

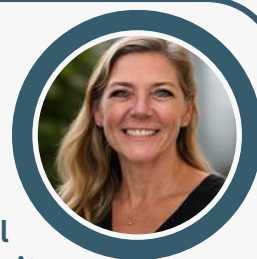


HEIRS AND MAKERS

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE:



As we reach the end of another successful academic year, it gives me great pleasure to reflect on everything our students have achieved over the past few months. This edition of Heirs and Makers captures just a small snapshot of school life, but I hope it conveys the incredible energy, enthusiasm and sense of community that makes Wallington High School for Girls such a special place.

Throughout the summer term, our students have continued to embody our school values of Curiosity, Courage and Compassion. Whether participating in educational visits, representing the school in competitions, performing in concerts, volunteering in the community, leading events, or simply supporting one another each day, they have demonstrated that success at Wallington extends far beyond examination results.

One of the greatest strengths of our school is the breadth of opportunity available to every student. We firmly believe that education is about much more than academic achievement. It is about discovering new interests, developing confidence, building friendships, and finding the courage to step outside your comfort zone. This term alone has seen students enjoying enrichment days, residential visits, sports competitions, music performances, leadership conferences, cultural celebrations and countless opportunities to explore new experiences. It has been wonderful to see so many students embracing these opportunities with enthusiasm and determination.

Our students have also achieved remarkable success in the classroom and beyond. Whether competing nationally in Mathematics, representing Surrey and England in sporting competitions, showcasing their talents through the arts, or demonstrating leadership within our community, they continue to inspire us with their ambition, resilience and commitment. We are incredibly proud not only of what they achieve, but also of the kindness, humility and respect they show along the way. We are also very excited that some of our students have been invited to represent the school at the 2026 Vitality Blast Women's Cricket Finals Day at the Kia Oval on Friday 17th July!

As always, none of this would be possible without the dedication of our exceptional staff. Their commitment to providing the very best educational experience for our students, both inside and outside the classroom, is evident throughout every page of this newsletter. I would also like to thank our parents and carers for the encouragement and support you continue to provide. The partnership between home and school is one of our greatest strengths, and together we help our young people flourish.

As another academic year draws to a close, I hope you enjoy reading about the many achievements celebrated throughout these pages. They are a testament to a school community that works together, supports one another, and continually strives for excellence.

On behalf of everyone at Wallington High School for Girls, I wish all our students, families and staff a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year as we continue to live our motto and inspire our young people to become truly Heirs of the Past; Makers of the Future.

-Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher

YEAR 13 PRIZEGIVING

On 24th April, we held our Year 13 Prize Giving event, where we were delighted to welcome back former student Claire Norman-Maillet to help celebrate the achievements of our current cohort. The afternoon was a wonderful occasion and a true showcase of the breadth of accomplishments our students achieved during their seven years at Wallington High School for Girls. We were immensely proud of them all.



ST GEORGES DAY TEA PARTY

We also marked St George's Day on 23rd April, with a delightful afternoon tea, bringing staff and students together to enjoy a relaxed and celebratory occasion.

The event featured a selection of traditional treats, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere across the school. It provided a lovely opportunity for the community to pause, connect and celebrate, adding a touch of festivity to the summer term and reflecting the strong sense of togetherness at Wallington High School for Girls.



YEAR 11 LAST DAY

We said a formal farewell to our Year 11 students with a wonderful leavers' assembly, which included speeches, videos, a photo booth and even an ice cream van. It was a special occasion, filled with both laughter and a sense of nostalgia, as students reflected on their time at the school. In wishing them well for their forthcoming examinations, we reminded them that they are not defined solely by exam results, but by their character, kindness and the relationships they have built during their time here.



