



THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week, two Year 8 teams from WHSG went to Nonsuch to compete against Nonsuch and Carshalton Girls as part of the Faraday Challenge Day. They had to design a disaster relief device or transportation for disaster relief and I am pleased to say that Wallington won. Well done to all involved.

We also had the first of our Enrichment Days of the academic year. These days form an important and exciting part of our broader curriculum and students got to take part in a wide range of activities. Year 7 visited London Zoo as part of their work in English looking at the animal poetry of Ted Hughes whilst Year 8 visited the Tutankhamun exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery and Year 9 spent the day taking part in the Science Forensic Day. Year 10 Geographers visited the Museum of London/Docklands as part of their GCSE fieldwork whilst the remainder of the year group spent the day taking part in the Mathematics problem solving and escape room day.

As an important part of their preparation for their GCSE, Year 11 took part in a Languages Day or a day of making with the Technology department. In the Sixth Form, Year 12 enjoyed taking part in their 'Grand Day Out' visiting places in Central London that related to their academic interests and Year 13 had an invaluable 'Practice Interview Day' designed to support them in their university applications and preparations for the life beyond school. Everyone got stuck into all the various activities and we had lots of positive feedback from other staff and visitors, for example two members of the public at the Tutankhamun exhibition commented on how well behaved our students were and that they were a credit to the school. A huge thank you to staff for organising and supporting these various activities as well as to our guest visitors who helped out during the day.

R V Booth

Headteacher

The Week Ahead

Monday 11 November

Year 11 Mocks to 22 November

Monday 11 November

10.45-15.30—Science A level lecture, The Savoy - 20 students

Tuesday 12 November

Year 9 Netball v Croydon A-C (A)
GCSE Prizegiving

Wednesday 13 November

08.50-10.50—Year 8 PSHCE - Healthy Relationships

Thursday 14 & Friday 15 November

Year 12 & 13 Art/Photography Significant Testing

Thursday 14 November

Year 7 Netball v Harris Sutton 7A (H)
Year 8 Netball v Harris Sutton 8A (H)

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19 November

08.00-16.00—Amazon, Women In IT - 7 Year
8 students
19.00—KS3 Recital

Wednesday 20 November

Year 9 Netball v Nonsuch A+B (A)

Thursday 21 November

08.25-14.50—PFA mufti day.

Friday 22—Monday 25 November

Wallington Weekend—no staff or students in school

Tuesday 26 November

08.25-14.50—Year 11 Mock GCSE Art (1)

Wednesday 27 November

08.25-14.50—Year 11 Mock GCSE Art (2)
08.50-10.50—Year 9 PSHCE - Consent
16.00-18.00—Careers Evening (1)

Thursday 28 November

08.25-14.50—Year 11 Food Practical Mock NEA2 Exam Group 1
08.25-14.50—Year 11 Mock GCSE Photography (1)
17.00-18.30—University Taster Event - Open to Y11 & Y12 students
& their parents & Nonsuch High School for Girls
18.00-19.00—New York 2020 Parents' Information Evening

Friday 29 November

08.25-14.50—Year 11 Food Practical Mock NEA2 Exam Group 2
08.25-14.50—Year 11 Mock GCSE Photography (2)
09.00—BMO Round 1
09.00—Senior Kangaroo

Saturday 30 November

PFA Christmas Fayre

Monday 2—Wednesday 11 December

Year 11 Language Mock Oral Exams

Monday 2 December

Year 7 Netball v Coombe Wood 7A (H)
Year 8 Netball v Coombe Wood 7A (H)

Tuesday 3 December

19.00-20.00—Carol Service at St Patrick's

Wednesday 4 December

08.25-14.50—Year 12 & 13 Art/Photography Creative Process
Lectures at Institute of Education
Year 7 Netball v Old Palace 7A&B (H)

Thursday 5 December

16.00-19.00—Year 13 Parents' Evening



AWS GetIT Mentoring Afternoon Tea

Six Computing students from Year 9 went to the "AWS GetIT Mentoring Afternoon Tea" on 2 October. This trip was organised by Amazon and this took place in Central London in their office. This event was offered to girls only to focus on addressing the imbalance within this industry. They got a chance to talk to 12 inspirational women in IT about their careers, and all things about being a woman working in IT. This was a really good inspirational event.

