

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

As a school, we continue to monitor and review our COVID procedures as we move closer to the end of the term. Fortunately the number of Covid cases amongst our school community has been remarkably low and to date we have only had three positive COVID cases in the school since the beginning of September. All of these cases were students and none of them contracted the virus within school. One case was in Year 7, one in Year 8 and one in Year 13. However, there is no room for complacency and even as the weather gets colder, our priority is still to make sure that all the rooms around the school are well ventilated. Students should make sure that they bring a coat into school as they may need to wear their coats in lessons due to the windows being kept open. If coats do need to be worn then they will be directed by the classroom teacher to do so. It is also important that students continue to wear masks in corridors and communal areas as well as on public transport and being mindful of, where possible, keeping socially distant from one another. This way

we can ensure that for the remaining weeks of this term, everyone continues to remain as safe as possible.

Finally, in light of the pandemic, we have recently been looking at how we deliver our parents' evenings, the first one of which, for Year 13, is fast approaching. These will now take place virtually using new software that we have acquired called School Cloud: Parents Evening. This system allows parents to choose their own appointment times with teachers and this appointment will be using video conferencing. We have already used this software successfully for the Year 7 'Meet the tutor' day and we intend to use it for all of our parents' evenings moving forward.

Have a great week.

MR R. BOOTH





Monday 30th November 2020

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IMPORTANT DATES

KEY DATES

Tues, Ist **Dec** 15:00 – 16:15 Tutor Meeting

Weds, 2nd Dec 19:00 – 21:00 Trust Finance @WHSG

Thurs, 3rd Dec 08:00 – 15:00 GCSE Music Recording (Hall)

Autumn 2020 Public Exam Series

GCSE English Language and Maths Results Day 14th Jan 2021 GCSE all other subjects Results Day 11 February 2021

Summer 2021 Public Exam Series

Begins 26th May and ends 2nd July 2021 A Level Results Day 24th Aug 2021 GCSE Results Day 27th Aug 2021

Mon, 7th Dec Year 11 Options Straw Poll

Tues, 8th Dec Department Time 15:00 – 16:00 Trust Board @ WHSG

Weds, 9th Dec Year 13 Parents' Evening

Fri, I Ith **Dec** Year 7 – 10 & 12 Grade Collection

Tues, 15th Dec Year 11 Grade Collection 15:00 – 16:00 EEP

Thurs, 17th Dec 15:00 – 16:00 NQT / New Staff Inset

Fri, 18th Dec Last Day of Term – Students Leave at 1pm



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Personal Safety app

Introducing Hollie Guard Your new personal safety app

www.hollieguard.com

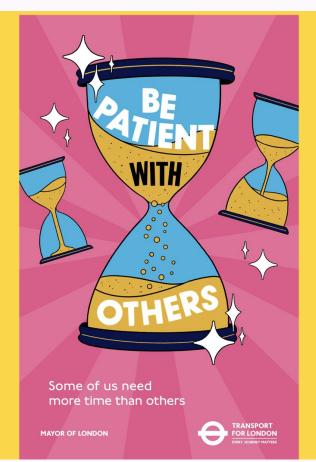
Lots of other features too such as: Hollie Guard extra which has a dedicated emergency team at your fingertips.

The **free** Hollie Guard app is available for Android phones and allows users to set up a start and end destination and establish who your emergency contacts are. An alert is automatically triggered if a user does not safely arrive at their destination within the time parameters set.



Hollie Guard turns your smartphone into an advanced personal safety device at the touch of a button.

In danger? A simple shake or tap activates Hollie Guard. Your location, along with audio/video evidence, is automatically sent to your emergency contact. A second shake sends out a high pitched alarm and the flash starts to strobe, in order to attract maximum attention.





Please remember, not all disability is visible

MAYOR OF LONDON



ENRICHMENT

As we will be shortly hitting December and the school has not been able to provide as many enrichment opportunities as we normally love getting involved in; the enrichment team wanted to make a bit of a fuss over Christmas.

We will be putting up a Christmas tree in each year bubble on Monday and launching two competitions that we would love you to get involved in.

BEST DECORATED YEAR GROUP TREE

Each tutor group will be provided with some wooden Christmas tree decorations to be handed out on Monday during registration.

Any interested students can collect one of these decorations and decorate in any way you wish; using paint, pens, pencils, glitter, paper mâché or any other medium that takes your fancy.

The **only** stipulation that you use the colour of your year group (year 7s being able to use white or silver). Once completed, please place these on the Xmas tree in your bubble before lunch on the 10th December 2020.

Deadline: Trees will be judged on the afternoon of the 10th and the winning year will get a prize of chocolates. Some inspiration has been provided below, should anyone need it.



ENRICHMENT



As Christmas can be a difficult time of year for some families and especially after the difficult year 2020 has turned out to be, we wanted to give you the option of completing a wonderful thing for others. Your kindness could mean everything to someone in need.

