



THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday evening I had the pleasure of attending the final of the Design Ventura Competition at the Design Museum in Kensington. A team of four Year 9 students from WHSG was one of only ten schools shortlisted to take part in the final. Overall three hundred schools took part nationally, including over sixteen thousand students.

For this prestigious competition, supported by industry professionals, students were challenged to design a new product for the Design Museum Shop with the winning product manufactured and sold at the shop. The WHSG team's product was 'jigsters', a set of jigsaw shaped cork coasters that fit together to form a placemat. Although not overall winners on the night, many congratulations to Ishmal, Charlotte, Aryana and Sophie who walked away with the Outstanding Finalists award.



As part of the evening, there is also a Teacher of the Year award, to recognise the dedication and commitment of a teacher to supporting their students, the competition and promoting opportunities in Design. I am very pleased to say that the recipient of that award was one of our Technology teachers, Mrs Caspary. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on what is a well deserved recognition of all her hard work and commitment.

Today we held our Cultural Mufti day as part of our Black History month celebrations. Many students made the effort to come in to school in their cultural wear and all money raised goes to the charity 'Art against knives'. Pictures from the day can be found later in this edition.

Have a very enjoyable half-term

Richard Booth
Headteacher

Parents' Evenings—Early finish for ALL Students

Parents' Evenings for Years 7, 8 and 9 run from 2.00-5.30. Therefore, all students in the school will leave school early on those days at 1.05 except for those students whose parent evening it is. Morning school will run as normal.

Please note that the canteen will be open from on these days for the relevant year and for those students on Free School Meals. It will shut at 1.35pm to allow site staff to set up for parents' evening.

Year 9 - Wednesday 4 March 2020

Year 8 - Thursday 19 March 2020

Year 7 - Wednesday 29 April 2020

The Week Ahead

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

08.25-14.50—Students return to school

EEP 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

18.30-20.00—Higher Education Evening for Parents & Students

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

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2 March

Year 9 Netball @ Epsom College 9A-C

Year 13 Exam Level Testing continues until Friday 6 March



Wednesday 4 March

1.05—Early finish for ALL students EXCEPT Year 9

14.00-17.30—Year 9 Parents' Evening

Friday 6 March

19.00-22.00—Years 7 & 8 PFA Disco

Wednesday 11 March

08.50-10.50—Year 8 PSHCE - CSE - Periods 1 & 2

13.05-13.50—Sustainability Society – lunch-time clothing sale

16.00-18.00—Fempower Awards

Thursday 12 March

08.25-14.50—Enrichment Day

Friday 13 March

19.00-22.00—PFA Quiz Evening

Wednesday 18 March

16.00-18.00—Careers Evening (3)

Thursday 19 March

1.05—Early finish for ALL students EXCEPT Year 8

14.00-17.30—Year 8 Parents' Evening

Monday 23 March

15.00-17.00—Gym & Dance Rehearsal (Hall)

Tuesday 24 March

08.25-14.50—Gym & Dance Rehearsal (hall)

08.25-14.50—Year 12 Mott MacDonald Celebration Day

Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 March

19.00-21.00—Gym & Dance Display

Friday 27 March

INSET Day for all Students

Student Investor Challenge

Congratulations to all students below who took part in the Student Investor Challenge (<https://www.studentinvestor.org/>) - investing virtual money to try and increase its value using the stock exchange.

Out of the 12 teams that entered for WHSG we are really pleased that 2 have made it through to the semi finals - this is very impressive and even more so when you realise that only 500 teams in total make it to this stage out of the 9215 teams in the UK wide competition. An additional congratulations goes to the 'A-Team' who were placed 61st so far - it is all to play for in the semi-final. Best of luck.

Cultural Mufti Day—In aid of Art Against Knives



First Give Presentations

Since September Year 10 have been engaged in an advocacy project with First Give, this included them thinking about the social issues in their local communities and reaching out to a small charity that would benefit from support. In their form groups they have been raising awareness about their chosen charities through a variety of social actions and by giving a presentation about the work they have done in the hopes to secure a £1000 donation for their charity. All of Year 10 have worked exceptionally hard on this project over the last term and have shown a great amount of effort and dedication on behalf of their charities. This is especially true for those students who participated in the final presentations on the 10 February. Huge congratulations go to 10 Sharman who were the overall winners and secured the £1000 for the charity Homestart Sutton. Well done to everyone who participated.