Ms Krissan

On Wednesday six of us were able to partake in the Women in IT event in London. Despite getting lost for about 20 minutes upon our arrival in Farringdon and discovering that we had been standing underneath Amazon HQ for the whole time, we were able to reach our destination earlier than any of the other schools. As we arrived, we were able to marvel at the stunning interior design, décor, elevators and even the toilets (which some of the Wally girls were somehow incredibly amused by)!

Throughout the event, we were able to talk to some very inspiring women from many big companies including Moonpig, Deliveroo and even Amazon itself, who gave us a lot of important advice. Many of the mentors that day told us their stories of how they got to where they are now and shared their views about how more women should be considering a career in technology. One mentor in particular told us that the first Alexa could not understand any female voice because it had never been tested by a woman.

We learned that you do not have to be good at computer coding, for example, to be interested in tech either: the women we talked to worked in a variety of different sectors of the industry and some of their roles do not even require using a computer. You should always believe in yourself and the things you are passionate about and as long as you work hard, you can achieve anything!

I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful experience and it is definitely something I would love to do again!

Shu Ying (9 Johnson)

Throughout our visit we found the staff were friendly. We started the event with a little introduction about what this event was about and what the evening would consist of. We met two women who had extremely interesting jobs. They told us about what they would do on a daily basis and how they got to that position.

The next women we interviewed explained to us how they got the job they love. They gave us tips and bits of advice, which shall help us in the future to reach our goals.

We interviewed a few more women who were nice and informative. In addition to that we got nice snacks which we really enjoyed eating.

After that, some of us volunteered to explain our experience in a video, which they wanted to make. Altogether, I think it was an awesome experience, which I would really recommend to the future years.

Maahi (9 Athena)



Clubs and Opportunities for our Students

Debate Club

Have a passion for debate? Want to learn some persuasion skills whilst making friends with common interests?

Join us in **TP5** for debate club!
When: **Wednesday** lunchtimes



Our first debate topic on 13/11 is:
'Celebrities have a responsibility to use their platforms to spread important messages'

Year 9 5-a-side Football Interhouse

Where: Field

When: Thursday 28 November



3 - 4.15pm

Who: Team of 7

****we will be starting promptly at 3pm**

**** you must wear football boots**

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES

AT GCSE, IGCSE OR GCE

Are students studying an additional language outside of school? Would you like to sit the exam here?

Forms will be available from the Exams Office from:

Monday 6 January 2020

for completion and return by:

11am on Friday 24 January 2020

Exam fees for additional languages are payable by the student. Please ask at the Exams Office for details.

Are you in Year 7 or 8? Are you a fiction fangirl?

Then take part in the Kid's Lit Quiz
Monday 11 November 3-4pm in the Library
Sign up your team of 4 in the library



VIOLIN PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY

Calling our WHSG higher grade violinists:

If you would like an opportunity to audition for a solo or duet part in Schindler's List to be performed with the orchestra in the Spring, please come to the music department to collect the music. Auditions will be held in January.



Art Workshop

Recently, some of our students from Year 9 and above took part in a drawing day led by artist Russell Terry. The day was a huge success, resulting in some very exciting and dynamic drawings. Well done to all those who took part during the October half term. We look forward to running this event again in the future and seeing more students getting involved.



