

Wallington High School For Girls

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that the term is well underway and our new operational arrangements have become the new normal, we have been able to start to focus on another important aspect of life at WHSG which is the wide variety of extra-curricular activities, competitions and more that we normally have on offer.

This week's edition of the Wally Week includes a variety of opportunities available to our students including the launch of our very popular Duke of Edinburgh Award to students in Year 9, 10 and 12. We are also looking to start to re-introduce our extra-curricular programme within the school. The CCF is already running after school on Thursdays and from after half-term we will be introducing after school clubs and activities that allow for us to maintain our year group bubbles. So please do encourage your daughters to make the most of these opportunities on offer as they start to come through.

Finally, just to make you aware of two changes to our calendar:

- The new date for the SET has now been confirmed as Wednesday IIth November. This means that the school will be closed to students on that day.
- You should have now received a letter regarding our plans for remote learning provision. On Thursday 15th October, we will be conducting a test of our IT systems by delivering period 5 on that day remotely. This means that we will finish normal school at 12.15pm, at the end of period 3, on that day for all year groups with the exception of Year 11. They will have their A level subject Q&A session period 4 and will finish school at 1.15pm instead. With the exception of Year II, all other year groups will access a remote lesson from home during period 5 (2.15pm - 2.45pm) as a precaution in case there are any issues with our systems which we may need to resolve. More details to follow nearer the time but I just wanted to give parents and carers the heads up.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 6 October

08:25 - 14:50	GCSE Music Recording
18.00—	Virtual Oxbridge Info Evening
17:30 - 18:30	Sixth Form Open Evening 11 Athena
19:00 - 20:00	Sixth Form Open Evening 11 Bronte
Wednesday, 7 October	
17:30 – 18:30	Sixth Form Open Evening 11 Curie
19:00 - 20:00	Sixth Form Open Evening 11 Johnson
Thursday, 8 (October
13:50 - 14:50	Year 7 House Cross Country
Key DATES	
Tuesday, 13 October	
17:30 - 18:30	Sixth Form Open Evening 11 Pankhurst
19:00 - 20:00	
Wednesday,	14 October
17:30 - 18:30	Sixth Form Open Evening 11 Sharman
Monday, 19 C	October – Friday, 30 October
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Have a great weekend.



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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.

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.

KEEPING OUR STANDARDS HIGH

As the weather turns decidedly Autumnal, we ask that parents and carers ensure that all our students wear coats to school. Students in most year groups buy food in outside areas and all students are expected to be outside at break time, weather permitting. At lunchtimes students are able to eat inside their form rooms and students have been informed of the high expectations the school has regarding ensuring that teaching rooms are kept clean and tidy. All zones have appropriate litter bins for food as well as general waste. Most of our students continue to wear their lanyards throughout the day. If a student loses a lanyard a replacement may be bought from Reception for 50p. Students are aware they are expected to wear a lanyard on the day they have PE and at all times during the day whilst on school site.







MINI MEDICAL INTERVIEWS

I took part in the MMIs hosted by the school last Wednesday along with the rest of applicants who are applying for medical related degrees. Each student had to go to 6 stations and in each one there was a different activity. The majority were healthcare and science related but there were a few surprising ones, which I thought was very realistic and helpful. For example, in one I was asked to describe how to draw a dog to someone whose eyes were closed! What I really enjoyed about the experience was that it gave me a chance to practice my communication skills and showed me areas which I need to improve on. It also allowed me to practice in a formal environment, which I otherwise would have not been able to experience. In summary, it was a stressful but nevertheless extremely valuable experience.

SOFIA 13VWS



The Medic Portal will be running three free Get Into Medicine Seminars over the coming month live online for Years 11,12 & 13.

They will focus on how to succeed in the medical school interview (updated for this unique year) alongside top tips from admissions tutors.

They can sign up here.

They will run on the following dates and times:

- · 14th October: 5pm to 6.30pm
- 4th November: 5pm to 6.30pm
- 18th November: 5pm to 6.30pm



Students will also get to hear from a top European Medical School, The University of Nicosia, on their unique programme.

THE MFL DEPARTMENT ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THE 2020 LANGUAGES TRANSLATION COMPETITIONS WITH THE SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD





About the Competition - Students of French, Spanish and / or German in Years 12 and 13 in the UK are invited to submit their translation of an original short text. Only one translation for each language per student is permitted. The texts and information about each competition are available at the following links:

French Translation Competition 2020 -https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/slc/french-translation-competition-2020Spanish Translation Competition 2020 -https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/slc/german-translation-competition-2020German Translation Competition 2020 -https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/slc/german-translation-competition-2020

Prizes - The authors of the ten best entries for each competition will each receive a prize of a £25 book token and an invitation to take part in a special Translation Workshop held at the University of Sheffield.

How to enter - Entrants should complete a competition entry form (available for download from the competition website), including: The Students' Full Name, Date of Birth, Home Address and Postcode' Contact email address, School name and address, Completed entry forms should be sent as an email attachment to <u>translation-competition@sheffield.ac.uk</u> before 5pm on Friday 6 November.



