



THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to say that, following a significant failure of the school's IT at the beginning of the week, everything is now back to normal and as it was before, thanks to the hard work of our technicians. This means that parents should now use email again to report an absence or if your daughter needs to leave for a medical appointment.

We have been continuing with our focus on ensuring that our students understand the most effective ways to learn. This week's assemblies, led by Mr Donnelly, have focused on some key revision strategies including the importance of testing yourself on what students can remember about a topic, without the use of notes or a textbook (known as retrieval practice) as well as having different examples for topics as a useful way to help understand them.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Year 9 GCSE Options Evening last night. We hope you found the evening useful and informative as students now go about the business of deciding their GCSE subjects for next year.

Finally two reminders:

- Firstly that tickets are still on sale for our school production of 'Guys and Dolls' – performances take place next week.
- Secondly that students return to school after the half-term break on Tuesday 25 February as Monday 24 February is an INSET day.

Have a great weekend.

Richard Booth

Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Saturday 1 February

09.00-16.30—DOE *Bronze* In School Training Day

09.00-17.00—DOE In School Training Day & Route Planning for *Silver & Gold*. 9.00-17.00 for Direct participants & 9.00-13.30 for all others)

Sunday 2 February

School Production Rehearsal (Timings TBC)

Monday 3 February

08.25-14.50—School Production Tech Rehearsal

Tuesday 4 February

08.25-14.50—School Production Dress/Tech Rehearsal & Matinee Performance

Years 7 & 8 Surrey Schools Netball

19.00-21.00—School Production

Wednesday 5 February

Year 7 Netball v Danes Hill 7A+B (H)

Year 8 Netball v Danes Hill 8 A-C (H)

19.00-21.00—School Production

Thursday 6 February

09.00-13.00—Intermediate Maths Challenge

Year 9 Netball v Sutton High A&B (H)

19.00-21.00—School Production

Dates for your Diary

Friday 15—Thursday 20 February

Ski Visit to Austria

Sunday 16—Thursday 20 February

Sixth Form visit to New York

Half Term Monday 17—Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February

INSET Day—no students in school

Tuesday 25—Friday 28 February

Year 13 Exam Level Testing

Tuesday 25 February

EFP Robotics Comp - 12 students from Years 8, 9 & 10

08.25-14.50—Year 11 Food Practical NEA2 Exam Group 1

Wednesday 26 February

08.25-14.50—Year 11 Food Practical NEA2 Exam Group 2

08.25-14.50—Year 12 Higher Education Day

Thursday 27 February

08.25-14.50—Year 11 Food Practical NEA2 Exam Group 3

Year 8 Netball v Sutton High 8A-C (H)

18.00-19.00—DOE Bronze, Silver & Gold Parents' Briefing - further information in preparation for expeditions. Not compulsory but all parents & participants invited



Reminder regarding school uniform

We are delighted that so many students have started the term looking so smart in their school uniform. They really do epitomise what it means to be an ambassador for Wallington High School for Girls.

We have some polite reminders regarding uniform as per the Uniform Code in the student planners and the Behaviour policy:

- Only one pair of earrings is acceptable. These should be one pair of small plain gold or silver ear studs in the lobe of the ear.
- Hair should be a student's natural colour and must be worn in a neat and tidy style for school. Hair accessories should be in school colours and plain.
- Leggings are only to be worn for PE
- Make-up – make-up, nail varnish, gel nails or false nails should not be worn.

We ask our parents and carers to support the school in ensuring that throughout the year all our students remain as smart as they look in January.

Gym and Dance Showcase 2020

DECADIES

Key Dates:

Gym and Dance Show Nights: Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March (6:45pm)

Tickets on Sale: TUESDAY 25th FEB onwards (Lunch times in Sports Hall)

Auditions – Year 7 Inter-House Dance: Wednesday 26th Feb (3-4:30pm)

Auditions – Dance: Monday 2nd March (3-5pm)

Auditions – Gym: Tuesday 3rd March (3-4:30pm)

Gym Technical Rehearsal: Tuesday 17th March (3-4:30pm)

Dance Technical Rehearsal: Monday 23rd March (3-5)

Full Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday 24th March (Gym P1/2, Dance P3/4, Dance Yr 7 P5)

TICKETS FOR THE SCHOOL
PRODUCTION ARE NOW ON
SALE!

