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THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Everyone has settled in quickly at the start of the new academic year and the summer holidays already feel like a dim and distant memory. Welcome back to our regular readers and also a warm welcome our new readers who have joined us this year. I thought I would give you an update as to all the things that took place over the summer break.

We were delighted with both our A level and GCSE results this summer. This year's A level results were once again very good with 43% of all grades at A*/A and 70% of all grades at A*-B. This included eight students who achieved straight A* at A level and these results meant that the majority of Year 13 students got a place at their first choice university and including places at Oxford or Cambridge. Very well done and congratulations to everyone.

Equally, a very well done to last year's Year 11 who achieved a very impressive 82% grades 9 to 7 at GCSE with a third of all grades being a grade 9 and 61% grade 8 or better. This included six students who achieved grade 9s in all of their examinations out of the 873 students nationally who did this. Overall a wonderful set of achievements that reflects the enormous hard work that our students had put in alongside the support and dedication of the staff, not forgetting the very important part that parents play as well.

The holidays also saw the safe return of our World Challenge expedition group who spent four weeks in Swaziland and Mozambique having an amazing time trekking and carrying out volunteer work. Our School Premises team have also been working hard over the summer to smarten up areas of the school in readiness for the new school year. We have refurbished our computer rooms, the top floor science labs as well as redecorating the stairwells in the G corridor.

We welcome a number of new staff this year including Ms L Sepanya (Mathematics), Mr R Green (Chemistry), Miss Y Dowlet (Physics), Miss H Choi (Physics), Miss H Gilmore (Mathematics), Mrs E Olulari (Biology), Mrs S Krissan (Computing) and Mr J Carter (History). We also welcome Mrs N Ahmad who is providing maternity cover in Mathematics.

The start of this term has also seen a number of staff taking up new roles within the school: Mrs C Godyn as Acting Deputy Headteacher, Mr J Donnelly as Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum & Standards), Mrs A Etherington as Director of Humanities and Head of Theology and Philosophy, Mrs L Davis as Head of Key Stage 4 Mathematics and Miss L Finnigan as Head of Year 10. Miss A Burgess will be taking over as Head of PE & Dance whilst Mrs S Collins is on maternity leave, Miss J Lake taking over as Deputy Head of PE, Ms Muir takes over responsibility for Enrichment and Education Visits, again whilst Mrs S Collins is on maternity leave and Mrs K Merrick takes over as Deputy head of Chemistry whilst Mrs K Hughes is on maternity leave.

Finally, a reminder that we are running our Parent Information Evenings for Years 7,10 and 12 in the next few weeks. This is an opportunity to learn more about the various priorities, expectations and key dates for the year ahead for your daughter as well as guidance on how we can work with parents to best support their daughters over the year both academically and pastorally. There will also be an opportunity to meet your daughter's form tutor. This is a valuable opportunity to learn more about your daughter's education so we expect all parents to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

R V Booth
Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 10 September

18.00-19.30—Year 10 Parents' Information Evening

Wednesday 11 September

Drama Workshops

13.15-13.45—Year 7 Extra Curricular Fair

Thursday 12 September

18.00-19.30—Year 12 Parents' Information Evening

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17 September

INSET DAY—no students in school—

Selective ability test for prospective students



Thursday 19 September

18.00-19.30—Year 7 Parents' Information Evening

Tuesday 24 September

19.00-20.30—PFA Meeting

Wednesday 25 September

15.00-18.30—Year 13 Mini Medical Interviews for Prospective Medics

Wednesday 2 October

13.50-14.50—UCL Medical Science talk to Year 12

Thursday 3 October

18.00-19.30—Oxbridge Information Evening

Wednesday 9 October

08.25-14.50—GCSE Music Recording

Thursday 10 October

13.50-14.50—Year 7 House Cross Country

Monday 14—Friday 18 October

Year 12 Geography visit to Osmington Bay

Tuesday 15 October

08.25-14.50—Year 7 Meet the Tutor (by Appointment)

Thursday 17 October

Sixth Form Open Evening - Internal students 5.30, External Students 6.30

Friday 18 October










09.40—Late start for ALL students following Sixth form open evening

Monday 21—Friday 25 October

HALF TERM



Welcome to our New Staff at WHSG

		
Mrs Ahmad Maths	Mr Carter History	Miss Choi Physics
		
Miss Dowlet Physics	Miss Gilmore Maths	Mr Green Chemistry
		
Mrs Krissan Computing	Mrs Olulari Biology	Ms Sepanya Maths





Design a T-Shirt Competition

To support the above event the Council of Europe has created a “design a t-shirt” competition to promote languages and language learning. The competition is open to all students from Years 7 – 13.

Please keep in mind the following;

- The design should be about languages, **not** countries. So please don't use flags or similar. You can use up to 3 colours. You can submit any number of versions using different colours but send all of them in one email.
- Create a simple design that is not too complex or that has small details. This will increase printing quality.
- The design cannot go over the seams of the t-shirt and it must be placed on the front. The maximum printing surface is 30 cm x 30 cm
- The design cannot contain third party copyright logos or material.
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Students should submit the design by 31 December, 2019 using the website; <https://edl.ecml.at/Activities/EDLT-ShirtContest/tabid/3147/Default.aspx>

The winning design will be used in all promotional materials for the European Day of Languages and the winner will also receive up to 10 T-shirts to give to her classmates!

Mrs Hopgood
Director of Languages

So how are we going to celebrate European day of Languages in school?

- **Special canteen menu on Thursday, 26 September – food is important!**
 - **Quiz in tutor time – edible prizes**
- **150 Year 8 students will be entered into an international VOCABEXPRESS competition**
 - **Year 7 House Spelling Bee Competition in February**
- **Spanish Salsa lessons, French Ceroc and German line dancing later in the year**

What's going on in the Library?



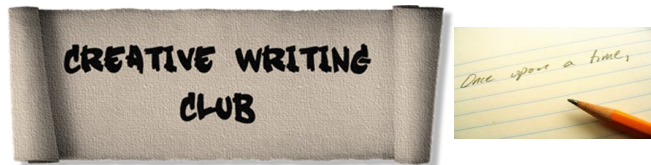
Board Games Club

Wednesday & Thursday

- After school

The Library

(Starts the 18 September)



CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

Do you love writing stories and poetry?

Then join Creative Writing Club

Tuesdays After School

The Library

(Starts 24 September)

Library Gardeners wanted



Students wanted to help care for the library garden and help grow carrots, potatoes and herbs outside the front of the library.

If you are interested please speak to Mrs Murphy in the library.

Craft Club



Maker Space: creative

Monday Lunch

In the library

Rock painting, pom poms, making badges and lots more

(Starts 23 September)



Maker Space: STEM

Every Wednesday Lunch

In the library

(Starts 25 September)



Do you love books, are you very organised?

We are looking for students to help out in the library at lunch

All years welcome!

Speak to Mrs Murphy in the library for more details.