

# Wallington High School For Girls

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

# THE WALLINGTON WEEK

## Message from the Headteacher



Several exciting events this week and next with the Year 7 and 8 disco – thank you to the PFA for organising such a fabulous event, this raised over £1000 which is fantastic. Next week is the Fusion Showcase on Friday, where students from across the school put on a night

of fabulous entertainment for the audience. Next Wednesday is enrichment day for all year groups – do catch up with your daughter about what activity they will be involved in. Wednesday 29th is the GCSE Prize Giving event, we have a very special guest speaker, and we look forward to celebrating our students' achievements on the day (2-4pm).

Year 11 have now finished their mock exams – a huge congratulations to them for all the hard work and study that went into the exams. Their conduct and effort was exemplary. They can have the weekend off!

Parent governor elections are underway, please do take the time to look at the nominations and have your say before next Thursday.

Lost property - we have lots! Please encourage your daughter to check lost property for items that have gone astray.

On a different note, I am looking at redesigning our staffroom. If anyone is an interior designer who would like to pop in and come up with some ideas, I would be truly grateful.

## SUPPORTING A CHILD WITH ANXIETY

If your child is experiencing high levels of anxiety, it can be worrying for you as a parent or carer. The Charlie Waller Trust have created a guide to help you understand anxiety, the impact it can have and how to begin to address it. They also provide practical ideas for helping your child and yourself to deal with this common but distressing experience.

Read their guide to supporting a child with anxiety by clicking <u>here</u>.

## How can I keep my child's online accounts safe?

Help your children set up strong passwords, use two-factor authentication and more to keep them safe and secure online. This website also provides information on parental controls; this will help parents/ carers to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites they use to give them a safer online experience. Click the following to find out more -<u>Keep children's accounts safe online: Interactive</u> guide | Internet Matters

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

<u>SOCs</u>, the school's new 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.

## CURRENT VACANCIES

Food and Textiles Technician, Teacher of Geography (MAT) and Teacher of Humanities (MAT) are all available. To find out more, click <u>here</u>.





## UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

A reminder to please inform the school if your contact details change, e.g. your mobile number changes or you move house. Please email <u>info@wallingtongirls.org.uk</u> with the updated details.

## Drug and Alcohol Awareness - Parent Workshop

Date and time: Tues 21st Nov 2023, 18.00-19.30 Facilitator: The DSM Foundation Location: This is a virtual event – Zoom

This online workshop will be led by a drug education charity, the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation. The workshop will involve finding out about:

• levels of young people's exposure to drugs and alcohol – what, where, when and how;

- what young people, and their parents and carers, need to know about the risks of drugs and alcohol;
- factors that affect young people's decisions about drugs and alcohol, including teenage brain development;
- how to have effective conversations with your child, and practical suggestions for what you can do to support them to stay safe;

• where to go for more information and support.

To register for this online workshop please click on the link below: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/</u> <u>register/WN\_xJijKQ6XSw6LfFb6YrJLsw</u>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from the Foundation containing information about joining the webinar.

## UNDERSTANDING SELF-HARM, THE RISK AND PRACTICAL STRATEGIES

Date and time: Mon 27th Nov 2023, 18.30-20.00 Facilitator: Jenny Langley - Mental Health Trainer from The Charlie Waller Trust Location: This is a virtual event - Teams

Self-harm is behaviour that is done deliberately to harm oneself. Varying from one young person to another, it can include: self-cutting, taking an overdose, hitting or bruising, intentionally taking too little or too much medication, burning, hanging or suffocation. At least 10% of adolescents report having self-harmed in some way. This session is aimed at helping parents, carers, other family members and friends to cope when a young person is self-harming.

Meeting details: Microsoft Teams Meeting Meeting ID: 345 883 976 943 Passcode: JH9Vwi

## SAFER SUTTON FOR ALL

Please see the poster below with information which includes a planning meeting on 30th November which will focus on how we can make Sutton Safer.

## CAST YOUR VOTE -Next Parent Governor

Please remember to cast your vote for the next Parent Governor please click <u>here</u>. To read the applications please refer to the e-mail sent on 10th November "RE: Parent Governor Vacancy".





## SUTTON CARERS WINE AND NIBBLES EVENING

Please see the poster below with information which includes a planning meeting on 30th November which will focus on how we can make Sutton Safer.



## CHANGES IN CONTACT INFO

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

KS3 and 4 – <u>mandrews@wallingtongirls.org.uk</u> KS5 – <u>jday@wallingtongirls.org.uk</u>

## PARKING

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

#### reception@wallingtongirls.org.uk

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

## 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 that 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 <u>form</u> and return to the email above.

## 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.

WHSG will issue same day, 20 min detentions for students that are late into school, without a valid reason or persistent lateness to classes. Parents and students will be notified as soon as possible of the detention and the reasoning by email.

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.



## Senior Mathematical Challenge

Earlier this term, all Year 12 and 13 Mathematicians took park in the Senior Mathematical Challenge. This is a multiple-choice test that is sat by students across the UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems are challenging and designed to make even the most able students think! An example of one of the questions, which may be accessible to students from lower years as well was...