Under each tree will be a decorated box where students can drop in a gift donation for the local Salvation Army appeal; to be given to local families in need. Any toy donations should be unwrapped and for children, but to a maximum value of $\pounds 15$.

Deadline: Gifts will be collected on the evening of the 9^{th} December and taken to the local salvation army.

SUGGESTED GIFT LIST FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles,

baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles

3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles

5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, word searches, crosswords

9-12: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats **13-16:** books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves,

scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

THE WALLINGTON WEEK ENRICHMENT



Entries are open in the PlayStation F.C. Schools' Cup Kit Design Competition 2020/21!

With an unbelievable prize up for grabs, now is the time to get your pupils designing their dream kit. If they've got a passion for design, creativity, fashion or football, this competition will inspire them to take their skills to the next level.

THE PRIZE

The winning design will be featured in FIFA 21. Yes, really. Millions of gamers globally will be able to play in the winning pupils' kit.

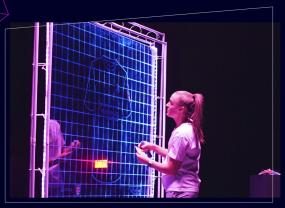


THE INSPO

We think that prize would get any pupil excited. But **Georgia Stanway, Tammy Abraham** and co have a few more words of inspiration, as well as some insider tips.

Watch the school inspiration video here

You can use this video in a lesson, or share it with those designing at home.



HOW IT WORKS

1. Your kit design template is attached to this email

2. Pupils have a choice on how they bring their design to life: either digitally or with pen and paper. The design process can take place at home or at school.

3. Pupils should consider colour, patterns and current trends - anything to give them an edge and catch the judges' eye.

4. Entries will be shortlisted and put to a public vote to decide the final winner.

ENTER NOW

All entries should be submitted to playstationschools@eartotheground.org

DON'T WAIT

Entries close on **8th January** with the winner announced not long after. Follow the Schools Cup on social media to never miss a moment. Time to get creative. Good luck!

#PSNEXTLEVEL



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https://www.imperial.ac.uk/be-inspired/student-recruitment-and-outreach/schools-and-colleges/students/on-campus-activities/events/stemmfutures/



STEMM Futures is a four-part webinar series for young people of Black African and Afro-Caribbean heritage in Years 7–13 who want to find out more about studying at university and their future careers options.

Register today

If you're as passionate about science as we are then you've probably already started thinking about a future in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM).

But you might still have a few questions, like 'Which subject is right for me?' or 'Do people like me go into careers in STEMM?'.

If so, our new STEMM Futures webinar series could be for you. It's specifically for **students of Black African and Afro-Caribbean heritage** who are interested in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine.

National MFL Competition by Routes into Languages, an organisation promoting language learning in UK schools

- This is a national competition open to students in years 7 9 in all schools across England.
- Students are invited to design and create a Foreign Language Christmas Card which shows the Christmas traditions in France, Germany or Spain. The writing must be in French, German or Spanish. <u>N.B. entries containing English language will not be accepted.</u>
- Pupils should research and design their card using, if they wish, a variety of materials. Each card should be no larger than a sheet of A4 paper and must be completed by hand, but any form of materials can be used felt tips, paint, fabric etc. Judges will be looking for originality of illustration as well as accuracy of language and content.
- Each entry MUST be clearly marked on the back with the pupil's first name, year group, language teacher and school, as well as any necessary information why this language was chosen to facilitate judging.
- It should then be given to your language teacher for it to be forwarded to Routes into Languages. Please note it cannot be returned to you after judging.
- Closing Date; Monday, 1st December, 2020

- Routes into Languages have said that the 2 winning entries from across the country will be used as Christmas Ecards for 2020 for their organisation and each of the 2 winners will also receive a £20 Amazon voucher.

Please note that the entries will be forwarded by the school but judged by Routes into Languages. Full details can be accessed via the Routes into Languages website;

https://www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/events/foreign-language-christmas-card-competition-1

CAREERS INFORMATION

YOUNG Professionals

Get into Accounting with PwC, EY & CIMA

Online Registration - 2nd December, 5pm - 6:30pm

Have you ever thought about a career in accounting or business? Do you want to hear from two of the Big 4 and the worlds largest accounting qualification body? We have bought together PwC, EY and CIMA for a very exclusive evening webinar in accountancy and business.

We have keynote talks from partners at EY and PwC, CIMA VP's address, workshops and mini accounting exercises as well as a recruitment panel to talk you through all the opportunities you can get involved with.

