

Wallington High School For Girls

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Message from the Headteacher



This week saw another week of Year 13 students sitting their mock examinations – they are doing well, and I have heard lots of discussion about different revision methods and approaches which have been encouraging. Year 11 students have guidance meetings with senior staff over the next few weeks to discuss progress and ways forward post mocks, and lots

of intervention opportunities are happening across the school at lunch times and after school – run by staff and sixth formers.

We are delighted to welcome two new Governors to our LGB this term. Our new parent governor is Tushar Gupta who has a background in Engineering, IT and Project Management. We also welcome a new Appointed Governor Hasan Simeen who comes from an Economics and Finance background and hopes to use his experiences within these industries to ensure that WHSG continues delivering on high standards.

The traffic lights have finally been fixed thanks to daily calls from our staff.

Thank you to all those who have completed the parent survey – it has been really interesting to read your thoughts and I will respond to them in a few weeks once I have collated and analysed all the findings.

We have fixed a date of Thu 1st Feb for the Tamil film screening, and the students would like the money raised to go to Help Lanka, a charity supporting 'underprivileged children Sri Lankan children through education.'

I am attaching a message form the PTA about the 100 club which is 'a hassle-free fundraiser and a private lottery run by PFA that raises money for our school and also in return gives you an opportunity to earn some extra cash!' Please see details attached within the e-mail you received this newsletter.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

<u>SOCs</u>, the school's new online system for Co-Curricular activities, will allow your child to see all available activities but also allow you to view after school registers to see if your child is attending and in school.

CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

For live updates on careers related opportunities please click <u>here</u>.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Click <u>here</u> for a link to our vacancies page.

GENERAL NOTICES Changes in contact info

If you need to update your home address or contact telephone number, emergency contacts or any other information, please send the updates to:

KS3 and 4 – <u>mandrews@wallingtongirls.org.uk</u> KS5 – <u>jday@wallingtongirls.org.uk</u>

PARKING

Please note that parents are unable to park or drive into the school grounds between the hours of 7.30 -4.30 for safeguarding reasons. Families can contact our reception to ask for permission, where the needs arises for a pupil with mobility issues.

reception@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Please also ensure that when dropping your child at school each day, you are respectful of our local residents by not blocking drives and roads or impacting others safety by parking or dropping off your child(ren) irresponsibly.



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GENERAL NOTICES

ATTENDANCE

Requests for absence, including illness or appointments should be sent to:

attendance@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Please provide at least 2 full school days notice of a planned absence for the school to complete the required processes before the event.

Absences for longer that one day need to be confirmed at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Families should note that requests for holidays during term time will not be approved and penalty fines can be issued.

To notify WHSG of a leave of absence, please complete this <u>form</u> and return to the email above.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

A number of e-mails have been reported as junk/ SPAM and therefore are not being recieved by parents/carers.

Please save the following e-mail address into your address book/safe senders list to ensure you are recieving our school communications: <u>SC3195405a@schoolcomms.com.</u>

PUNCTUALITY

Good punctuality to both lessons and to school is expected of all students. We know that employers place great importance on punctuality and attendance, therefore it is important for our students to understand the value of being on time.

WHSG will issue same day, 20 min detentions for students that are late into school, without a valid reason or persistent lateness to classes. Parents and students will be notified as soon as possible of the detention and the reasoning by email.

We ask that parents support these actions as important processes for the school and understand that detentions cannot be moved for any after school clubs or enrichment events. Should a detention clash with a medical appointment, evidence will be requested for the school to show flexibility.

NOTICE FROM THE DSL

E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

Date and time: Thurs 8th Feb 2024, 18.00-19.00 Facilitator: Steve Welding - Education E-safety Adviser from Cognus Location: This is a virtual event – Teams

Steve Welding is an online safety specialist who wishes to educate all parents on how they can support their children to make the correct choices online. As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. This workshop will provide you with advice and resources to help you in supporting your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Meeting details:

Microsoft Teams Meeting Meeting ID: 312 726 541 059 Passcode: fjAdSj

GENERAL NOTICES BACK-TO-SCHOOL ADVICE

Click <u>here</u> for essential information provided by the GovUK website.



MATHS Last Term's Successes



Last term featured many amazing mathematical achievements from our students.

Some of the highlights include:

Julia (12KMK) achieved the highest result in our school for the Senior Mathematical Challenge and her performance in the British Mathematical

Olympiad led to her being selected for an all-expenses paid mathematical training camp in Hungary. We wish her the best of luck in the second round of the British Mathematical Olympiad this week.