YEAR 13 LAST DAY

On the 7th May, we bid a fond farewell to our incredible Year 13 cohort with a memorable final day filled with celebration and reflection. The sunshine set the perfect backdrop as students enjoyed pizza and burgers, refreshing cold drinks, and a much-anticipated visit from the ice cream van. Tables were set up on the field as students embraced the tradition of signing shirts and sharing messages with friends, whilst others had fun on an inflatable Hungry Hippos game! The day also included heartfelt goodbye videos and presentations, giving students and staff the opportunity to look back on their journey and celebrate the many achievements of this exceptional year group.



MUSIC RECITAL

Our KS3 Music Recital was a delightful celebration of talent, with students performing a range of vocal and instrumental pieces. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they took to the stage, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the variety and enthusiasm on display.



WALLINGTON WALK

On 25th May, students from Years 7–12 took part in the annual Wallington Walk, completing an 8km route around the local area in their house teams. The event was a fantastic opportunity for students to come together, show team spirit, and enjoy the outdoors, all while raising money towards our new Science Labs.



AUTHOR VISITS

We were delighted to welcome Paula Akpan to WHSG on Wednesday 3rd June.

Year 8 students heard about her career so far and her book *When We Ruled: The Rise and Fall of Twelve African Queens and Warriors*, exploring leadership, power and history beyond the textbook, with a book signing at lunch to finish the day.



SIXTH FORM INDUCTION DAY

Year 11 students were warmly welcomed to their Sixth Form Induction Day on 24th June, beginning with a welcome assembly that set the tone for the year ahead. Students had the opportunity to explore a wide range of activities and meet staff and peers at the Electives and Societies Fair, gaining insight into the many enrichment opportunities available. The day also included a series of engaging taster lessons, allowing students to experience a variety of subjects and teaching styles as they prepare for their chosen courses. Lunch alongside the prefect team provided a relaxed chance to ask questions and build connections, before the day concluded with a final talk for external candidates, reflecting on expectations and aspirations.



YEAR 11 PROM

Year 11 students celebrated their Prom on 26th June at Farleigh Golf Club, marking a memorable end to their time at school. Students made an arrival with a stylish red carpet entrance, pausing for photographs before enjoying refreshments and mocktails. The evening then moved into the main room, where a fantastic atmosphere was created with a DJ, lively dancing, and a popular photo booth capturing special moments with friends. A delicious buffet was also provided, ensuring everyone could relax and celebrate together. It was a truly special occasion, full of joy and lasting memories as students marked this important milestone.



CULTURAL WEEK

Cultural Week, thoughtfully organised by our EDI student team, provided a meaningful opportunity to celebrate diversity and learn more about different cultures within our school community. Throughout the week, students engaged in a variety of activities designed to promote understanding, inclusion and appreciation of global traditions. The week culminated in a vibrant Cultural Catwalk, where students proudly shared elements of their heritage and identity, creating a powerful and joyful celebration of culture across the school.



SPORTS DAY

Sports Day provided a fantastic highlight of the term- it had an incredible atmosphere throughout. Students in all year groups demonstrated determination, resilience and outstanding team spirit, supporting one another and competing with pride across a wide range of track and field events. The standard of performance was exceptionally high, with an impressive 11 school records broken over the course of the day. The closely fought battle for house points added to the excitement, with Athena ultimately crowned Overall Champions. A particularly memorable moment came at the end of the day with the staff inflatable race, where Mr Parkinson, dressed as a shark, delighted students by racing to victory.



YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAY

Year 6 Induction Day gave students a warm and welcoming introduction to school life at Wallington. They met their tutors and prefects, took part in icebreaker activities, and enjoyed a fun treasure hunt around the school to explore their new surroundings. The day also included a range of engaging taster lessons and time to build friendships, leaving students feeling confident, excited and ready for September.

SEND WELLBEING EVENT

Students enjoyed a special SEND Wellbeing Celebration on 3rd July, featuring a visit from a range of friendly animals. The experience offered a calm and supportive opportunity to interact with and learn about different species, with students able to hold, stroke and feed animals such as guinea pigs, rabbits, goats, a tortoise and even a pony. The event was a wonderful success, bringing smiles, excitement and a brilliant Enrichment opportunity for all involved.



