



Wallington High School *For Girls*

MONDAY 21ST
SEPTEMBER 2020

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new term. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Year 7 and Year 12 joiners and their parents. I hope that you find our weekly newsletters useful in keeping you up to date with what has been going on in school and the various experiences that your daughters will have been enjoying. You can also follow the school on twitter using the hashtag @girlswallington.

It has been a very busy start to term with a full return to teaching, reorganising the school into Year group zones, students remaining in bubbles, staggered start and finish times and so on. It has been fantastic to be able to welcome students back after such a significant period of time and I know that staff were very excited to have students back into the classroom. Inevitably we have spent last week refining some of our new operational arrangements and staff are working incredibly hard to ensure that everything goes as smooth as possible and we continue to provide students with the best educational experience.

The students have been brilliant at playing their part in ensuring that the new arrangements are effective and understanding that the school for now, will operate in a way they have not been used to before. Thank you to parents and carers as well for your support and understanding. I know that there are likely to be further challenges and I know also that we will be able to meet these challenges as a school community.

Congratulations to all of our students on their achievements at A Level, AS Level and GCSE this summer. Unfortunately due to Covid, this year's public examinations were cancelled, meaning that students were denied the opportunity of being able to prove themselves in the exam hall. Instead exam boards awarded results on the basis of centre assessed grades and I am sure many of you will have followed all the various announcements and coverage in the media over the summer. Our results for this year were as follows:

A level: **53%** of grades at **A*/A** with **24.1%** at **A***
GCSE: **86.4%** of grades were **grade 7** or better, **65.2%** **grade 8** or better and **33.8%** **grade 9**

It is of course important to remember that these results sit alongside all of the other things our students will have achieved during their time at school including all their contributions to our school community and beyond.

We also welcome a number of new staff this year: Miss H. Russ (Assistant Headteacher – Director of Sixth Form), Mrs L. Blaiklock (Head of Mathematics), Dr G. Dunne (Psychology), Mr A. Grandidge (Sociology) & Miss L. Fitzgerald (Events and Comms Manager). We also welcome Ms L. Edwards (Geography) who is covering a maternity leave.

September also sees a number of staff taking up new roles: Miss H. Clayton (Head of Psychology & Sociology), Ms C. Muir (Head of Year 7), Mr J. Parkinson (Acting Assistant Headteacher), Miss D. Lowe (Acting Director of Science), Mrs A. Stylianou (Acting Head of Biology), Mrs E. Olulari (Acting Head of Key Stage 3 Science), Mr M Durant (Acting Head of Geography), Miss H Purvis (Acting Assistant Head of Year 12) and Mrs J. Haxby (Deputy Head of Biology).

I have enjoyed meeting parents at our new Year 7 Parent Information Evenings that we are hosting for each tutor group. For parents of Year 10 and 12 students we will be hosting virtual Parents Information Evenings – further details to follow.

Have a great week.

MR R. BOOTH

Duke of Edinburgh Award News

Congratulations to Karen (11Sharman) and Akankshya (11Pankhurst) who completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award over the summer.

DR V. WALTERS





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STUDENTS' MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If any student has a condition that requires medication such as Adrenaline Auto Injectors, Antihistamines, Inhalers or Specialist Medication- i.e. Insulin, can parents and carers please ensure that we are provided with a spare to be kept in the first aid room, in addition to medication carried by the student. We require all medication to be supplied in its original container with leaflet, accompanied by a completed Parental Permission Form (available from the school website, school Life, Pastoral Care or by this link

<http://wallingtonhighgirls.fluencycms.co.uk/Pastoral-Care>

We would also ask that you would provide the school with replacements as and when the expiry date is reached. Notices were sent during the lockdown period.

Please ask your daughter to come and see me in the first aid room should there be any query.

LIBRARY

All books that were issued before the school closed have been renewed and are not currently due back until the end of September. All fines have been waived and all students accounts have gone back to 0, so even pre existing fines have been cancelled. To return your library books (or English texts if you took them out before lock down) please put them in the return box outside the library when you are timetabled to be in the library quad at lunch or break. I will be visiting English lessons for all year 7-9 classes so you can return your books directly to me at these lessons.

I have set up an e library for all students to use:

<https://soraapp.com/library/uksecondary>

The username and password is the same as your network log in (the one you use to log in to the school computers and Frog etc)

You can take out books for 2 weeks from here and they are all free.

If you are in year 7-8 you also have access to the following e library:

<https://wallingtongirls.eplatform.co>

I will be visiting your English library lessons to explain what your username and password is for this platform, as it is not the same as your network details. Again you can take out books for 2 weeks and they are all free.

If anyone has any questions, or problems using any of the e libraries, please do email me.

Thanks,
Mrs Murphy



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Year 7 PE Games Captains

The following girls have been selected as PE Games and Vice Captains for their tutor group for the autumn term:

House	Games Captain	Vice Games Captain
Athina	Florence	Emily Br
Bronte	Sadhna	Nitya
Curie	Lucie	Elsie
Johnson	Josie	Rose-Erin
Pankhurst	Emily	Sara
Seacole	Louisa	Anna
Sharman	Maha	Melissa

Well done!

Year 8 PE Games Captains

The following girls have been selected as PE Games and Vice Captains for their tutor group for the autumn term:

House	Games Captain	Vice Games Captain
Athina	Orla	Saffa
Bronte	Amaya	Oumou
Curie	Amira	Antonia
Johnson	Emily	Lola
Pankhurst	Sofie	Emmanuella
Seacole	Lucie	Aafia
Sharman	Oli	Jennifer

Well done!

Year 9 PE Games Captains

The following girls have been selected as PE Games and Vice Captains for their tutor group for the autumn term:

House	Games Captain	Vice Games Captain
Athina	Janushiya	Lucia
Bronte	Amelia	Ysefiult
Curie	Laila	Zhegia
Johnson	Connie	Prakruti
Pankhurst	Zaina	Sophia
Seacole	Megha	Daisy
Sharman	Elina	Vitrusia

Well done!

Year 10 PE Games Captains

The following girls have been selected as PE Games Captains for their tutor group for the year:

House	Games Captain	Games Captain
Athina	Meliya	Halima
Bronte	Chloe	Lelana
Curie	Romoluwa	Qamar
Johnson	Maria	Sarunatfiy
Pankhurst	Juliette	Ella
Seacole	Evie	Zunera
Sharman	Mya	Zoe

Well done!

Year 11 PE Games Captains

The following girls have been selected as PE Games Captains for their tutor group for the year:

House	Games Captain	Games Captain
Athina	Chinazom	Marika
Bronte	Molly	Sophia
Curie	Ellie	Amber
Johnson	Rebecca	Nilakshie
Pankhurst	Annie	Safat
Seacole	Andrea	Niamh
Sharman	Freya	Shivanjaly

Well done!

You will receive an email from Miss Burgess, in due course, where you will find an attached document outlining your roles and responsibilities!

Congratulations