

# Wallington High School For Girls

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

## THE WALLINGTON WEEK

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

I would like to start by highlighting that I have written to parents/carers separately with a Covid update and a reminder of some of the key steps in place to help limit the spread of transmission of the virus that students should be following.

Last week we held our Year 10 Parents Information Evening which focused on outlining to parents and carers important information with regards to the next two years studying for GCSEs and how parents can help support their child during this time. Thank you to everyone that attended and a copy of the PowerPoint can be found on the school website.

It has been a busy week for our potential Medics as they took part in our Mini Medical Interviews on Wednesday evening. Everyone applying for Medicine or Dentistry this year had the opportunity to take part in a series of short fire interviews, role plays and tasks, reflecting the selection process they have to undergo for their degree place. Many of these stations were run by doctors and other medical professionals so thank you to everyone that came along to help including members of staff.

We also hosted the Nonsuch and Wallington second stage entrance test on Saturday. Once again everything ran very smoothly and thank you to all of the Sixth Form students and staff that came along to help with the day.

Finally, can I remind parents that as part of our uniform policy, a watch and one small pair of plain gold or silver ear studs in the lobe of the ear are the only jewellery allowed. We recognise the diversity of our community; discrete, visible religious or cultural symbols will be individually considered on request by the parent/carer, in writing, to the Headteacher.

Have a great week

**Mr R Booth** 

**HEADTEACHER** 









## STUDENTS' MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If a student has a condition that requires any medication including Inhalers, Epi-pens or Antihistamines can parents/carers please ensure that they provide spare medication to the school so that we can hold this in our first aid room in case of emergency. We require all medication each to be accompanied by a completed Parental Permission Form, available from the school website by this link:

https://www.wallingtongirls.org.uk/page/?title=Student+First+Aid+%26amp%3B+Medication+Information&pid=105

We would also ask that you would provide the school with replacement medication as and when the expiry date is reached.

### Reminder -First Aid Room

A reminder that the first aid room is primarily for emergencies and students should only ask to visit if they are in genuine need of medical attention. For minor ailments such as headaches and period pain, there isn't much that First Aid can do to assist. Please try to be proactive before you arrive at school making sure that you are eating a good breakfast, drinking lots of water and taking painkillers at home with adult supervision if required so that you are prepared for the day. If you do need to visit First Aid and you

are in a lesson please do ask for a Staff Pass or ensure that you get your planner signed by a member of staff.

#### LIBRARY

The library is now open at break, lunch and after school till 4pm, to all students.

#### NEW CATERING CARDS

Over the summer the school has upgraded their catering till system, this means students will be provided with a new catering card with their name on. The first card will be issued by the school in September free of charge but any replacement cards will be charged at £5.00. If your child loses their catering card they must inform Reception who will arrange for £5.00 to be charged to your ParentPay account.

## 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.

## MESSAGE FROM RECEPTION

Due to the current climate reception is unable to accept items brought in for students by Parents/ Carers unless they are essential items such as medication etc. Reception are experiencing such high volumes of items being dropped off that is isn't manageable.

## MESSAGE FROM ASPENS, OUR CATERERS

No doubt you will have seen in the media about the lack of HGV drivers and general resources to operate supply chains. This is causing nationwide shortages of food for supermarkets, restaurants, takeaway outlets and hospitality providers such as ourselves.

We are working hard to keep any changes to a minimum and we thank you for your patience while the supply chain stabilises.

### Music Groups 2021/22





MONDAY	LUNCH-1:20-1:45PM	JUNIOR CHOIR (Y7-9) ACTIVIT	Y STUDIO KGN
MONDAY	AFTER SCHOOL 3-4PM	GCSE COMPOSITION (Y10-11)	R7 MNI
TUESDAY	LUNCH-1:20-1:45PM	GOSPEL CHOIR (Y8-13) (by audition)	R7 KGN
WEDNESDAY	LUNCH-1:20-1:45PM	A CAPELLA (Y7-13) (by audition)	R7 BP
WEDNESDAY	AFTER SCHOOL 3-4PM	CHAMBER CHOIR (Y8-13) (by audition)	R7 MNI
THURSDAY WEEK A	LUNCH-1:20-1:45PM	MUSIC SOCIETY (Y10-13)	R7 BP
THURSDAY WEEK B	LUNCH-1:20-1:45PM	GCSE COMPOSITION (Y10-11)	R7 MNI
THURSDAY	AFTER SCHOOL 3-4PM	ORCHESTRA (Y7-13)	R7 MNI
FRIDAY	LUNCH-1:20-1:45PM	INDIAN ENSEMBLE (Y7-13)	R7 (TBC) ST

# MATHEMATICAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7 TO 11

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 <a href="https://parallel.org.uk/">https://parallel.org.uk/</a>
  - 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!

### Wallington High School for Girls

### PE & Dance Extra Curricular 2021-22

	Autumn Term (Sept-Dec)							
	Year 7 Clubs	Year 8 Clubs	Year 9 Clubs	Year 10 Clubs	Year 11/Senior Clubs			
Monday	Netball Club (A-D Team) (Courts) 3-4pm Teacher: K Parkinson	Dance (Royal Academy) (Dance Studio) 3-4pm Teacher: RAD/S Collins	Gymnastics Club (Gym) 3-4pm Teacher: J Little	Gymnastics Club (Gym) 3-4pm Teacher: J Little	Gymnastics Club (Gym) 3-4pm Teacher: J Little			
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Tuesday	Gymnastics Club (Gym) 3-4pm Teacher: J Little Athletics Club (Sports Hall) 3-4pm Teacher: N Sasson	Gymnastics Club (Gym) 3-4pm Teacher: J Little Athletics Club (Sports Hall) 3-4pm Teacher: N Sasson	Dance Club (Dance Studio) 3-4pm Teacher: Grayes Dance School/S Collins	Dance Club (Dance Studio) 3-4pm Teacher: Grayes Dance School/S Collins	Dance Club (Dance Studio) 3-4pm Teacher: Grayes Dance School/S Collins			
Wednesday	Football Club (Bottom Field) 3-4pm Teacher: N Sasson	Netball Club (A-D Team) (Courts) 3-4pm Teacher: S Collins	Football Club (Bottom Field) 3-4pm Teacher: J Carter	Cricket Club (Sports Hall) 3-4.30pm Teacher: Surrey/K Bates	Cricket Club (Sports Hall) 3-4.30pm Teacher: Surrey/K Bates			
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Friday	(Sports Hall) LUNCH Teacher: Leaders	(Sports Hall) LUNCH Teacher: Leaders	(Sports Hall) LUNCH Teacher: Leaders					

## PRESTIGIOUS POETRY COMPETITION

Young Writers invites students aged 11-18 to write a poem for a competition entitled *Empowered*. Embrace this fantastic opportunity to express yourselves on something you are passionate about. Watch the video here and access their website for more information:

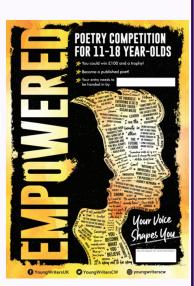
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewjlff08Ag0&t=4s

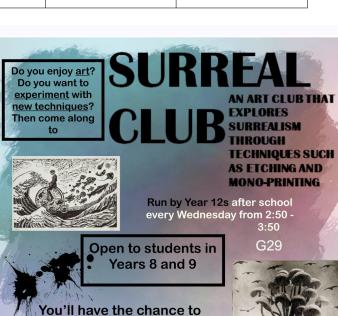
https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS3-4/

empowered#download-links

- You could win £100 and a trophy!
- Become a published poet!
- Email your entries to Miss Williams

   wwilliams@wallingtongirls.org.uk
   or bring them in hard copy to
   the English office (G2)
- Your poem needs to be handed in <u>by 18<sup>th</sup> October</u> so that the entries can be collated and sent off.







explore techniques

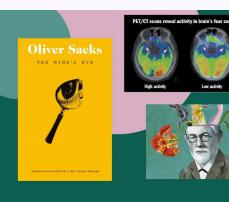
you've never tried before so come along, bring

some friends and HAVE

**FUN!** 

Mrs O'Connell will send a OneDrive sign up link around on Monday afternoon

Sign up ASAP if you're interested, limited spaces available...



