

14 October 2019- Issue 4



THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

As I am sure you are all aware, last week the school had its OFSTED inspection. It has been three and half years since our previous visit and the team of inspectors were in for two days looking at different departments and lessons as well as speaking to staff, students and governors. We are one of the first schools to be inspected under the new, more rigorous framework which has a much greater focus on the curriculum and quality of education. Thank you to all parents and students who responded to the surveys and the final report should be available in around 30 days which, in turn, will be sent out to all of our parents.

We recently held our annual Oxbridge Evening, which was aimed at Year 11 and Year 12 students interested in learning more about Oxbridge. Catherine Wigell, from Oxford University, spoke about the ways in which Oxford and Cambridge are different to other universities, the application process as well as dispelling some of the myths associated with both institutions. Thank you to the large number of students and parents who attended and thank you to Mrs Khan, our Oxbridge co-ordinator, for organising.

As part of our ongoing international links with other schools, we recently welcomed a group of twenty five students and their teachers from our partner school in Solingen, Germany. They spent the morning looking round the school and spending time in a variety of lessons—see photo below with some of our Year 9 students.

This Thursday we will be inviting prospective students who have been deemed to be of selective ability to have a final look around the school at our Open Morning on Thursday. We are also looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 students, as well as external visitors, to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 17 October. Due to this, a reminder that there will be a late start on Friday 18 October; all students should be in school at 9:40am, ready for the start of period 2 at 9:45am.

R V Booth
Headteacher



The Week Ahead

Monday 14—Friday 18 October

Year 12 Geography visit to Osmington Bay

Monday 14 October

13.05-14.50—The Y7 social

Tuesday 15 October

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

Year 7 Sutton Netball @ Wallington

Year 9 Netball v Old Palace 9A (H)

Wednesday 16 October

08.25-14.50—GCSE Music Recording - All Day

Thursday 17 October

Year 8 Netball v Bishop Thomas Grant 8A (H)

Year 9 Netball v Bishop Thomas Grant 9A (H)

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

Dates for your Diary

Monday 21—Friday 25 October
HALF TERM



Monday 28 October

08.25-14.50—Return to School

Tuesday 29 October

Year 7 Netball v St Phils 7 A-D (H)

19.00-20.00—PFA Meeting

19.00-20.30—GCSE Recital

Wednesday 30 October

09.00-13.00—University Entrance Tests (BMAT etc)

Thursday 31 October

08.25-14.50—GCSE Dance Exam

18.00-20.30—Diwali Showcase

Friday 1 November

08.25-14.50—GCSE PE Mock Practical Moderation

19.00-22.00—PFA Disco for Years 7 & 8

Tuesday 5 November

Year 7 Netball v Nonsuch 7 A-D (A)

Wednesday 6 November

08.25-14.50—Enrichment Day (1)

Thursday 7 November

08.00-16.00—Farraday Challenge - 16 Year 9 students

09.00-13.00—Senior Maths Challenge

Friday 8 November

19.00-22.00—Senior Maths Challenge

Monday 11 November

Year 11 Mocks to 22 November

You can change a child's life this Christmas by making a shoebox!

Operation Christmas Child

Final collection date is **November 5th** so make sure all of your shoeboxes are ready!

Make sure to cut this out and stick on the side of your box :)

BOY

GIRL

If you have any questions please email:
Tabitha Premraj, 12 COL
tpremraj@wallingtongirls.org.uk

What you can put in the shoebox:
<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

Some students in Year 12 have decided to partner with 'Operation Christmas Child', which is a division of a charity called Samaritan's Purse. The charity delivers shoeboxes filled with gifts to over 160 different countries and more than 168 million children have received a shoebox over the last 30 years. They would like to provide hope to children all across the world who are not able to receive a present this Christmas due to unfortunate situations. Staff will also be involved and we are looking forward to filling our shoeboxes. Students have been sent all this information.

How to pack a shoebox:

1. Find a medium sized shoebox and wrap the box and lid separately in festive/decorative wrapping (please do not seal the box)
2. Mark the correct age category and attach the label to the outside of the shoebox (can be found in attachment)
3. Fill the shoebox with a variety of new gifts and also add £5 in an envelope (which includes shipping the boxes to the different countries)
4. Bring the box into school on 5 November

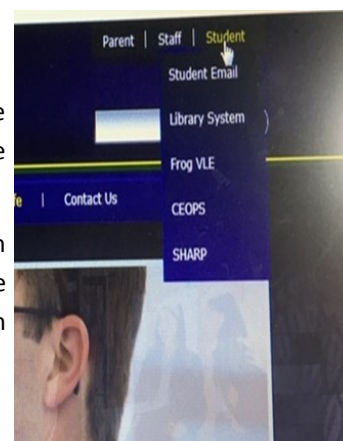
The link below is to what you can and can't pack inside the shoebox:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

Additions to the School Website

You may have noticed that the school website has been updated recently to include more information regarding online safety. Advice for students and parents is now available regarding issues relating to keeping safe online.

