



Wallington High School *For Girls*

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MONDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER 2021

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

It was great to speak to parents, carers and Year 11 students in person last week at our Sixth Form Information Evenings. These evenings provided an opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the Sixth Form, hear from our two Head Girls about their experiences as well as listen to advice on how best to choose their A level options and also be taken through changes to this year's GCSE examinations. Thank you to everyone who attended and I hope that you found it all useful.

I am pleased to report that the number of confirmed Covid cases in the school currently remain low, however, this does not mean that we can afford to be complacent. Please refer to the letter sent to all parents and students last night outlining the new national measures in relation to Covid-19. This means that, in line with the government guidance, students at Wallington High School for Girls **should now wear face masks in communal areas, such as corridors and the school canteen** (except for those that have a mask exemption). We have also now decided to suspend face to face year group assemblies for the remainder of this term as an additional precautionary measure.

With the colder weather and the increased importance on good ventilation around the school, please can students ensure that they have a coat with them as inevitably classrooms and other areas are less warm than usual.

Secondary schools were notified on Friday by the DfE to prepare to test their pupils once on-site on their return in January after the Christmas holidays. As we have only just received the news, further details will be sent out to parents once we have had a chance to determine arrangements.

Finally, with the arrival of the colder weather, I thought it might be sensible to remind parents of the protocols following an unexpected closure of the School due to severe weather. Such events are extremely rare and the School would only be closed reluctantly and as a last resort. Every effort will be made to maintain the continuous operation of the School and the education of its students. Any full or partial closure will be communicated to parents and staff by mobile text and by email around 07.00am. There will also be a message on the school's website.

MR R BOOTH



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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 an Out of Lesson Pass or ensure that you get your planner signed by a member of staff.

TESTING FOR COVID-19

Please be reminded that Lateral Flow Tests should be taken twice weekly if a student does not have any Covid-19 symptoms. If symptoms start to show e.g. new persistent cough, even if they are also presenting with cold/flu symptoms, a PCR test should be arranged, and they should stay home until results have been received and notified to our Attendance Officers for a return to school date.

FUNDRAISING

Well done, all your hard work has paid off, we have raised £1305.70 for Black Minds Matter and Show Racism the Red Card. We have split the funds equally between both charities and finance is sorting this out.

ENRICHMENT UPDATE

Autumn Enrichment Day

We really hope that you all enjoyed the recent Autumn Enrichment day and the opportunities for additional learning and personal development that they provided.

We have already received some lovely anecdotal feedback from some students, however you will all be shortly receiving a formal feedback form regarding the recent enrichment day. Please do take the time to complete this short form and let us know your thoughts, whether positive or negative so that we can use that as we move forwards with our future planning.

World Challenge Expedition

For those of you that have considered signing up to the World Challenge Program, please remember the deadline to sign up with World Challenge is Friday 26th November. If you have not yet done so and have your parent/carers approval and consent, don't forget to complete the trip sign up with World Challenge Tour Details - Wallington High School for Girls - Malawi - 2023 - Team 1 (myworldchallenge.com)

Disney Residential visit February Half Term

Please ensure to make the payment for the next instalment for this resident visit that due on the 1st December 2021. You will have received a communication this week asking for passport details and other information that is required to progress the planning for this booking. Please ensure to complete the requested MS Form by the deadline of the 6th December 2021.

Art in Action

Year 12 and 13 students will have been sent a communication regarding the opportunity to join the upcoming Art online conference on the 6th December 2021. This conference is a wonderful opportunity to enhance and develop your learning around the Art subject and curriculum.

Please ensure that your parent/carer provides consent to attend this conference via parent pay before the deadline at the end of November.

Drama Residential Workshop

The Drama department are offering all Drama GCSE and A Level students a chance to join them on a Performing Arts residential between the 4th and 5th of July 2022 in Colchester.

The two day event will offer the GCSE and A Level Students a chance to join in and learn from industry professionals and get hands on experience of the variety of aspects of Performing Arts.

