



THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now three weeks into the new academic term and it is good to see that everyone has settled back into school life. The beginning of this term is always a busy time and this year has been no exception.

We have been encouraging everyone to get involved in the extra-curricular life of the school and it was great to see so many Year 7 students at our Extra-Curricular Fayre last week, signing up for a range of clubs and societies.

In the last few weeks, we have held Parent Information Evenings for Years 10 and 12 and yesterday we held one for our new Year 7 Parents. Thank you to everyone who attended; as usual it has been great to meet and speak to parents and we hope you found these evenings useful in terms of supporting you to in turn support your daughters at the different stages of their education.

One of the things we are looking to develop this year is to equip our students with a better understanding as to how they can learn most effectively. To this end we have come up with eight key principles (or aphorisms) for learning success that we believe best sum up what students should be focusing on. These are:

Knowledge is Power	Deliberate practice makes perfect
Learning is the residue of thought	Feedback presents a potent opportunity
Performance is not the same as learning	Struggle is necessary for growth
Mastery takes time, variety and forgetting	Excellent is born from studying excellence

Over the coming weeks we will be talking to students about these principles and what they mean as well as sharing them in more detail with you as parents.

Finally, we ran our Selective Eligibility Test for prospective Year 7 students this week, with over 1300 candidates sitting the test at Wallington through the day. Thank you to our excellent team of Year 13 student helpers who were great at putting any nervous candidates at ease on the day and marshalling them between venues.

Have a great weekend

R V Booth
Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 24 September

19.00-20.30—PFA Meeting

Wednesday 25 September

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

Dates for your Diary

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



Canteen

Last year it was agreed that students who have forgotten their sQuid card, but who have sufficient funds on their card, would be allowed to show their Oyster card to the canteen staff as proof of ID.

However, this process takes a long time for the staff to locate the student name and form and then check to see if there are sufficient funds on their card. There were 11 students in a row today who did not have their sQuid card and were only in possession of their Oyster card!

From Monday, those students who do not have their sQuid card with them (but have sufficient funds on their card) must wait until the queue has disappeared before queuing themselves.

If students have lost their sQuid card, they should go to the canteen for a replacement.

Students without sufficient funds on their sQuid card should still go to reception for a blue card.

Parking around the School

Please can I remind parents and carers that we enjoy a cordial relationship with our neighbours. Please be considerate if parking on the road especially when dropping off or collecting your daughter. We ask that you do not block entrances, exits, garages or park in a way that will cause them inconvenience. Please do not block the staff entrances to the school.

Unless your daughter is ill and you have been called to collect her from school or you hold a permit from ourselves, there is absolutely no dropping off or parking on school premises.

Please remind your daughters to be vigilant at all times when entering and leaving the school and to be mindful of her own safety—there is a great deal of traffic around the school at all times but especially at the beginning and end of the school day.



Gold Duke of Edinburgh

We are so proud of Yasmin, Larissa, Gabriella, Xenia and Faith – all in Year 13, who completed their Gold DofE expedition last week. This involved camping and hiking in Snowdonia for 5 days and 4 nights, at times in very windy, wet and cold weather. All five of them rose to the challenge and completed the expedition. A massive congratulations to all, who, once they have completed their skill, physical and volunteering, will be eligible to go to St James' Palace to receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



Tough Mudder Obstacle Course

A group of our intrepid staff will be completing (or attempting to) the famous 10-mile Tough Mudder obstacle course on the 21 September .

We are raising money for local charity Jigsaw4u, who support vulnerable young people in our area. If you'd like to make a donation (or just see who's been brave/naïve enough to sign up..) please follow the link to our Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/whsg-does-tough-mudder>

Thank you, and wish us luck!

Mrs Stylianou (née Grenville)

Year 7 Extra Curricular Fair

We had our annual Year 7 extra curricular fair last Wednesday with eager and excited Year 7s in attendance to discover what we have on offer at lunch and after school. It was a great opportunity for students to ask teachers and club leaders all about the clubs on offer as well as signing up and getting exciting details about all of the opportunities.

A full timetable of all the clubs are available on our website and each Year 7 student has been issued with their own copy. Year 7s have been tasked with joining at least 1 extra curricular club this term, we look forward to seeing them there.