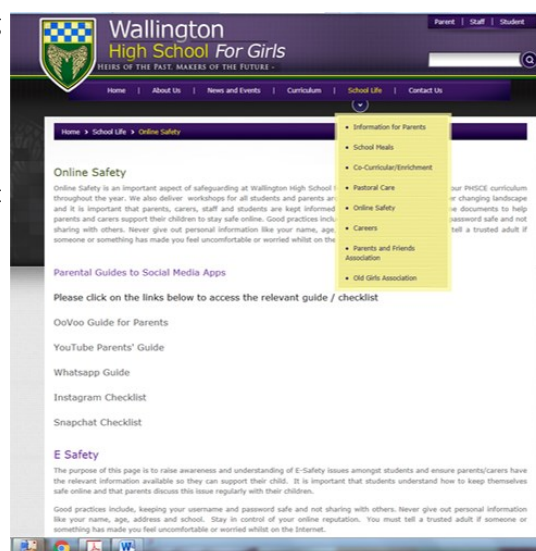
All students received an assembly recently where they were signposted to the website which now has a direct button to CEOP – the specialist online child protection team who can be referred to if a child is worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with them online. This can be found in the Student dropdown section.



In an assembly students were informed about guides regarding keeping safe online in relation to various social media apps including Snapchat and Instagram.

Please do find time to look at the school website and read some of these guides – keeping up to date always helps when having conversations about how to keep safe.

You can click on the Quick Link on the homepage of the website or click on School Life and choose on-line safety from the drop-down menu.



If you need to contact the school about a safeguarding concern please do so through the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs M German mgerman@wallingtongirls.org.uk



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 12—Gold Award

Are you interested in doing the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award at school? You may already have started some of the 5 sections in the award without knowing it i.e. your community service would count as Volunteering and being part of a sports club (Physical Section) and play a musical instrument/choir (Skills section). The residential could be NCS or other things such as skiing, canoeing, horse-riding – the list is endless. If you are interested **please complete the enrolment form attached and drop it into the box in the second reception area before 23 October 2019** or see me, Dr Walters in the Science Office (Biology teacher) or email me on dofe@wallingtongirls.org.uk. Please restrict your emails to this email address.

You may still be able to do Gold if you have not done the Silver award but have done Bronze. If you want to zoom straight into Gold from nowhere then this is still possible, see below – come and see me about this and fill out the enrolment form.

Year 10—Silver Award

You now have the opportunity to enrol for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. Please complete the enrolment form attached and drop it into the box in the second reception area or for enquiries email me at dofe@wallingtongirls.org.uk. Alternatively come and see me, Dr Walters, in the Science Office. There is also a meeting for parents/carers and students on Wednesday 9 October 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Hall, although if you have done your Bronze award it is not necessary for you to attend.

Year 9 & 10—Bronze Award

If you missed the Parents' Information Evening on Wednesday 9 October, please see the Powerpoint on the website.

There is also an enrolment form on the website or see Dr Walters in the science office.

All payments, whichever award you are doing, must be made via sQuid by the 23 October.

GOLD

Volunteering **12 months**

Physical one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months

Skills one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months

Expedition **4 days 3 nights**

Residential **5 days 4 nights**

Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or longer of the Skills or Physical sections, if you haven't got Silver.

SILVER

Volunteering **6 months**

Physical one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months

Skills one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months

Expedition **3 days 2 nights**

Residential **5 days 4 nights**

Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections if you haven't got Bronze.

Year 9 – Come to the Parents Information Evening with your parents/guardian on **Wednesday 9 October 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Hall** to find out about enrolling for Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. (Parentmail letter sent by email to you on 17/18 Sept for more details). Coordinator : Dr Walters (Science Office), email: dofe@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Year 10 – If you have not done Bronze but want to do it then come along to the meeting as well

Start your Bronze DofE

Volunteering **3 months**

Physical **3 months**

Skills **3 months**

Expedition **2 days 1 night**

Plus a further 3 months in either the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section

ALL STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SENT THIS INFORMATION TO THEIR SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS, ALONG WITH AN ENROLMENT FORM FOR SILVER AND GOLD.

Clubs and Opportunities for your Daughter



Year 7 Coding Club

Where: G22

When: Wednesday Lunch time @ 1.20pm

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D	E

like a girl



The annual ICE competition is open to pupils in
Years 8 to 10

you can enter in teams of 2-4 people

We have won prizes in the last 3 years

See Mrs Caspary and visit FROG STEAM for more
information

Submissions to Mrs Caspary by 28 October



PFA Quiz Night – Friday 8 November – 7pm for 7.30pm

Tickets are now on sale for our Quiz Night. This popular evening is normally a sell out so please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment! Tickets are £10 per person and this includes a fish and chip supper

- Prizes for winning team
- Fun for family, staff and friends
- Professional Quiz Masters

Before buying your tickets, please note the following:

1. The maximum team size: 8, minimum recommended team size: 6
2. If you don't have a team we can arrange this for you (see below)

So how can I purchase my tickets?

Fill out the slip below, detach and together with your payment (cash or cheques made payable to Wallington Girls PFA please), post this in the PFA box in second reception (PFA box is marked in green) by **Friday 1 November 2019**

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Team Leader Name:

Team Leader email address:

Team Leader contact telephone number:

Team Name:

Alternatively, if you are buying fewer than six tickets and would like to join a team on the night please put: "Join team on the night" instead of Team Name

My team consists of people and I enclose cash/cheque for £.....

Please complete your meal requirements on behalf of your team

No. of Fish & Chip suppers

No. of Veggie burger and chips

Team leader may purchase all tickets on behalf of their team.

WHS G PFA thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you on the night. If you have any queries, please email us on pfa@wallingtongirls.org.uk.