Mrs K Stockley

PSHCE Co-ordinator

10 Sharman:

As part of First Give, 10 Sharman chose to support Home Start Sutton, and the charity supports young children and their families by offering regular support, friendship and practical help to them in their own homes. The social issue of struggling families is really important to all of us in 10 Sharman because we all know someone who faces challenges with young children (whether emotional or financial), and after all, children are the future, so we wanted to support as many people in the London Borough of Sutton as possible. As part of the First Give Project, our social action was wearing purple and orange ribbons, which are the colours of Home Start, to show our support of the charity, we also created a poster about all the wonderful work that Home Start Sutton do and how to contact them, which was put in the Student Bulletin to raise further awareness for the charity. In addition to this, we delivered presentations to Year 8's about who Home Start are, what they do and why they are important to the families living in the area and we challenged them to tell at least 5 people about Home Start Sutton, so that we could spread the message even further than our school. We feel extremely enriched by the First Give program as we were given to the opportunity to learn about some of the most prevalent social issues that affect our community and to help raise awareness for the charities that address them. We were also very honoured to represent Home Start in the First Give final on Monday 10 February and win £1000 for the charity! If you would like to visit the Home Start Sutton website to learn more about the fantastic work they do or receive some help yourself, then go to:- <https://homestartsutton.org.uk/> or alternatively call them on 0208 647 6501.



10 Curie:

The social issue which we wanted to raise awareness about was child cancer. We can only imagine how difficult it must be to live with this illness every day. So, as a class we decided to choose the charity Momentum. Momentum support children and their families from all over South West London, Surrey and West Sussex. This incredible charity supports these families and these children by providing support workers, practical and emotional therapy, extra-curricular activities, music therapy and holiday for the families to help offload their worries. As a class we really love what Momentum is trying to do for these families and kids. This work is very special and will make the struggle of cancer a lot easier to live with.

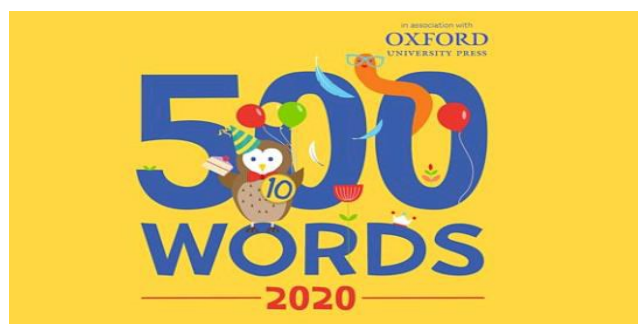
For our social action we chose to put posters around in some of the busiest areas of the school. We sent Kahoot quizzes by email around the school. We then decorated our form room, G4 with a banner with momentum's name and what it does. After this we did a hand painting project with gold paint which is the colour to signify child cancer. Truly we are grateful for being able to support this altruistic-natured charity this past year. Currently the charity is run entirely by volunteers with no government funding to support around 200 families directly, whose children are undergoing treatment. As well as this, the charity supports 75 bereaved families with their Momentum Echoes group. You can contact the number 020 8974 5931, or email info@moment-um.org to get in touch with this wonderful charity. Momentum is bringing all these families so much joy.



10 Seacole:

10 Seacole supported the charity Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid, BCWA. BCWA have been working to end domestic abuse since 1975; the charity focusses on maintaining the independence, confidence and self-esteem of anyone they help, being responsive to the needs of individuals in a culturally appropriate and sensitive way and treating their residents, staff and partners with honesty, integrity and respect. We chose this charity because it not only displays some core values of Wallington High School for Girls, but we believe that domestic abuse as a social issue does not get as much recognition as it should. Domestic abuse is a very important problem that isn't highlighted enough and affects 56% of young people and 25% of women of all ages. In order to find out more about the charity and the issue as a whole, the charity representatives from 10 Seacole (Felicity and Niamh) contacted BCWA and were able to arrange a morning in which the charity was able to visit us. We spoke to a wonderful charity worker called Shirin who told us all about the charity and answered all of our questions. Moreover, to help raise awareness to students and staff in our school of the severity of this issue, we took part in a social action called the Silent Circle. This involved 10 Seacole spending a lunchtime standing silently in a circle in the quad and holding hands whilst holding up posters. This circle was representative of the victims suffering in silence that BCWA aims to help and we believe it was effective as it attracted the interest of many passers-by. To bring all of our work together, five students from 10 Seacole (Felicity, Niamh, Elsa, Joelle and Namitha) presented our charity and social issue to a panel of judges including the Mayor of Sutton and Mr Booth, our head teacher. Although we didn't win, First Give has been an amazing opportunity to bring to light something we are passionate about and to educate others about domestic abuse, and in terms of raising awareness for this issue, we don't intend for it to end here.





All entries must be received by **Thursday 27 February at 8pm.**

Please also send an email to Ms Lloyd (silloyd@wallingtongirls.org.uk) to let her know that you have entered this competition.

How to enter

500 Words is open to any child who is aged between 5 and 13 years old on 12th June 2020, and is a full time resident of the UK.

