



Wallington High School *For Girls*

MONDAY 28TH
SEPTEMBER 2020

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear all,

I hope you are all staying safe and well. At the time of writing, I am pleased to be able to report that the school has not had any confirmed cases of Covid-19 amongst both students or staff. Students have adapted very well to our new operational plans and continue to demonstrate their resilience and flexibility in light of the current situation. Whilst the weather is still reasonably fair, it has been great to see them outside at break and lunch on our fields, sitting chatting and enjoying the company of their friends, and for some, playing badminton or other games. Let's hope the weather holds so they can continue to do this for a while longer.

Normally I would be highlighting to you the various enrichment or extra-curricular activities that have taken place over the past week although currently there is much less activity to report. This week we did manage to hold our Mini Medical Interviews for our prospective Medics, Dentists and Vets. Students had to complete a range of tasks and role-play as well as interviews which this year were held virtually.

We are currently finalising our plans for remote learning based on various potential scenarios which include sending a form or year group home for a period of time or having to move to a rota system for year groups being in school. This will of course depend on how the picture changes over the next few months both at a national and local level. My aim is to write to parents later this week with some further details as to what our plans are and how we will go about implementing them should the need arise (this will include a remote learning practice afternoon to test our systems and ensure all of our students know how to log on and access the remote learning).

Whilst the wearing of masks around the school is still voluntary, we strongly encourage that students wear them in corridors. Wearing a mask on public transport is mandatory, Sadly, I have had a number of complaints from members of the public that some of our students are removing their masks once seated on public transport. We have reminded students about the need

to wear their masks on buses and trains at all times but if that message could be reinforced at home as well then it would be much appreciated.

Finally, I have included another request in this week's Wally Week asking parents to be considerate if parking or dropping/picking up their daughters from school. This includes not parking illegally on the yellow lines on both sides of the road outside the school which is extremely dangerous for pedestrians and other road users. I am receiving numerous complaints from local residents, including reports that some parents are blocking drives and refusing to move when asked, and the time it takes responding to these is starting to prove a real distraction. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Have a great week

MR R. BOOTH

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SIXTH FORM VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2020

PLEASE VISIT WWW.WALLINGTONGIRLS.SUTTON.SCH.UK

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.

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ENRICHMENT



Welcome to the new Enrichment Section of the Wally Week This is going to be a one stop shop for all Extra Curricular Activities, including after school clubs, visits, residential trips and competitions.

First off, please welcome the new enrichment team for 2020/2021 below:



Mrs S Collins
Enrichment &
Visits Co-Ordinator



Mrs C Kinchington
Enrichment Officer

With the current pandemic limiting our exciting plans for activities so far this year, we will be using the section to suggest online resources, external and in school competitions to keep your creative juices flowing!

Feel free to contact the new enrichment team on enrichment@wallingtongirls.org.uk with any ideas, feedback or suggestions you may have.



National Poetry Day is on the 1st October 2020

The teachers will be displaying their favourite poems around the school on the 1st October 2020 and students may want to take the opportunity to learn more about poetry:

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/>

There is a series of free workshops being run that can help develop confidence in writing a poem and how to decide on the topic. The link below shows the workshops; click on the one(s) you may be interested in to sign up.

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/education/workshops-with-kate-clanchy/>

Wallington Girls School are also delighted to provide the

opportunity to take part in an in-school Poetry competition.

POETRY COMPETITION



Challenge: to produce Poem of your choice, it is entirely your choice what the topic of the poem is about. Every student in the school is encouraged to take part (1 entry per person).

3 winners will be selected **from each year group:**

1st prize – a book voucher and 10 house points

2nd place – 8 house points

3rd place – 5 house points

Submit your poem for us to read and judge your entry email your poem as an attachment to enrichment@wallingtongirls.org.uk

In the e mail subject line type 'Poetry competition *Your name your tutor group*'

DEADLINE: Entries must be e mailed by 5th October



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**BIG
DRAW
FESTIVAL**



HOUSE COMPETITION



The **Big Draw** is on throughout the whole of October. There is a series of online events being run and you can find out more on the link below
<https://thebigdraw.org/>

Wallington Girls School wanted to highlight the particular event below:

“A Climate of Change” – a series of free video art tutorials

Join FADEG [Farnham Art & Design Education Group] and their guest artist Helen Locke as they present this popular community draw and explore this year’s national theme of ‘A Climate of Change’. Helen will have a series of online videos showing techniques available on her blog henkalullah.wordpress.com with the aim of looking at creatures and habitats in local and global environments threatened by climate change. If you need ideas on what to draw you can read some interesting facts about endangered species [here](#).

The School will be running a linked in-house competition along that same theme of Climate of Change.

Challenge: to produce an artwork of your choice based on the theme ‘A Climate of Change’.

Every student in the school is encouraged to take part (1 entry per person).

You can create anything – a drawing, painting, collage, mixed media. You can even create a 3D sculpture perhaps using paper, card or modelling clay.

3 Winners will be selected **from each year group:**

- 1st prize – a set of art materials and 10 house points
- 2nd place – 8 house points
- 3rd place – 5 house points

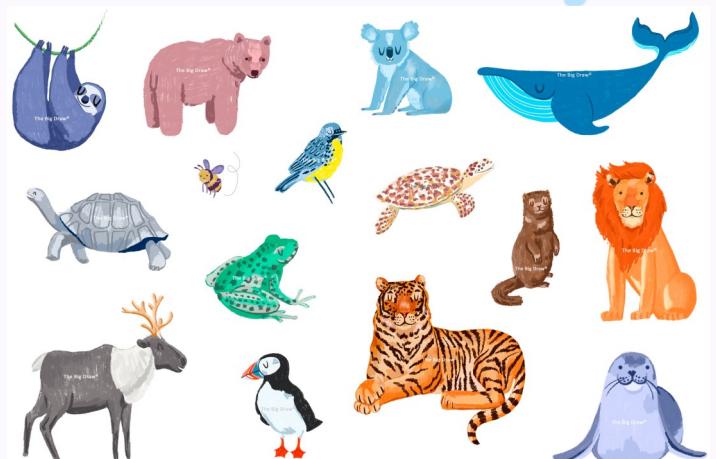
Submit a good quality photo of your artwork for us to view and judge your entry.

You must ‘Save as’ your photo and title it ‘Your name tutor group’ e.g. ‘Maggie Smith 7 Johnson’

Email your photo as an attachment to enrichment@wallingtongirls.org.uk.

In the e mail subject line type ‘Art competition Your name your tutor group’

DEADLINE: Entries must be e mailed by 12th October.



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Taking photographs of your work

- You need to take clear photographs, making sure that you don't include too much background.
- You also need to ensure the photo isn't too dark, too bright or too blurry.
- Also avoid casting a shadow on your work.



This will do the job!
Not too dark, not too bright, not too much background, in focus, no shadows. Aim for this.



If you can lean or stick your picture to a wall, you are less likely to cast shadows on it



Too much background, too many shadows.



Too blurry



Too bright and blown out



Weird angle, too much background



Too dark



Too shiny

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YOUR MASK



MAKE OUR
SCHOOL SAFE
FOR EVERYONE



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