How many of the numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 are factors of the sum 2<sup>2024</sup> + 2<sup>2023</sup> + 2<sup>2022</sup>? A 1 B 2 C 3 D 4 E 5

The competition was tough this year and the thresholds for certificates were 80+ for Gold, 64+ for Silver and 49+ for Bronze. A score of 80+ meant the student would qualify to sit the Senior Kangaroo and a score of 106+ meant qualification for the British Mathematical Olympiad round 1. It is a great achievement to have been awarded a certificate and we would like to congratulate and celebrate the success of the following students

#### Year 13

#### Gold Certificates

Abbie, Katie, Hannah, Abisna, Diora, Yasmine, Piya, Minali, Kasthury, Dhriti and Saini

#### Silver Certificates

Deya, Trishali, Shu Ying, Donna, Dinusha, Lavanya, Theodora, Ayesha, Zaira, Arisha, Zehra, Akanksha, Chloe, Sophie, Anusjhni, Alishba, Maathuri, Zhi Ying, Karshiga, Anamika, Hamama Tul, Shahrin, Romoluwa, Mayukha, Lydia, Neera, Arunima, Suvika, Chloe, Tuba, Inez, Alvita, Danya, Piranaya

#### **Bronze Certificates**

Khullat, Adekilé, Nawal, Raji, Rabani, Thiyaana, Warda Ayesha, Annapurna, Archana, Sachi, Alisha, Chloe, Noureen, Zunera, Vyshnave, Sahara, Melinda, Muzaina, Wendy, Olya, Zainab, Imani, Amtul Baqi, Abisha, Gharaza, Ashani, Grace, Thunsara, Rosa, Anjali, Zara, Abarna, Ahlaam, Alexia, Imaan, Leila, Chantelle, Aryana, Sharika, Zahra, Abisha, Yvonne, Mariam, Sasha, Komal, Lana, and Wamia.

#### Year 12

#### Gold Certificates

Julia, Rebecca, Abita, Mekavi, Tharaniga and Abhishree

#### Silver Certificates

Neha, Freya, Amelia, Diya, Leenuja, Aanya, Keren, Sanjna, Shreya, Ritika, Zara, Tamera, Laila, Charita, Sarayu, Shreya, Mishti, Harini, Riya, Kristy, Inayah, Izzah, Naveena, Lavanya, Ela, Jhanushka, Janushya and Georgina

#### Bronze Certificates

Ishika, Maisha, Gisel, Haleema, Riya, Tanesha, Yusra, Mithraa, Temiya, Emily, Riya, Victoria, Sara, Mayjena, Hannah, Michelle, Kareena, Sophia, Salome, Vithusha, Kaitlyn, Helena, Sharjana, Aleisha, Jiya, Neha, Avni, Cecily, Shayana, Thrisha, Azeen, Magisaa, Deejahnay, Dhanya, Nawaal, Rakshana, Pavithra, Iyanu, Shreeya, Aayagi, Valentine, Alisha, Valerie, Shadhana, Pragati, Esme, Nyla, Siya, Wethembekile, Sophia, Hannah, Rithiksa, Mihika, Iman, Vrishti, Reha, Stafenhaa, Deeptika, Rose, Lakshiya, Dharanika, Ayrin, Janani, Maanasha, Mrinmayi and Jaima.

All of the students who achieved a Gold certificate qualified for the next round and will sit the Senior Kangaroo.

Particular congratulations go to Julia and Abbie for achieving the highest result in their years. Julia's incredibly impressive score of 121 is the best result of the whole school and she has qualified to take part in round 1 of the British Mathematical Olympiad.

Well done to everyone who took part! - Miss Tucker



# Building community safety and cohesion in Sutton

Collective responses to preventing

violence in the community

# What is Safer Sutton For All?

Everyone in Sutton has a right to belong and feel safe.

Whether people call Sutton their home, place of work, an important place for community or family, we all have a vested interest in making it the best possible place to be.

Violence in the community affects us all. It puts a toll on our perception of safety and wellbeing. Safer Sutton For All provides an opportunity to work closely together to understand why it might occur, how we can effectively respond to it and what is needed to prevent community violence from happening all together.

Safer Sutton For All invites Sutton's community and residents, organisations, businesses and faith groups to work together in building strong partnerships for community cohesion and violence prevention.



Commissioned by London Borough of Sutton, this 12-month project is an opportunity to:

- Strengthen and grow awareness of local work on community safety and violence prevention
- Identify local gaps, barriers and opportunities to create a safer Sutton
- Collectively develop and fund community led initiatives to prevent conflict and/or respond to violence when it happens

The project is supported by Innovation Unit, a social enterprise working to address inequalities through place-based system change. Find out more about us here.





## Work with us to make Sutton Safer for All!

#### Talk to us

Over the next few weeks, we will be reaching out to community organisations, residents and wider local partners to find answer to:

- What are local community perceptions on safety and violence in Sutton?
- Who is already doing amazing work in this space?
- What are current opportunities and barriers to building community-led responses to safety and violence prevention?

## Join our Visioning & Mapping Session on 30th November

We want to co-develop a collective vision for this work and community safety in Sutton, and to create a better understanding of existing resources and networks for joint ways of working.

Please, join us for a Visioning & Mapping Session on 30th November from 3pm - 5pm in Sutton (venue tbc).

Stay connected for further details!

## Get in touch:

Please, reach out to <u>steph.gamauf@innovationunit.org</u> to learn more about this project, how to get involved and to receive updates.