### ARE THERE MENTAL IMAGES OR IS IT JUST OUR IMAGINATION?

WEEK A THURSDAY LUNCH

MENTS, DO WE FOCUS ON PSYCHOLOGICAL OR BIOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS?

WHEN DEVELOPING MENTAL HEALTH TREAT-

RUN BY ROSALYN, IMOGEN AND LAUREN W

CAN VIOLENCE BE BLAMED ON INSECURE ATTACHMENT?

DISCUSSING

AS:

EMAIL RACEVEDO15@WALLINGTONGIRLS.ORG.UK TO JOIN



**OPPORTUNITIES PARTICIPATE** IN EXPERIMENTS!

#### **YEAR 11** PSYCHOLOGY &

9 mark Q practise Monday Week B 1.30-1.40 in CO3 Sign up sheet on Psy office door.



16 mark Q practise Monday Week A 1.20-1.40 in CO3 Sign up sheet on Psy office door.



#### Indian Ensemble

Friday at lunch 1:20-1:45 in R7

All years and everyone welcome. No experience needed, just passion for South Asian culture, dance and song! Bharathanatyam and Bollywood dancers, Carnatic singers and instrumentalists required - skill level doesn't

Come along for a good laugh and some fun times! Any enquiries email sthayaparanı5@wallingtongirls.org.uk Please cc Mrs Ngobi: mngobi@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Note: Will be performing at Winter Concert.



Are you looking for a way to get involved in the wider school community? Or maybe you've just started a new subject and are looking for a way to delve deeper into it? Eureka Magazine will let **you do just that!** Write an article for one of our sections and submit it by saving it in the correct section in the Eureka Folder on FROG.

#### Sections:

Maths and Engineering Medicine and Life Sciences Computer Science

**Economics and Business** Design and Technology Psychology





If you have any questions, feel free to email any one of us:

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Make sure to CC stucker@wallingtongirls.org.uk





Do you love writing stories and poetry?

Then join Creative Writing Club

Mondays

**After School** 

The Library

(Starts 27th September)

What do we do?
The society is a relaxed space where you can learn about different companies and styles of theatre through a variety of exercises looking a scripts, plays, improv and acting.



EVERY TUESDAY WEEK A

LUNCHTIME IN FO3

CONTACT AANYA SISODIA OR SHRIJAL GORE VIA EMAIL OR MESSAGE TO GET INVOLVED



Year 11-13

When does it start?

Tuesday 28 Sept

Who is it for?

### A MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM

#### **BACKSTAGE NOTICE: OPEN TO ALL YEARS**

Backstage including: prop and set-building, crewing on the night, lights, sound, costuming

WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
IN F02 (the large drama studio)

Please bring your lunch and be prompt



Graft Club



**Maker Space: creative** 

Monday Lunch

In the library

Rock painting, pom poms, making badges and lots more

(Starts 23<sup>rd</sup> September)

SIXTH FORMERS LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE? Help to oversee the younger years backstage!

### **Board games club**

Tuesday's

- After school

The Library

(Starts the 28th September)



Calling all space enthusiasts

Are you truly intrigued by the vastness of our universe?
Would you like to find out more about it?
Well we have a solution for you! Attend our new lunchtime astronomy club.
We will look at everything from galaxies to aliens!!!

If you have any questions please email Maahi(10Ath) - mgandhi17@wallingtongirls org uk Sophie(10Cur) - sdowse17@wallingtongirls org ak Piya(10Cur) - prajan17@wallingtongirls org uk

All years welcome !!

Every Thursday lunchtime in T06!

Join us as we explore

the depths of our universe !!

#### **ENRICHMENT UPDATE**

PE after school clubs are now up and running! – we really hope you enjoy the additional opportunities you have on offer for the Autumn term. Full timetable of the activities will soon be on our website under the extra and co- curricular section.