Webinar Details:

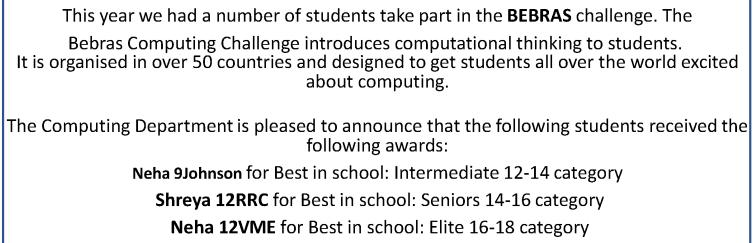
- Wednesday 2nd December, 5pm 6:30pm
- Insight to Accounting & Business (hear from the professionals!)
- Partner keynotes from EY & PwC with VP keynote from CIMA
- Audit and Accounting workshops with mini exercises
- Recruitment panel taking all about paid work experience opportunities and apprenticeships

Registration Link:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-Accounting

We only have capacity for 100 spaces for this event and as such is likely to be very popular, if you are interested please do sign up ASAP to secure your place.







The **Gold award** for the **highest** in the school went to: Neha 9Johnson



Congratulations and well done to ALL those who took part !!





CAREERS INFORMATION

THURSDAY 3RD DEC 6PM-7PM

















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PARALLEL ONLINE MATHS CLUB

Students from Year 7 to Year 11 have chosen to take part in an online Maths Club. It involves learning new skills and solving problems each week with fun activities and videos to watch.

The following students are being awarded house-points for their excellent efforts.

Year 7

Niluksha 7CUR Anna 7 SEA Amy 7 SEA Millee 7 BRO Louisa 7 SEA Onyema 7 SEA Onyema 7 SEA Ashwika 7 SEA Thiviya 7 ATH Deepika 7 CUR Saranja 7 CUR Aswathy 7 JOH Megan 7 SEA Maryam 7 ATH Stella 7 CUR

Year 8

Hannah 8 CUR Yamini 8 JOH Muskaan 8 JOH Nina 8 ATH Dilani 8 BRO Amrah 8 PAN

Year 9

Hala 9 JOH Shreya 9 PAN

Year 10

Katie 10 SEA Anna-Maria 10 CUR Lelana 10 BRO Riya 10 SEA Abisna 10 CUR

Year 11

Sonashreya 11 BRO Additional House-points go to the following students who managed to achieve a 100% score on one of the week's puzzles:

Year 7

Anna 7 SEA (x3) Louisa 7 SEA (x3) Ashwika 7 SEA (x1) Deepika 7 CUR (x1) Megan 7 SEA (x1)

Year 8

Hannah 8 CUR (x1) Dilani 8 BRO (x2)

Year 9

Hala 9 JOH (x2) Shreya 9 PAN (x1)

Year 10

Lelana 10 BRO (x4)

Congratulations to everyone who has taken part – we hope you continue to enjoy the resources. It's not too late to join in – see the advert on the next page.

Miss Tucker



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Mathematical Enrichment Opportunity for Students in Years 7 to 11

Dear Students,

The author, Simon Singh, who has written books including "Fermat's Last Theorem" and "The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets" has set up a website offering weekly online maths puzzle sheets to stretch the keenest maths students. There are five new sheets each week, one each for Year 7 through to Year 11. They are made fun by including great videos, songs and clips from famous films.



The problems are called Parallelograms – a portmanteau word combining parallel and telegram – they are messages sent each week by the Parallel Project to bright young mathematicians.

Puzzles are posted on Thursday's at 3pm and you are advised to submit your solutions by Sunday evening. It's a great way to develop your problem skills, enrich your maths knowledge and hopefully have fun. It really doesn't matter what score you get, because the main thing is that you think hard about the problems... and then look at the solution sheet to see where you went wrong, and then next time you'll know what to do.

If you would like to join in, here's what to do:

- Go to the website <u>https://parallel.org.uk/</u>
- Create a student account, entering the teacher code n33uc4 when prompted
- Make sure you select your Year group when creating an account
- You will be emailed a link to the new Parallelogram each Thursday at 3pm if you don't receive the email you should be able to find it by logging in.
- You should try and complete your solutions by Sunday evening but you can submit later and try the earlier questions if you like.

I think this is a great opportunity and hope that it is something that will be really fun to try.

Miss Tucker

PS Any questions please contact me!



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EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

If you are a European Union citizen, who is resident in the UK before 31 December 2020, you and your family members (including non-EU citizens) need to <u>apply to the EU Settlement Scheme</u> if you want to continue to live, work and study in the UK after 30 June 2021.

The EU Settlement Scheme allows you to continue to live, work and study here in the UK. It means you will continue to be eligible for:

- public services, such as healthcare and schools
- public funds and pensions
- British citizenship, if you want to apply and meet the requirements

The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021.

The Council is **legally prevented** from offering any advice or guidance regarding your application or any other issue related to immigration.

People who need advice about eligibility or help with the application can get free, confidential, independent and impartial advice through <u>Citizens</u> <u>Advice Sutton</u>.

To get support, call the team on 07389731261 or email <u>euss@citizensadvicesutton.org.uk</u>



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GET A TASTE OF

Christmas

Buy tickets at the till points for your festive meals

Christmas lunch

Year 8, 10, 11, & 13 Monday 14th Year 7,9,12 Tuesday 15th

Tickets will be available until Wednesday 9th December.





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