our reception to ask for permission, where the needs arise for a student with mobility issues.

reception@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Please also ensure that when dropping/collecting your child at school each day, you are respectful of our local residents by not blocking drives and roads or impacting others safety by pulling in/ parking irresponsibly.

Punctuality

Good punctuality to both lessons and to school is expected of all students. We know that employers place great importance on punctuality and attendance, therefore it is important for our students to understand the value of being on time.

If a student is late 3 times within a half-term (roughly 6 weeks) they will receive a 60 mins detention on a Wednesday or a Friday. If the student is late again within the half-term they will receive an automatic 60 mins detention, a late report and there will be a meeting with parents. This will re-set at the start of each half-term.

We ask that parents support these actions as important processes for the school and understand that detentions cannot be moved for any after school clubs or enrichment events. Should a detention clash with a medical appointment, evidence will be requested for the school to show flexibility.