£5 in the foyer, at lunch times
COME AND SUPPORT YOUR
FELLOW STUDENTS AND HAVE
A BRILLIANT NIGHT OUT

WHSG PRESENTS
A Musical Fable of Broadway

GUYS + DOLLS

BASED ON A STORY AND CHARACTERS OF DAMON RUNYON
Book by
JO SWERLING and ABE BURROWS

Music and Lyrics by
FRANK LOESSER

TUESDAY 4th
WEDNESDAY 5th
THURSDAY 6th

FEBRUARY
2020
7PM

£5 TICKETS!
(sold in the foyer)

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe) All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe
www.mtschools.co.uk

Life in the Sixth Form

Year 13 does....TED talks

At the end of last term, in place of their usual enrichment lectures a number of Year 13 students took to the lectern to deliver a short lecture to the rest of their year group about something they felt was important to share. The 'Ted talks' varied in title, from *'The Sri Lankan genocide'* and *'Why you should go vegan'* to *'Freedom of speech: the right to criticise ideas'* and *'The dark side of woke culture'*. We completed the series last Thursday with a talk from Head Girl Alisha on *'The most important thing you can learn is how to think for yourself'* where we heard about the bystander effect, biases and fallacies. It was a real joy to see young people talk so passionately and fluently to their peers and was an incredibly humbling and inspiring experience. Thank you to all the Year 13 speakers who took the time to share their thoughts with us.

Lecture Series

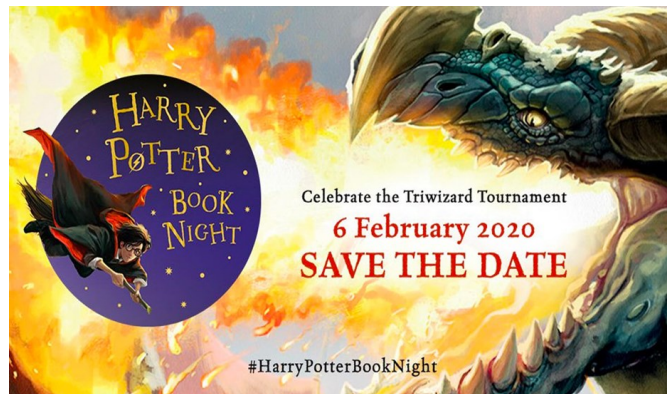
In addition to the TED talks, last term Year 13 have followed a packed enrichment lecture programme. We have welcomed a number of internal and external speakers, including a World War II refugee, a representative from the Bank of England and recently Local Councillor Manuel Abellan on the 'importance of voting' who moved us with his personal story of having to leave his home country several times due to political events. With Brexit and the General election forming a major part of our everyday lives last term, the spotlight has very much been on political and economic issues and ensuring that by the time they leave us, students are ready to become 'Makers of the Future'.

Prefect Hustings

Last Wednesday we held the Year 12 Prefect hustings where a record-breaking 64 students took to the stage to give a short campaign speech to the rest of their year group, in the hope of being chosen as one of this year's Senior Prefect team. Standing up and speaking in front of over 220 of your peers is not an easy thing to do, but we were blown away by the confidence and maturity everyone showed – we had poems, performances and even a song. Well done to all involved for putting yourselves out there and we are looking forward to naming the new team in the coming weeks.



Opportunities for Students



Come and celebrate
Harry Potter Book Night
The Library
2.50pm-4pm
Thursday 6 February

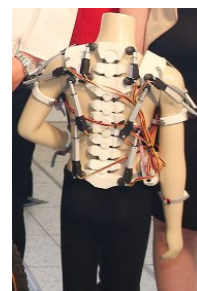
Please sign up with Mrs Murphy at the Library

IF YOU WERE an **ENGINEER** WHAT WOULD YOU DO?®

Create an engineering innovation and interview real engineers while you participate in an individual competition: engineering leaders award!!! 😊



EVERYONE IS WELCOME
Library
Wednesday lunch times.
(eat then come)



Opportunities for Students



DO YOU LIKE MATHS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LESSONS?

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME AN ENGINEER?

OR ARE YOU JUST INTERESTED IN STEM?

JOIN THE STEMILLIONS CLUB FOR YEARS 7 TO 9

EVERY FRIDAY T6 @1:15

WE WILL BE DOING EXCITING EXPERIMENTS EVERY WEEK!
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

KS5 Biology Drop Ins

Friday Lunch Time in S14

Have a topic you are struggling with? A question you cannot answer? Come and see us in S14.



SOUTH ASIAN SOCIETY

Join our club to try new and different foods, celebrate festivals and explore Asian culture by watching Bollywood movies and so much more!

ALL YEARS ARE WELCOME AT
E27 EVERY THURSDAY
LUNCH

PE Sporting Stars of the half term

The following girls have been awarded sporting star of the half term

Yasti	8 Bronte
Yetunde	8 Curie
Shu Ying	9 Johnson
Alice	9 Sharman
Elisha	10 Bronte
Cerys	11 Sharman

Advice for British passport holders if the UK leaves the EU without a deal

Be aware of the following information especially if your child is attending a school residential trip outside of the UK

New rules will apply for travel to Europe if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. You should have at least 6 months left on an adult or child passport to travel to most countries in Europe (not including Ireland).

If you renewed your current passport before the previous one expired, extra months may have been added to its expiry date. Any extra months on your passport over 10 years may not count towards the 6 months needed.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/passport-rules-for-travel-to-europe-after-brexit#stay-up-to-date>