Wallington High School for Girls

Extra-curricular Opportunities Autumn/Spring 2019-2020

Lunch (1.15-1.45)

After School (2.50-3.50) *Some clubs finish at 4.30pm

Monday	Geography Club (7-11) E27 Mrs Henderson	Junior Choir (7-8) R7 JVD	Classics Club (7-11) F1 Sixth Form	Craft Club (A/I) Library Mrs Murphy	School Production Rehearsals School Hall Mrs Borrageiro-M	Science Club (Year 7) R06 Mrs Stylianou	Gymnastics Club (7-8) Gym Coach Croydon Aero	Cricket Club (7-8) Sports Hall Mrs Bates	Life Drawing (11-13) G26 Mrs O'Connell	9-Senior Netball (9-13) Courts PE Dept
	Philosophy Club (A/I) TP3 Mr Philippou	Netball (D-E) (7-9) Courts Miss Burgess	EEP Robotics (A/I) T06 Mrs Caspary	Model United Nations Club (9-13) E27	GCSE Dance Studio Time (10-11) Dance Studio					
	French Conversation Club (13) G13	Medical Society (11-13) SB Sixth Form	GCSE Dance Studio Time (10-11)							
Tuesday	KS3 Orchestra (7-9) R7 Mrs Yard	Badminton Club (7-9) Sports Hall Sixth Form	Skeptics Society (9-13) TP2 Sixth Form	Cyber Discovery Club (A/I) G21 Mr Grundale	Skills Club (7-8) Sports Hall Sixth Form	Creative Writing Club (7-10) Library Mrs Murphy	Table Tennis Club (7-10) Sports Hall Coach	Art Club (Printing) (7-8) Art rooms Sixth Form	Gymnastics Squad (9+/Talented) Gym Coach	LAMDA Drama See Mrs B-M
	Engineering Society (A/I) C1 Sixth Form	Afro-Caribbean Society (A/I) TP3 Sixth Form	GCSE Dance Studio Time (10-11) Dance Studio	Hockey Club (7-9) Courts Mrs Lake/Sixth Form	CCF (9-13) Wilsons School See Mrs Collins	Dance (7-9) Dance Studio Sixth Form				
Wednesday	A Cappella (7-13) R7 Mrs Yard	Carnatic/Indian Ensemble (7-13) Gym 6 th Form	Maker Space – STEM (7-9) Library Mrs Murphy	Film Society (A/I) T2 Sixth Form	Chamber Choir (A/I) R7 Mrs Yard	Backstage – School Production Crew School Hall Miss Borrageiro-M	Drama Club (7-9) R02 Mrs Borrageiro-M	Board Games Club (A/I) Library Mrs Murphy	Royal Academy of Dance (7-9) Dance Studio RAD Coach	Netball Club (A-C) (7-8) Courts Mrs Lake/Mrs Woodvine
	Sustainability Society (A/I) TP3 Sixth Form	Christian Union (A/I) G14 Sixth Form	Spanish Film Club (12-13) G16	Basketball (9-11) Sports Hall Mrs Wadsworth	RIBA Architecture (9) DT/Art rooms Mrs O'Connell/Mrs Caspary	Senior Rugby (10-13) Field Mr Booth/Mr Durant	Cricket (9-13) Sports Hall Mrs Bates	LAMDA Drama See Mrs B-M		
Thursday	Gospel Choir (7-13) R7 Mrs Yard	Coding Club (Year 7) G22 Mrs Krissan	Music Theory Club (GCSE) R1 Mrs Yard	Politics Society (A/I) C2 Sixth Form	Trampoline (7-8) (Satelite Club Max Force) Gym	School Production Rehearsals School Hall Mrs Borrageiro-M	Board Games Club (A/I) Library Mrs Murphy	Dance Club (7-8) Dance Studio Sixth Form	Bronze Art Awards (8-9) G29 Tara B-Morgan	Senior Orchestra R7 KGH
	Trampoline (GCSE-13) Gym Coach	GCSE Dance Studio Time (10-11) Dance Studio			Football Club (Year 7) Field PE Dept	Football Club (8-13) Field Mrs Wadsworth				
Friday	Flute Choir (7-13) R7 Mrs Yard	Ukulele/Guitar (7-13) R1 Sixth Form	Bollywood Film Club (A/I years) Gym	SAGA (10-13) TP3 Sixth Form	Library Gardeners/Student Librarians needed throughout the week at lunch times (You can pick which lunch times you would like to attend) Mrs Murphy					
	Feminist Society (A/I) TP3 Sixth Form	Spanish GCSE Drop-in (10-11) T2	GCSE Dance Studio Time (10-11)		Food Club/Opportunities Please look out for our Food club events that will take place throughout the year... See Mrs Beales for more details					

PSHCE at Wallington – Autumn Update

This term Year 7 will be focusing on their transition from primary to secondary school; this is aimed to help them settle in this new environment and also to encourage them to see all the challenges this may bring as positive opportunities to develop into resilient young women. They will be thinking about what resilience is and how they can develop this by closely examining the school values of respect, compassion, curiosity, self-belief and integrity and how they can demonstrate these values in their everyday life.