ENRICHMENT

As a consequence of the current COVID situation, the school has come to the very sad decision to postpone the planned enrichment day that was due to take place on 6^{+} November 2020. This will now be a normal school day. We are very hopeful that we can go ahead with the planned activities for the remaining enrichment events and have provided the dates below for your diaries:

Spring Term - Thursday 11th March 2021 Summer Term - Monday 12th July 2021 to Wednesday 14th July 2021

Instead, your Enrichment team, here at Wallington, will use this section of the bulletin to continue to provide updates on any internal competitions or opportunities and any useful and/or interesting online activities and external competitions.

As we settle into the new and strange 2020/21 academic year, we wanted to provide you with more information about the following opportunities we offer to the various year groups within our school annually.



Duke of Edinburgh Awards – are open to all students in year 9, 10 and 12 to join the world renowned award scheme. Universities and employers rate this scheme as the highest non-academic accolade they look for in prospective applicants. In undertaking the awards, every students has the ability to elevate their self-confidence, skills and aspirations and hone their communication and team working skills.

The applications to join this award scheme are now open. The links below provide more information from the leader of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme at Wallington High School for Girls, and the enrolment form should anyone wish to sign up. Copies of these letters and presentations will be available on the website from Monday 5th October.

https://www.dofe.org/do/

STEM COMPETITION ALERT

Do you and some of your year group friends fancy creating a small team to enter this competition being run by



UK Space Design competition

Age:14–18

Submissions close: beginning of November (digital heats); 11 December (video submissions)

The UK Space Design competition (UKSDC) combines science, engineering and business as a simulation of life in industry, opening students' eyes to the vast potential offered by future study or a career in STEM. Teams of 8–12 students are given a list of requirements for a space settlement and tasked with coming up with a detailed design which they present to a panel of judges from industry, academia and business.

Teams can enter through the online digital heats or submit a video. In March, a selection of lucky winners will be invited to join the UK team and attend the International Space Settlement Design Competition

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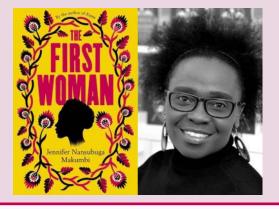
HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is celebrated throughout the month of October. Here at Wallington, we have decided to stretch this event over October and November so that we can make the most of the opportunities and learning resources available (and allowing for the two week October half term). More of the in school events and learning will be happening in November, but below are some good starting points:

This week we wanted to highlight the following online events that may be of interest to you that are happening before half term

Online Event Mon 26TH October 7pm-8pm

Join Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi to discuss her new novel The First Woman. A sweeping tale of longing and rebellion, at once epic and deeply personal, combining an intoxicating mix of ancient Ugandan folklore and contemporary feminism. If you are interested in signing up to the event: <u>www.eventbrite.com/e/the-first-woman</u>



ONLINE EVENT MON 19TH OCTOBER 7PM-8PM

In the book, Shame On Me, Tessa McWatt unspools all the interwoven strands of her inheritance, she dismantles her own body and examines it piece by piece to build a devastating and incisively subtle analysis of the race debate as it now stands, in this stunningly written exploration of who and what we truly are – Shortlisted for the 2020 OCM Bocas prize for Caribbean literature – join Tessa in conversation. If you are interested in signing up to the event www.eventbrite.com/e/shame-on-me-an-anatomy

Also as the nights are closing in and the weather is getting colder, Fancy snuggling up with a warm blanket and some popcorn to watch some great movies.



<u>8 recommended movies for Black History Month</u> has some excellent recommendations.

ENRICHMENT





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 (I 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 emailed by 12th October.



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 (I 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.

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.



Weird angle, too much background



Too dark



Too shiny

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK



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YOUR MASK PROTECTS ME.



Nonsuch High School for Girls

Examination Invigilators £10.55 per hour

£11.80 per hour when leading exams, as requested by Exam Officer. Training will be given before you become a Lead Invigilator

Hours worked on an ad-hoc basis but must be available and able to commit to work during examination periods OR just for testing days in November

NB: You must be available to work on Wednesday 11th November and Saturday 28th November 2020. Unfortunately, we cannot currently accept applicants who have a child in Year 6 at Primary School

All suitable candidates will receive training prior to commencing duties. We take the safety of our staff seriously and PPE is provided for invigilators in all exam rooms.

Application forms and further details of how to apply can be found at <u>www.nonsuchschool.org</u> or by contacting the School directly:

 Human Resources
 T: 020 8394 3400

Nonsuch High School for Girls E:<u>vacancies@nonsuchschool.org</u>

Ewell Road, Cheam, Surrey, SM3 8AB

Due to the volume of applications we receive, we apologise for being unable to contact candidates who have not been shortlisted.

Closing date : Monday 12 October

Interviews : Wednesday 14 October

In line with our recruitment policy and for the protection of our students, the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be eligible to work in the UK.

We welcome applications from all suitably qualified people and aim to employ a culturally diverse workforce which reflects the nature of our school community.