The relevant students have been sent a letter inviting them to join the residential. Places are limited so that will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please contact enrichment@wallingtongirls.org.uk

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KEY STAGE 3 RECITAL

On Thursday 18th November, there was the Key Stage 3 Music Recital in the Hall, and many talented people came to perform. There were a variety of different instrumentalists and singers. Although it was nerve-wracking, it was very enjoyable and the audience were extremely friendly. There was a range of different styles of music, from classical to pop to Carnatic music. Overall, it was a very fun evening." Mihika and Ziqing 7 Seacole

Shirley also said she thoroughly enjoyed all of the performances, however, she particularly liked the duets. Anaaya adds that she really enjoyed the Carnatic singing.

Congratulations to all our wonderful performers for taking this opportunity and we look forward to hearing many more in our next recital!

Mrs Ngobi

YEAR 10 CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP: NOVEMBER 2021

"The cyber safety workshop was an invaluable experience that both engaged and educated us on safety online. We were informed by experts in their field on a myriad of topics; some of which we have never encountered before. From secure passwords to phishing, the workshop outlined all the dangers of the internet and the amazing solutions to counter them. Many students took the advice provided from the workshop to become more cybersafe. Overall, the workshop was an enriching activity for all of us and helped students in our school to remain vigilant and safe online."

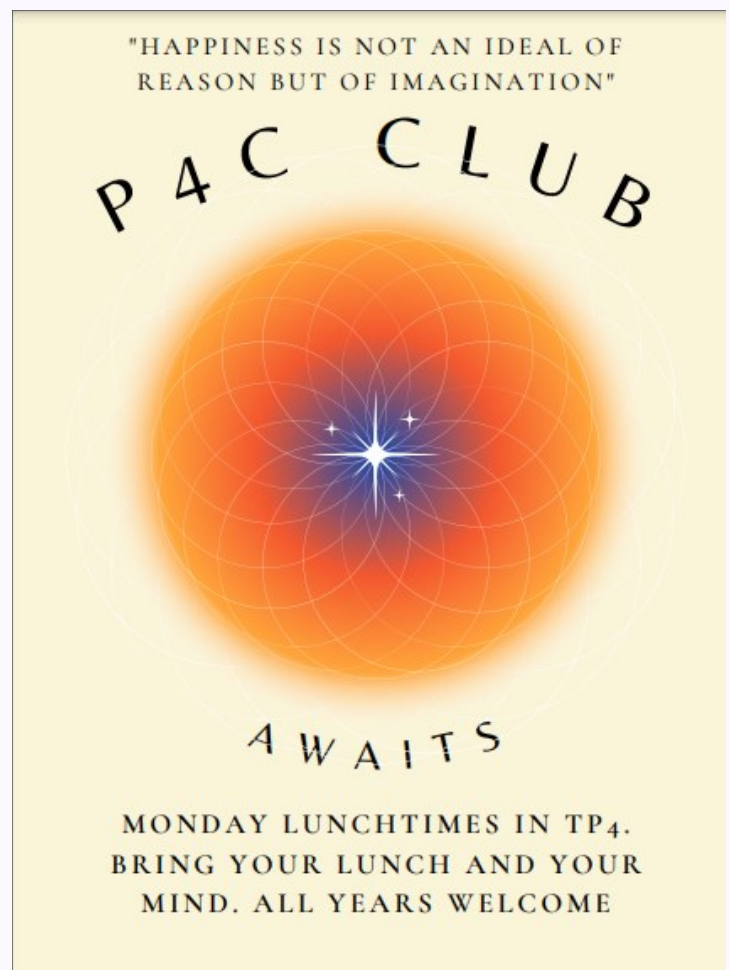
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YOUNG WRITERS' EMPOWERED POETRY COMPETITION

The English department are incredibly proud of the students who entered the Young Writers' Empowered poetry competition last half term. Students were tasked with writing a poem entitled 'Empowered.' Over 12,000 entries were received by Young Writers and Wallington Girls had 29 entries that were selected to be published in an anthology of poetry. These students will also receive a certificate from their English teacher. The standard of entries from the school was very high and all students who entered should be congratulated for their outstanding work. Well done everyone and keep writing!