Year 8 will be looking at issues around media, this will include thinking about different types of media and their usage, the impact and power media can have, how social media influencing works and what the law says about media.

Year 9 are learning about how government works including a focus on parliament and voting. With the current political climate so changeable we will also be including material about Brexit.

Year 10 are taking part in an advocacy project with First Give, this will provide an opportunity for students to engage with social issues affecting their local community, make contact with and advocate for local charities and take part in social action raising awareness of their chosen issues and charities. The project will conclude with each tutor group competing in a competition to win a £1000 grant for their charity. It is a valuable project to be part of and our students always commit themselves to the task with passion. We are looking forward to seeing how the tutor groups perform this term.

Year 11 have started this term by learning about Government spending in the UK and what taxes are used for. They will also be exploring more about how the Budget currently affects them as well as how they will be affected as adults. As they approach half term we will also be spending some time looking at how to prepare for the Mock examinations, including maintaining their well-being at times of heightened stress and anxiety and different strategies to try in their revision.

In the Sixth Form, Year 12 will be focusing on the transition from GCSE to A Level; thinking about the necessary mind set they will need to ensure they can achieve their full potential and make the most of learning opportunities this year. Finally, Year 13 are delving into some big questions in ethics, philosophy, politics and technology, such as 'Should we avoid making advancements in technology that could ultimately be to humanity's detriment?'

PSHCE is a continuously evolving part of the curriculum at Wallington and it provides a worthwhile and necessary opportunity to explore important aspects of life with our students and we would encourage you to discuss some of these areas and issues with your daughter.

Mrs K Stockley

PSHCE Co-ordinator

Clubs and Opportunities for your Daughter

Geography Club

Want to find out how these films are linked to Geography?




Fancy playing some geography computer games?

Up for the challenge of a geography quiz (edible prizes available)?

Love watching documentaries like Planet Earth?

Then come along to Geography club!

When: Every Monday lunchtime at 1.15pm
(starts 23rd September)
Where: E27

cyber discovery

Discover your hidden talent for cyber security

Want to protect yourself and your country from cyber attacks? Cyber Discovery is HM Government's free, online, extracurricular programme turning teenagers across the country into cyber security experts. For students aged 13-18, we're seeking problem solvers, code crackers and, most importantly, those who never give up.

Music Groups 2019

Year 7's- If you missed one of these clubs the first week, it's not too late. Please make sure that you try to get to it this week.

Chamber Choir, all years. If you would like to audition for chamber choir, please come to the rehearsal after school on Wednesday in R7. At the end of the rehearsal, you will need to sing a small section of a song

Monday	1.25	JUNIOR CHOIR	R7
Tuesday	1.25	KS3 ORCHESTRA	R7
Wednesday	1.25	A CAPPELLA	R7
Wednesday	1.25	CARNATIC ENSEMBLE	GYM
Wednesday	3.00-3.45	CHAMBER CHOIR	R7
Thursday	1.25	GOSPEL CHOIR	R7
Thursday	1.15	THEORY CLUB	R1
Thursday	3.00-4.00	SENIOR ORCHESTRA	R7
Friday	1.25	FLUTE CHOIR	R7
Friday	1.25	UKELELE / GUITAR CLUB	R1

DO YOU LIKE LANGUAGES AND CINEMA?

JOIN THE SIXTH FORM LUNCHTIME FILM CLUB!!!

Spanish: Wednesday G16
German: Friday G12
French: Tuesday G15

BRING YOUR SANDWICH OR POPCORN!