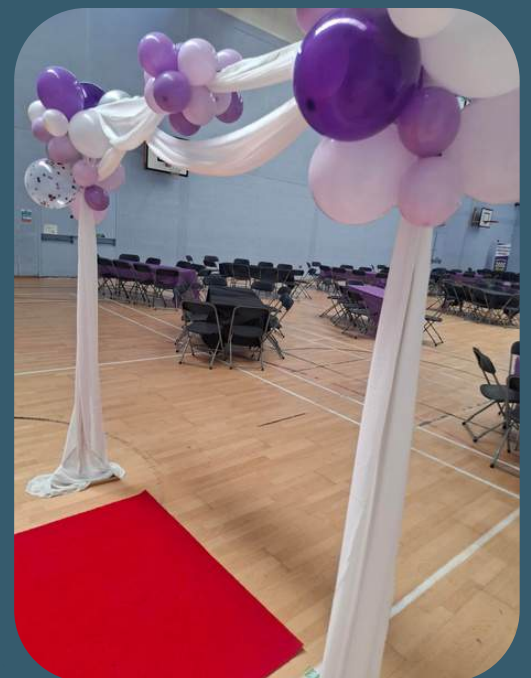
OPEN EVENING

Open Evening on 7th July was a fantastic success, with hundreds of our students playing an important role as departmental helpers and tour guides across the school. Over 3000 visitors were able to explore the school and experience the very best of each department, with engaging displays and activities showcasing the breadth of opportunities on offer. The evening also included a Headteacher's talk, providing families with a clear insight into the school's vision and values. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome prospective students and families, and our students represented the school with pride, enthusiasm and confidence throughout.

SPORTS AWARDS

Our annual Sports Awards evening brought together students and their families for a special celebration of sporting achievement and commitment across the school. The event recognised the dedication, talent and success of students involved in teams, clubs and competitions throughout the year. Guests enjoyed food and refreshments before the ceremony, which highlighted a wide range of individual and team accomplishments. We were also delighted to welcome Judy Vernon as our keynote speaker for the evening.

It was a fantastic opportunity to reflect on an outstanding year of sport, with students celebrated not only for their performance but also for their teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship.





SUMMER FAIR

The Summer Fair, held on 10th July, was a fantastic community event filled with fun and energy, as we came together to raise money for a water pump/well. Students ran a wide variety of stalls, creating a lively atmosphere for all to enjoy, alongside music that kept spirits high throughout the afternoon. One of the highlights was the ever-popular “Sponge the Teacher” stall, which brought plenty of laughter and excitement. It was a wonderful way to end the term, with the whole school community coming together to support a meaningful cause

MAKERS OF THE FUTURE DAY/WELL DONE WALLINGTON AWARDS

Makers of the Future Day brought together students across Years 7–10 for a purposeful and engaging day focused on developing key skills for life beyond the classroom. Through a variety of activities, including careers talks, workshops, and use of the Unifrog platform, students reflected on their strengths, explored future pathways and gained valuable insights into education, employment and personal development. Sessions on wellbeing, personal safety, financial literacy and first aid further supported students in building confidence and independence, while the ever-competitive House Quiz added a fun and spirited element to the day.

We also celebrated our Well Done Wallington Awards, recognising students across Years 7–10 for their achievements and contributions throughout the year. Students were nominated across categories including School Spirit, Effort and Subject Achievement, with nominations coming from tutors, subject teachers and Heads of Department. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the hard work, resilience and positive attitudes of our students, with all nominees receiving certificates in recognition of their success.



SUMMER TERM ENRICHMENT DAYS

MAY

Our May Enrichment Day was a true highlight, with students across the school engaging in an inspiring variety of activities, visits and experiences. Year 8 students enjoyed a memorable residential trip to High Ashurst and Blacklands Farm, embracing every moment despite encountering sunshine, hail and even thunderstorms all in one day!