Miss Williams and the English Department



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Hans Woyda Mathematics Competition



On Friday 19th November a team of four students competed against Whitgift in the second round of the Hans Woyda Mathematics Competition. It was a tricky match with very strong competition and unfortunately this time we were defeated! The competition involves lots of different rounds each with considerable time pressure, some where students work individually and some where they are allowed to work as a team. Our team was made up of Aiswarya (13SMC), Yuvathi (12SBD), Aditi (11Ath) and Huda (9Sha) and they worked so well together, all achieving a perfect score in the calculator work. Just for fun you might like to try the group question which they all worked on together...

Section 4 – Team Question

Time: 5 minutes

Calculators are not allowed for this question.

The 2×2 grid below is to have one digit (from 0 to 9 inclusive) placed in each of its four cells to form four 2-digit numbers (two horizontal and two vertical).

The *grid sum* is defined to be the sum of these four 2-digit numbers.

For example,

5	0
1	5

and

5	1
0	5

both have grid sum equal to $50 + 15 + 51 + 5 = 121$.

Your task is to find as many ways to fill a 2×2 grid as possible which give a grid sum of 100.

Can you find any?

Well done again to our round 2 team and best of luck to the next team playing round 3 against Wimbledon High!

Miss Tucker



IT'S CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Lunch

Monday 13th Dec years 11,12

Tuesday 14th Dec years 8,10

Wednesday 15th Dec years 9,13

Year 7 can choose either the Monday or the Wednesday

Meat

Roast Turkey served with Roast potatoes ,seasonal winter veg,
Glazed pigs in blankets, stuffing, all served with a crispy
Yorkshire pudding and gravy.

Vegetarian

Lentil Meatloaf served with Roast potatoes ,Seasonal Winter
Vegetables, Glazed Quorn Sausage, all served with a Crispy
Yorkshire pudding and gravy.

Dessert

Choice of 3

Traditional Mince Pie & Cream

Fruit Salad

Christmas Chocolate Brownie.

Cup of Squash

Orange or Blackcurrant

All for £3.50

Merry Christmas

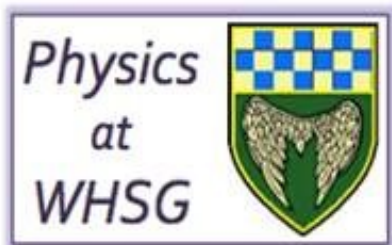
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Brass and Music Theory Lessons

- Trumpet/cornet lessons
- Trombone lessons
- French horn lessons
- Baritone horn lessons
- Music theory lessons – ABRSM grades 1-8, a great supplement to GCSE/AS/A Level Music studies.
- 30 minute individual lessons
- All levels welcome from beginner to advanced
- Theory lessons can also be taught in small groups.

For Brass and/or theory lessons please contact the Head of Music, mngobi@wallingtongirls.org.uk with your full name, year group, instrument, ability and parent email address.



A-level Physics: Drop-in

Do you have any questions you can't figure out the answer to or topics you want some help on? Or maybe you just want a space to work with a physics teacher on hand? Come along and get the support you need!

Year 12

- Week A - **Wednesday** before school (8 – 8.25) in **S14**
- Week B – **Monday** lunch time (1.20 – 1.50) in **S14**

Year 13 – every **Wednesday** (week A & B) either

- Before school (8 – 8.25) in **S9** (general questions)
- At lunch time (1.20 – 1.50) in **S12** (focussed on previous week's revision)

If there is no physics teacher when/where drop in is scheduled to be taking place, find them in the Science Office (S15).