Year 7 Coding Club

Where: G22

When: Thursday Lunch time

Start: 17 September



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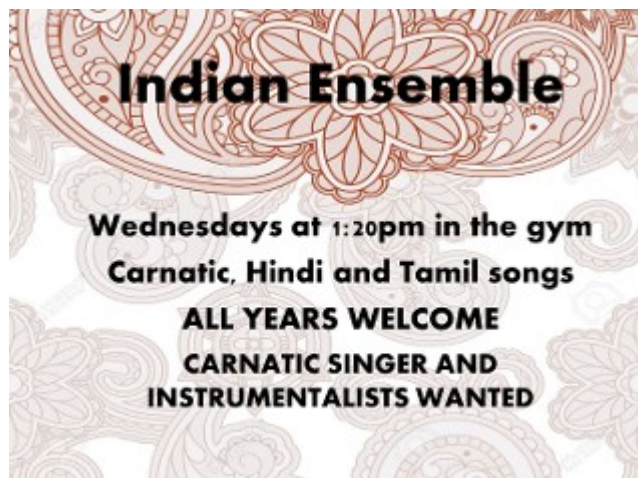
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Clubs and Opportunities for your Daughter





Women in IT
Afternoon Tea

Network with the top Women in IT




The top talent in Computing shortlisted for the Women in IT Awards 2020 will be hosted by Amazon Web Services for afternoon tea on the **02nd October** in London.

Year 9 students are invited to join this informal networking session where they can learn from the experts talking about their own experiences.

The afternoon tea will allow students to ask questions and discuss the possible futures they can explore within the IT industry as well as potential apprenticeship and graduate programmes.

If you are considering a future in a Computing-based career and would like to attend, please see Mr Ghundale by **the 24th September 2019**. First come first serve basis due to tight turn around!

NUMBERS ARE VERY LIMITED!

Religion, alternative medicine, MLMs, logical fallacies, conspiracy theories and more!

SKEPTICS SOCIETY
Combination of philosophy, critical thinking and debate.


TP2 every Tuesday lunchtime!

Year 9+



What: Classics Club
Who: all years
Where: F1 (up the stairs opposite first aid room)
What we do: discuss myths and our favourite characters, watch films, do quizzes (kahoot!), and more!

Clubs and Opportunities for your Daughter

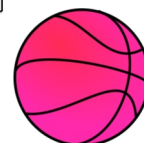


- This half term, the senior prefect team is starting a project of creating a time capsule containing objects that reflect 2018-2019 in the best light. The plan is for the school open it in 30 years time and see what has changed in every day life; if you want to make your mark...here's your chance!
- Just a quick reminder about the time capsule categories (please check email for further details)
- Year 7: Technology
- Year 8: Sports
- Year 9: Pop Culture
- Year 10: Internet/ social media trends
- Year 11: Music
- Years 12+13: Politics and current affairs
- The deadline to submit objects to your form tutors is the 1st October!
- We can't wait to see what you come up with!

The senior prefect team




Year 9 Netball Interhouse



Where: Courts

When: Monday 7 October 3 - 4.15pm

Who: Team of 9



**We will be starting promptly at 3pm



A Level Book Club

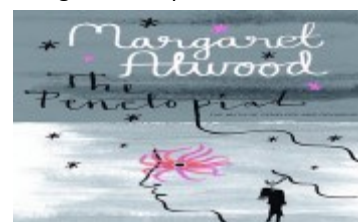
A Level Book Club is meeting to discuss Margaret Atwood's captivating re-telling of parts of Homer's epic poem *The Odyssey* in her novel, *The Penelopiad*.

You will need to purchase a copy of the novel yourself and be prepared to share your thoughts and opinions.

Date: Wednesday 16 October

Time: 3-3.45pm

Place: G7



All A Level students who enjoy reading, or wish to read more, are welcome to join us and you **do not have to be studying English Literature A Level** to attend.

For more information, please email Ms Alvarez.

Clubs and Opportunities for your Daughter

What's Going on in the Library?



Board Games Club
Wednesday & Thursday
- After school
The Library
Starts the 18 September



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.



Maker Space: STEM
Every Wednesday Lunch
In the library
Starts 25 September

Craft Club



Maker Space: creative
Monday Lunch
In the library
Rock painting, pom poms,
making badges and lots more
Starts 23 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.

MFL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION YEAR 7 ONLY!

PRIZES!!!
In French, German and Spanish

ask your teacher about times and venues

BEE PREPARED

RULES

1. Ask your teacher what you need to learn
2. Warm-up competition in class
3. Class heats to find 2 champions per group
4. Class champions battle it out to find the queen bee in each language