

2 December 2019- Issue 8



## THE WALLINGTON WEEK

### *Message from the Head Teacher*

Dear Parents and Carers

The Evening Standard published its league tables of London Boroughs based on the summer's examination results and I am pleased to say that it placed WHSG as the top school in Sutton for GCSE results.

We also learnt last week that WHSG is one of only ten UK state school teams to be shortlisted for the Design Museum's annual national Design Ventura Competition. Our Year 9 team had to design a new product for the Design Museum shop that was both sustainable and appealing to either families, adults or young people. Three hundred secondary schools across the UK and beyond took part in the 10th Design Ventura competition and the ten shortlisted teams will have the opportunity to pitch their design concepts to a panel of design and business professionals. The winning team will be announced in February 2020 so best of luck to our students.

A huge thank you to all the students who donated to the Sutton Nightwatch shoebox appeal. Over 211 shoeboxes were collected and these will now be distributed by the charity.

Last weekend, the PFA held their annual Christmas Fayre which once again enjoyed a very good turnout of visitors, who got to enjoy a wide variety of stalls as well as the opportunity to win an amazing House Christmas Hamper, organised by our House Leaders using donations from students and parents. All of the funds raised goes towards supporting various school projects, in particular we are looking to use funds to help build a new seating area/social space for students in the quad including a canopy to make it more all weather. The PFA are always in need of additional helpers, even if you can only give a couple of hours so if you would like to get involved please email Nadia at [pfa@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:pfa@wallingtongirls.org.uk)

Finally, a reminder that on Tuesday 3 December, we will be holding our Carol service at St Patrick's church just round the corner from the school. The service starts at 7pm and is a great way to kick off the Christmas season. Also, with the arrival of the colder weather, I thought it might be sensible to remind parents of the protocols following an unexpected closure of the School due to severe weather. Such events are extremely rare and the School would only be closed reluctantly and as a last resort. Every effort will be made to maintain the continuous operation of the School and the education of its students. Any full or partial closure will be communicated to parents and staff by mobile text and by email around 07.00am. There will also be a message on the school's website.

Have a great week

R V Booth  
Headteacher

## The Week Ahead

### 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

## Dates for your Diary



### Monday 9—Wednesday 11 December

Year 11 Language Mock Oral Exams

### Monday 9 December

08.25-14.50—Jack Petchey Speakout Challenge involving 30

Year 10s

### Tuesday 10 December

09.30-16.30—History - Russia in Action - 16 Year 13 students

Year 9 Netball v Royal Russell 9A-C (H)

Wednesday 11 December

17.00-18.00—Parents' Meeting for the Ski Visit

Thursday 12 December

19.00-20.30—Christmas Concert

### Friday 13 December

08.25-14.50—GCSE Recording in Hall

### Tuesday 17 December

19.00-21.00—Dance Showcase

### Wednesday 18 December

16.00-18.00—Year 14 Reunion & Prizegiving

### Thursday 19 December

08.25-13.00—Last day of term—students dismissed at 1pm

*Christmas Holidays Friday 20 December—Sunday 5 January*

### Monday 6 January

08.25-14.50—Start of Spring Term—staff and students return to school

### Wednesday 8 January

14.50—Year 7 Netball v Epsom College 7A-D Leave @ 2:50

### Tuesday 14 January

Year 7 Netball v Sutton High 7A-D (A)

### Wednesday 15 January

16.00-19.00—Year 11 Parents' Evening

### Friday 17 January

19.00-21.30—Sixth Form Winter Masquerade Ball

Sixth Form Event

*Winter  
Masquerade  
Ball*

Date: 17th Jan 2020  
Time: 7-9.30 pm  
Location: Hall

**Tickets! - profits go to Greenpeace**  
£5 early bird  
£7.50 with +1

Wallington High School for Girls

## ***MUSIC DEPARTMENT CAROL SERVICE & SCHOOL CONCERT***

I wish to advise you of two Music Department events in December. The first is the Carol Service at St Patrick's Church concert, 7pm on **Tuesday 3rd December**. This will involve the Chamber Choir and Senior Orchestra. Entry is free and all are welcome. This is an excellent way to begin Christmas celebrations.

The Music Department Concert is on **Thursday 12th December** and involves all music ensembles as well as GCSE and A level soloists. The concert will start at **7 pm** in the hall and finish at approximately 9 pm. Tickets will be on sale on the door on the evening for a cost of £4 for adults and £2 for concessions / students. Your daughter will need to be at school at **6.40 pm**, dressed in the appropriate uniform. Proceeds go to the music department to purchase music scores, books and resources.