Drama GCSE and A Level Theatre Trips Following on from last weeks announcement about year 8, Drama students from years 10-13 have also now been offered the opportunity to go and see Midsummer Nights Dream at the world famous Globe theatre on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> October. This visit will form part of the compulsory work required for these exams. All the relevant students should have already received invites, however if you have not yet received anything and study drama at GCSE or A Level, please contact enrichment@wallingtongirls.org.uk.

#### YEAR 8 GLOBE THEATRE TRIP

Please don't forget to provide your consent for the year 8 visit to the globe to see Midsummer nights dream on the I<sup>st</sup> October via parent pay. The deadline for consent and payment is the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

## GREAT NEWS AND WELL DONE TO MINALI YEAR 11

Last spring many of you submitted entries to us for the Historical Association annual competition. We forwarded the shortlisted entries, on behalf of the school, and we are really please to announce once of our entries won! Minali M, now in year 11 wrote a wonderfully emotive piece that has now won best story as part of the national competition. Along with the previously awarded school prize, She now also wins a £25 prize, winners certificate and memento prize plus a years free membership of the Historical Society of our school. These prizes are being mailed to the school to be awarded in your year group assembly.

An extract of the winning piece is below:

You'd think after many years I would have become accustomed

screaming, the kicking, the crying, the gunshots, the sirens, the choking, I have never been able to normalise those sounds, no matter how hard I tried. But still, by some sickening way, I have grown to live with them. The one thing, however, that the effects of time haven't been able to reduce the impact of, was what followed the crushing noises of death- the silence.

There was something about silence, something about the abrupt end to life that stirs a great uneasiness within me. Something about the wispiness of a final breath that shatters my soul into tiny pieces. Something about the hope emanating from a dying child's eyes as a single tear rolled down rosy cheeks that make wet my own eyes.

## THE BIG DRAW FESTIVAL 2021: MAKE THE CHANGE

Our school had a wonderful time last year, despite COVID, creating some pieces for this month long art event for an inhouse competition. In 2021 The Big DrawFestival #MakeTheChange is a timely development on last year's exploration into the relationship between people and our living environments. In October 2021, they want to take action, to explore and discover ways to live in balance with the world around us, to reconnect

with each other and demand a better world for future generations. This is a great year to bring your community together through positive activism and creativity, and be part of The World's Biggest community of drawing enthusiasts! Find out more about this year's theme here. Any students that do create some pieces for this event, we would love to see them. Send them to enrichment@wallingtongirls.org.uk so that we can proudly should off your work.

## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Did you know that there are 200 European languages available within Europe and 60 regional or minority languages. But there are only 24 official European languages. It is easy to let slip the significant part played by each and every language in the lives of the individuals. So, this day is important in all its sense. This day helps enlighten about the need for the acceptance of all the wide variety of languages. The day helps to encourage the learning of the language irrespective of age and gender. It can even promote the existence of a wide variety of languages that should be brought into the limelight. Mr C Bermundez Caro has created a quiz for you to undertake in form time and Catering are putting on a special European Menu to mark the event on Monday 27th September. There are also 12 posters with language idioms on them dotted around the school. The challenge for students is to find all 12 and jot them down to show their language teacher over this coming week.

In honour of European Day of Languages, why not check out the EDL Secret Agent's Language Challenge App? The challenges and quizzes contained within this free app encourage you, as a future international agents, to take advantage of the plentiful opportunities available to practice or learn more about a language beyond a classroom context. You can download from google or appstore. By passing through a series of levels you can rise from a lowly agent in training to become a master secret agent. You can compete with friends in achieving challenges, identifying countries and languages and completing quizzes. The challenges go from the easy, such as, "count from I-10 in 3 different languages within one minute" to ones that are a bit more demanding, "together with a friend, write the words to a song/rap in a foreign language.

## LINNEAN SOCIETY SPECIAL SPECIES COMPETITION

Thanks to all of you that have sent idea copies of your ideas for a new species. A sample of those we have been sent are below. Our students certainly have a good imagination! Don't forget to sent them to the Linnean Society directly to enter the competition as well!



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