Mugdha (8Bro) was awarded a Bronze Honour certificate in the International Youth Math Challenge.

Many of our sixth form students have had fantastic success in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, Senior Mathematical Challenge and Senior Kangaroo. Of particular note, Sophie (13SBN), Kareena (12CGY), Rebecca (12MDS), Abbie (13PBD), Sanjna (12MDS), Aanya (12AST), Naomi (13KHD), Pavithra (12AST), Shreya (12MDS) and Julia (12KMK) achieved a Distinction in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls and Katie (13MNI), Hannah (13JHY), Abbie (13PBD), Abisna (13AGE), Mekavi (12LHN) and Abita (12CGY) all achieved a Merit in the Senior Kangaroo.

Our students have also been busy taking part in many online enrichment programmes, including the Southampton University Cipher Challenge, Integral's Ritangle competition and the excellent online maths club for Y7-Y11, Parallelograms. Lots of students have submitted solutions to the Parallelogram maths questions but the following students have worked through an impressive number of problems, Megan (10 Sea), Aarna (9Bro), Lois (9Bro), Devika (9Bro), Ana (8Pan), Harine (7Bro), Jessica (7Sha) and Monica (7Bro). We entered a team for the London-based Hans Woyda maths competition. This involved Abbie (13PBD), Naomi (13KHD), Abhishree (12HIC), Julia (12KMK), Huda (11Sha), Jade (11Pan), Caitlin (9Joh), Uma (9Sha) and Mugdha (8Bro). These students attended regular lunchtime sessions and developed their problem-solving ability. In all the competitions, they demonstrated brilliant team work and achieved top scores in the round where they worked all together.

Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in any of these competitions!

Looking ahead to this term we have a number of competitions and events to look out for, including the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge and the University of Southampton Maths Challenge – which has just opened. There continues to be opportunities for enrichment with the Parallelograms, mentioned above, and online maths circles. More details about these will follow in your maths lessons and the student bulletin.







LANGUAGE COMPETITIONS

The Faculty of Medieval and Modern languages at the University of Oxford runs language competitions every year for all year groups. We have had several students over the years, some of whom have gone on to do languages at Oxford or Cambridge universities, who have been winners of the French Flash Fiction Competition, the German Olympiad and the Spanish Flash Fiction Competitions. Please use the link below to find out about the competitions. We would encourage you to give it a go! All entrants from school will get a special languages badge when they show their languages teacher their entry!

Click here for the link!

¡Bonne chance! ¡Viel Glück!

¡Mucha Suerte!

WEX WHSG Year 11 and 12 Work Experience Week

A work experience placement enables students to experience the rigours of the workplace and offers an opportunity for them to sample different working environments, which in turn may help them to select a career path, subject options or university course. This year, all Year 11 and 12 students will participate in a work experience week scheduled for 8th to 12th July (Year 11) and 15th to 19th July (Year 12). Finding a work experience placement can often be a daunting task and so we appreciate your support in helping your child to find a suitable experience. Please would you spend some time exploring any contacts your child can use and help them to explore and research local companies which may be able to provide a placement. You may also be able to offer a work experience placement to other WHSG student; if this is the case, please contact Mrs Parkinson at

lparkinson@wallingtongirls.org.uk.



JACT LATIN SUMMER SCHOOL MONDAY 22nd JULY – SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST 2024

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ...

- Intensive courses (including three 1-hour taught sessions per day) for all levels from beginners up to A Level, as well as university students who have started Latin as adults
- Focus on fluency and diversity of Latin texts good for anyone wanting to build up their reading experience (e.g. for Oxbridge interview preparation)

SUPPORTING THE STUDY & TEACHING OF CLASSICS

- Highly qualified tutors, most of whom teach in well-established Classics departments at leading UK schools
- Daily clinics to help consolidate key grammatical knowledge
- A full programme of evening talks and a chance to meet leading university academics



Other Benefits

- Beautiful surroundings in the quintessential historic spa town of Harrogate in Yorkshire
- Trips to Roman sites (in York and an optional weekend excursion to Hadrian's Wall) as well as events on-site (such as quiz nights and a visit from the Hellenic Bookservice)
- Two weeks with well over 100 like-minded students great friends, great memories!
- All-in food and board and access to school facilities (including a pool, Squash and Tennis courts)



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