The art workshop was a really exciting experience to help develop my skills as an artist and I had lots of fun. We started by looking at the 7 elements of art: line, form, shape, colour, texture, tone, and value. We identified these in different pieces of artwork, mainly by Pablo Picasso. After that, we were given the opportunity to draw our own abstract drawings using multiple pens at once. For me, it helped me explore a different style of art that I'm not familiar with, and pushed me out of my comfort zone. It was very free and there was no right or wrong way of drawing the pieces we were asked to draw. I found that I am more of a slow artist who takes time to put in most details, while others enjoyed and were better at speed drawing. Overall I loved the day and I think I have definitely improved as an artist.

-Chloe—9 Athena



Purley Food Bank Collection

During the winter months a hot meal becomes even more important for those living in poverty and each year we, as senior prefects, work together with Purley food bank to collect donations for those who don't have access to crucial items.

This year we used the list of top ten most needed items from the food bank and gave each house an item to collect, from instant mash to hot chocolate!

The house competition started slowly at first, with Sharman in the lead and Curie close behind. However as the week went on we were overwhelmed with the response from students! House leaders were a great help, collecting food from forms during Wednesday and Friday registration whilst Zuha and I with some volunteers manned a station in the foyer during break everyday in the week. By Friday we had a whole trolley full of donations and, after rigorous counting, results found Sharman in first place, Curie in second and Johnson in third!



On Monday morning organisers from Purley food bank came to pick up our donations and were amazed with how much we had raised, their response reminded us of how much the donations will mean to some people and really made all of the hard work worth it.

A big thank you to everyone who donated, staff and students alike. We hope the same success will be repeated next year.

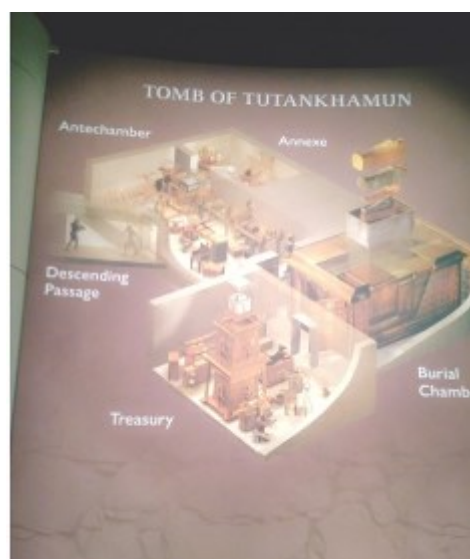
Enrichment Day

Year 7 at London Zoo



Enrichment Day

Year 8 at Tutankhamun (With thanks to our brilliant photographers Natalia, Helena & Anya)



Enrichment Day

Year 9 Forensics Day



Enrichment Day

Year 10 Problem Solving Day



Enrichment Day

Year 11 Languages Day—French

The day started with a series of fun activities centred around the French language and the vocabulary that we have been learning so far. Throughout the day, we were competing in teams to win edible prizes! After break, we watched a French classic Les Choristes; it was a beautiful story about the power of compassion which gave us a deeper understanding of the French language. Then, we played Chinese whispers to highlight the importance of pronunciation. Finally, we finished the day with a Ceroc dancing masterclass with Madame Hopgood.

The day was very useful in giving us a wider knowledge and understanding of the French language, as well as being very fun. The highlight of the day was learning to do Ceroc dancing as we were able to have an insight into French culture and enjoy ourselves at the same time. Quelle joie!

Abigail & Nelle—11 Seacole



Enrichment Day

Year 11 Languages Day—Spanish

Spanish Enrichment day was really fun! In the morning we played a few Spanish games and did a quiz. After we watched a Spanish film, and it was really good. In the afternoon we learnt how to salsa too. I really enjoyed dancing a new style with my friends.

Angelique, 11 Seacole



Enrichment Day

Year 11 Technology—Day of Making



Year 13 Interview Skills Day



WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS PFA



SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

11 ~ 4

ARTISAN STALLS ✨ MINCE PIES ✨ TOMBOLA

MULLED WINE ✨ GAMES ✨ CHOIR PERFORMANCE

ADMISSION: 50P

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