The rehearsals for this concert will take place on Tuesday and the day of the concert in the hall as follows;

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	p.4 A Cappella / Indian ensemble
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	p.1 Chamber Choir / KS3 Orchestra
	p.2 Flute Choir
	p.3 Junior Choir / Gospel Choir
	p.5 Senior Orchestra

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There will be refreshments consisting of mince pies and mulled wine during the interval of the concert in the evening and it is a lovely way to celebrate the season. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Mrs J Yard, Head of Music

## Easyfundraising

The PFA are part of a really easy scheme - Easyfundraising which is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. It's simple to use and it's free and a very easy way to raise funds for Wallington High School for Girls.

Shop with any of the high street retailers (Retailers include Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Tesco etc) and a percentage of what you spend is donated to the school at no additional cost to you.

Please register to support us today

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whs4g/?q=Wallington>

Thank you for supporting the PFA in this way.

## PFA Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair on Saturday was a great success, thanks to the members of the PFA for their huge amount of work and organisation.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support and we are grateful to Tom Brake for donating a wonderful prize and picking out raffle



## KS3 Recital

On Tuesday 19 November, we had the KS3 recital. There were over 35 performances and the standard was extremely high. The styles ranged from Bach to Imagine Dragons and performances also included piano, saxophone, vocal ensembles, guitar, violin, flute and cello. It was excellent evening and wonderful to see so many students willing to share their talents.

Jennifer Yard  
Head of Music



## Shoebox Appeal

A massive thank you to all students and staff who decided to make a shoebox for the homeless this Christmas. All together we collected 211 shoeboxes across all the years and the house which made the most shoeboxes were Sharman with 35 boxes! You have been able to impact a life this Christmas and put a smile on someone's face! Thank you once again.

Tabitha 12 COL



***Special thanks go to Tabitha and her team for organising the Appeal for such a worthwhile charity—this would not have happened without you!***

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# 20%

## OFF ALL SCHOOLWEAR

In store only.

from Thursday 28th November to Tuesday 3rd December 2019

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## BLACK FRIDAY DEALS

# 70%

## Tennis Rackets

# 50%

## Badminton Rackets

# 70%

## Cricket Products

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November/December 2019.

While Stocks Last

## First Aid Procedures / First Aid Room

As winter approaches, it is timely to remind parents and carers of the procedures we have if students are unwell at school. Our aim is to keep our students healthy, resilient and prevent the spread of infection to students and staff.



- The first aid room is the last port of call for students feeling unwell. Students may be sent back to lessons if they are deemed fit to attend. However, if your daughter is feeling unwell at school she should tell her teacher who will assess and send her to the first aid room. On arrival she will be assessed by a first aider and if they feel she is not well enough to stay in school, they will ring a parent/carer to collect her. Students should NEVER phone a parent themselves to inform them they are unwell.
- A reminder that **we do not keep pain relief e.g. paracetamol**, throat lozenges or any medication in the first aid room other than that stored for individual students (see below). We are currently seeing a number of students with colds so please therefore encourage your daughter to come to the medical room **only** if she feels too unwell to continue in school for the remainder of the day and we need to contact you to collect her.
- If your daughter needs to take medication whilst at school, she should hand it in to the first aid room in an envelope marked with her name and form and instructions on dosage. A relevant form must accompany the medication which can be downloaded from our website—School Life, Pastoral, Parental Permission Store and Administer Meds or via the following link <http://fluencycontent2-schoolwebsite.netdna-ssl.com/FileCluster/WallingtonHighGirls/MainFolder/School-Life/Pastoral-/Parental-permission-store-and-administer-medsdocx.pdf>
- If your daughter has been vomiting or is suffering from diarrhoea, she should not come into school for 48 hours to prevent the spread of infection to others.

## Do we have your Up to Date Mobile Numbers and Email Addresses?

It has, on occasion, been necessary to close the school, in the past this has happened due to heavy snowfall. However, such events are extremely rare and the school would only be closed reluctantly and as a last resort. Every effort will be made to maintain the continuous operation of the school and the education of its students. Any full or partial closure will be communicated to parents and staff by mobile text and by email around 07.00am. There will also be a message on the school's website if the School is closed.

Please ensure that the school is kept informed of up to date mobile numbers and email addresses. Please email the following members of staff with any changes to your contact details.

### Years 7-11

mandrews@wallingtongirls.org.uk

### Years 12 & 13

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