All stories must be submitted via the online form on our website. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HgL2GFCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>

For more information on how to enter a story into this year's competition, please visit our **Submit Your Story page**

Dates for your diary

All entries must be received by **Thursday 27 February at 8pm.**

This year's 500 Words Final will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 2 from Buckingham Palace, on The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show, on Friday 12 June.

What are the prizes?

As well attending a spectacular 500 Words Final at Buckingham Palace where superstar celebrities will read the winning stories live on the radio, six amazing illustrators: Tony Ross, Fiona Lumbers, David McKee, Sue Cheung, David Roberts, and Margaret Sturton – will each be set the task of illustrating one the winning stories.

The winners in each age category will also receive:

Gold Winners - Chris Evans' height in books and 500 books for their school.

Silver Winners - HRH The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books.

Bronze Winners - Their own height in books.

There is also a **BRAND NEW** Prize for 2020 and it doesn't matter how good your story is just that you enter one.

One entrant will be selected at random to receive a fabulous book bundle and an invite to the final (for child plus a parent or guardian). They will also win 500 books for their school – so the more pupils a school has that has entered the more chances they have of winning a brand new library.

Get started

To help you get started, our website is packed full of helpful hints and terrific tips to bust through the writer's block.

Download a learning pack from the Learn section <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/J5GH9skxCc1ngyT5GWqYlj/learning-resources>

where you can also find advice from our celebrity judges Frank Cottrell Boyce and Charlie Higson in the 500 Words Live Lesson - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/500-words-2020-live-lesson/zn7jkmn>

Pop over to the 500 Words Blog <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4yL69YQYVN0JG7tg63qbY62/the-500-words-blog-let-your-imagination-play> to discover top tips to create terrific tales written by previous winners, amazing authors and a few of the 500 Words elves.

Opportunities for Students



YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11 PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS

**DROP IN WITH YEAR 12 MENTORS:
WEDNESDAYS [CO5] AND THURSDAYS [CO3]**

PE Sporting Stars of the half term

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

<i>Lucie</i>	<i>7 Seacole</i>
<i>Alice</i>	<i>8 Johnson</i>
<i>Piranaya</i>	<i>9 Seacole</i>
<i>Jessica</i>	<i>9 Johnson</i>
<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>11 Curie</i>
<i>Zuley</i>	<i>11 Johnson</i>

WEDNESDAY LUNCH IN C4

Sustainability Society



Climate change is no joke! If we continue acting in the same way, we are heading to a 3°C increase in global temperatures. Come along to learn how you can make a difference. Everyone is welcome :))

MUSIC NOTICES

All Music clubs will continue as normal after half term. Please note that the SPRING CONCERT is on Tuesday 31 March, so it is important that you attend ALL rehearsals in preparation.

Chamber Choir- there will be no after school rehearsal on Wednesday 4 March due to Year 9 parents evening. Please come to gospel choir rehearsal on Thursday 5 March instead! (so that we can rehearse 'the song' together!)

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)

Gym and Dance Showcase 2020

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Audition Process

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

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

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

If you would like to audition for this years Gym and Dance display please sign up on the relevant sign-up sheet outside the PE office. You will need to show a minimum of 2 mins max of 3.5 mins for Dance and a minimum of 1.5 mins and max of 3 mins for Gym.

Please arrive with your music either on CD or YouTube. We will not be playing music from your phones.

Remember this years theme is **Decades** so ensure you have a theme that links to this!

In celebration of **International Women's Day**, we are delighted to invite your students to attend our afternoon event, **Coding De-Coded**, at our Goldman Sachs London office on Saturday 7 March.

The afternoon is aimed towards Year 10 – Year 13 students and will allow them to experience technology in an engaging, informal and fun way! We will be partnering with [Cypher Coding](#) who will be helping attendees create patterns using code. These patterns will then be printed on a tote bag for participants to keep. Students require no technology or coding experience to attend this event.



Interested in learning about the possibilities of Technology?

[See yourself here.](#)

At Goldman Sachs, we believe who you are makes you better at what you do. We seek out people with all types of skills, interests and experiences. Even if you've never imagined a career in finance, there's a place for you here.

For us, it's all about bringing together people who are curious, collaborative and have the drive to make things possible for our clients and communities.

We'd love to meet you—Join us for an informal and engaging afternoon at our London offices in celebration of International Women's Day.

If you would like to attend this event, please register your interest by emailing gscampusrecruitingld1@gs.com before Tuesday 25 February.

Include the below details in your email:

- Full Name
- Email Address
- School
- School Year



Coding De-Coded

Join us for an informal and engaging afternoon at our London offices in celebration of International Women's Day where we will be showcasing coding in an exciting new way!

Please note no coding or technology experience is required to attend this event.

Saturday 7 March 2020

1:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.

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