Elsewhere, Year 7 explored culture and creativity with a visit to Tate Britain, alongside an exciting in-school Forensics Day. Year 9 students took part in a thought-provoking Rap Therapy workshop, while Year 10 delved into the past with a history-focused visit to Greenwich.

Sixth Form students in Year 12 rounded off the week with a trip to Thorpe Park.

JULY

Students across the school enjoyed two vibrant Enrichment Days in July, filled with opportunities to explore, challenge themselves and try something new.

Year 7 took part in an overnight residential at Walton Firs, enjoying activities such as climbing, bushcraft and archery, while building independence and teamwork. Year 8 students visited Port Lympne Safari Park and Brighton and Hove, combining wildlife experiences with the excitement of the coast.

Year 9 followed a varied programme, including a theatre trip to see War Horse, a whole-year visit to Thorp Lakes, and engaging in-school options such as Lego Robotics and gardening. Meanwhile, Year 10 students gained insight into higher education through a University of Surrey taster day, or enjoyed hands-on learning during the in-school Hovercraft Day, alongside a creative Art Zine workshop.

These opportunities are a vital part of school life, helping to foster confidence, curiosity and a spirit of adventure, while broadening students' experiences beyond the classroom.



TRIPS

It has been another busy and exciting term, with students across all year groups taking part in a wide range of educational visits, competitions and enrichment opportunities.

Our Geography students enjoyed several memorable fieldwork experiences. Year 10 spent a week at Osmington Bay, developing their geographical knowledge and teamwork skills through a variety of outdoor learning activities. Year 10 also visited the London Docklands, exploring urban regeneration and development first-hand. Meanwhile, Year 12 geographers took part in visits to Croydon and the South Coast, gaining valuable experience in data collection and geographical investigation to support their studies.

Our mathematicians represented the school superbly at a Mathematics Competition in Manchester, demonstrating determination, problem-solving and resilience whilst competing against students from across the country.

Students also benefited from a number of higher education and careers-focused opportunities. Visits to Royal Holloway University and Team Global in London provided valuable insight into future study and employment pathways, helping students to explore their aspirations beyond school.

We are incredibly proud of the students who participated in our Primary School Volunteering Programme, where they acted as positive role models and developed their leadership, communication and mentoring skills while supporting younger pupils.

The term also saw students represent the school at the Girls Learning Trust First Student Conference in Carshalton, where they collaborated with peers from across the Trust, shared ideas and developed their confidence as young leaders.

International experiences continued to be a highlight, with students enjoying a memorable Rhineland residential trip and a successful week-long visit to Berlin. These trips provided fantastic opportunities to develop cultural understanding, language skills and independence while exploring important historical and cultural landmarks.

In addition, every year group participated in two dedicated enrichment days, taking part in either educational visits or engaging in-school activities designed to broaden experiences, develop new skills and enrich learning beyond the classroom.

These opportunities have played an important role in enhancing students' learning, building confidence and creating lasting memories. We are grateful to all staff who organised and accompanied these events, helping to make them such a success.



SPORTS

It has been another outstanding period for sport at Wallington Girls, with students achieving success across a range of competitions at borough and county level.

Our Year 7 football team were crowned Sutton Champions following an impressive 6-2 victory in the final, completing a fantastic season with a well-deserved title.

In cricket, our teams have continued to perform strongly. The Year 8 teams enjoyed a successful afternoon against Nonsuch, with the B team securing an excellent victory, while the Year 10 team demonstrated great teamwork and determination in a competitive fixture against Croydon High. A particular highlight came from our Under 15 cricket team, who were crowned Surrey Champions after outstanding performances throughout the county finals.

Athletics has also been a major success this term. Our Inter Girls relay team progressed in the English Schools Athletics Competition by winning the second round, earning a place in the next stage of the competition. At the Sutton Borough Athletics Championships, WHSG students delivered exceptional performances, winning 21 individual medals (8 gold, 7 silver and 6 bronze) as well as three relay medals, helping the school finish second overall in the girls' competition.

Students have also been competing enthusiastically in our annual Interhouse competitions. Congratulations to Athena House, who claimed both the Year 7 and Year 8 Interhouse Tennis titles.

Congratulations to all of our students who have represented the school this term. Their commitment, resilience and sportsmanship have been exceptional, and we look forward to seeing their continued success in the future.



MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT – SUMMER TERM HIGHLIGHTS

The Summer Term has been packed with exciting opportunities for students to explore mathematics beyond the classroom, compete against some of the country's strongest young mathematicians, and develop their problem-solving skills.

Year 12 students enjoyed two excellent enrichment events. A group of mathematicians attended the Integration Bee at Sutton Grammar School, where they learnt integration techniques well beyond the A Level syllabus before competing against local schools.

Students found the challenge both demanding and enjoyable. They also attended an outreach day at Wilson's School, learning about university applications for mathematics and related subjects, tackling TMUA and STEP-style questions, and enjoying Dr Shao's fascinating talk, "My Infinity is Bigger Than Your Infinity."

A team of Tanishqa, Rachel, Shriya and Emisha represented the school at the UKMT Team Maths Challenge National Final in Manchester after qualifying through their outstanding regional performance. Competing against 60 of the strongest schools in the UK, the team demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and mathematical thinking.

Students in Years 7 and 8 also achieved impressive success in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge. Hundreds of certificates were awarded across the two year groups, with Tanishqa (Year 8) achieving the highest score in the school and qualifying, alongside Chen Hui, Rachel and Manha, for the prestigious Junior Mathematical Olympiad.

In the Junior Mathematical Olympiad, our four qualifiers performed exceptionally well. Tanishqa achieved a Best in School Merit, while Rachel and Chen Hui were both awarded Merits.

Following the Junior Mathematical Challenge, 53 students qualified for the Junior Kangaroo follow-on round. Particularly notable performances came from Mia (Year 8) and Vianne (Year 7), who achieved the highest scores in their respective year groups.

We are incredibly proud of our exceptional students who have been selected to take part in the prestigious Parallel Academy programme, we know they have undertaken a large amount of independent work and have been thriving on the challenge it offers. Students also continued to participate enthusiastically in Parallelograms, the weekly national mathematics challenge run by the Parallel Project. Special congratulations go to Aksharaa and Isha, who completed every available challenge throughout the year, demonstrating remarkable dedication and perseverance.

Our students also enjoyed success in the University of Southampton Mathematics Challenges, a prestigious competition attracting over 1,000 entries from schools across southern England. Eva (Year 7) achieved a Third Prize, while Tanishqa (Year 8) earned a Merit. In the senior competition, Mugdha (Year 10), Daniya (Year 10) and Alice (Year 9) all received Merits, with Alice continuing her impressive record of winning prizes for the third consecutive year.

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT

In June we ran our annual inter-house Maths events for both Year 7 and Year 8 students. Following a close competition, the House winners for 2026 were Seacole (Year 7) and Sharman (Year 8). Representing Curie, the Year 8 team comprising of Saanvi, Manha, Sanjana and Trisha scored full marks in their challenge, which was a fantastic achievement. The team relay was also an exciting event with students racing against the clock to solve as many mathematical problems as possible. For Year 8 the team relay was won by Curie, whilst the team with the highest score for Year 7 was Sharman. The relay questions for Year 7 incorporated a high level of challenge and the members of team Sharman (Sarah, Hiya, Megan, Emily and Ella) demonstrated both determination and clear mathematical reasoning to reach their winning total.



The Summer Term also marked the launch of the Maths Book Club for our Year 12 students. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm of our students to read about aspects of Mathematics that are beyond the main curriculum. We look forward to hearing their thoughts on the books when we reconvene in the Autumn.

These achievements reflect not only mathematical talent but also curiosity, resilience and a willingness to embrace challenging problems. Congratulations to all students who participated in mathematics enrichment activities this term.