



Wallington High School *For Girls*

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

On Wednesday afternoon we held our annual GCSE Prizegiving in the Hall, to recognise and celebrate our students' achievements at GCSE as well as their contribution to the wider life of the school. Given the uncertainties and challenges of recent years, it was even more important that we were able to hold this event and give very public recognition to all of our students' achievements. We were joined by our guest of honour Jasmine Schembri, an ex-Wally girl, who, as well as presenting the prizes and certificates, provided some inspiring words and guidance to the students. We were joined by a number of staff and governors and the event also included musical performances and speeches from members of the year group on different aspects of their school experience. Given current circumstances, we were unable to invite parents in to join us, however we were able to broadcast the event live to them to be able to watch remotely. Thank you to everyone that took part.

To help Year 11 students with choosing their A level options for next year, on Wednesday afternoon they attended a variety of Q&A sessions run by departments. Students were encouraged to visit a wide range of subjects in order to ensure that they had a good understanding of subjects, including those that they may not even have considered, which is particularly important given the number of subjects, such as Economics, Classics and Sociology, that are new to them. After Christmas, Year 11 will be having their guidance meetings with a senior member of staff, again to support them in their decision making process for their A levels.

Many of our Year 13 students are now receiving offers from universities whilst the remaining few are still finalising their UCAS forms ready to be sent off. Over half-term we had a large number Year 13 students sitting the Oxford and Cambridge aptitude tests and the BMAT (Bio Medical Admissions test) and students are now finding out whether they have been invited to interview for these courses.

Unfortunately, in light of recent events nationally and changes to the operating guidance for schools, we have decided to not to hold a face-to-face Christmas Concert in the final week of term this year and instead to hold it virtually instead. This is disappointing news but it is clear that we have not yet returned to a sense of normality and it is better to be over cautious in these circumstances, particularly just before the Christmas break. Further details about the alternative arrangements will be sent out in due course.

We are in the process of finalising our arrangements for in school testing for the January return. As we are only required to provide one on site test, it should not cause too much delay and disruption to the start of term. Further details will be sent out next week so please look out for these. It is important that students continue to test at home over the holiday break so we will be issuing more LFD home test kits in the final week of term.

Finally, please note the arrangements for the final day of term that are included in this newsletter, and that school will be finishing at 12.45pm on the last Friday (17th December).

MR R BOOTH
HEADTEACHER

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LAST DAY OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021

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| 8.25-8.45 | Registration |
| 8.45 – 9.30 | Period 1 |
| 9.30- 10.15 | Period 2 |
| 10.15 -10.45 | Break |
| 10.45 – 12.45 | Form Time including: End of term assembly (virtual) House Activities (individual year groups) |
| Year 12 & 13 dismissed from 12.00 | |
| 12.45 | Years 7-11 dismissed by Heads of Year |

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LOST PROPERTY

Please remind your child to look through the lost property boxes that are located under the covered walkway next to reception in the run up to the Christmas break.

Please look thoroughly through the boxes if you have lost anything this term as there are numerous items that have been handed in here.

Any valuables are stored at reception, please check here if you have lost anything this term.

We also have a very large volume of reading glasses that have been handed in.

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.

HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITIONS

House Sports Competitions will be running across the following 2 weeks for all year groups. Schedules of each year groups competitions have been sent to tutor groups already. Please make sure you know what nights you are representing your form and be organised. This therefore means there are no Sports clubs from Monday 6th – Friday 17th December (apart from Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th Dance clubs).

ENRICHMENT UPDATE

Autumn Enrichment Day

We have already received some lovely feedback from students, however if you have not yet done so and still wish to provide feedback please do take the time to complete this short form and let us know your thoughts.

Enrichment survey

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, along with the student rooming requests. 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 the week.

Drama Residential

Although it may seem a long way off, we have arranged for our Drama GCSE and A Level students to be able to attend a two day education conference in Colchester. The conference has been designed to give students opportunities to learn from industry professionals and to strengthen their understanding of the various aspects of Performing Arts and the Drama Curriculum.

Any students that are studying Drama at GCSE or A Level should have received a communication inviting them to join the overnight residential. If you wish to attend, please provide your consent and pay the first deposit via our Parent pay by the deadline of the 6th December 2021.

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YEAR 7 ZUMBA

Congratulations to year 7 who managed to raise £1169 for Lepra to continue their fantastic work fighting leprosy. To celebrate this the students took part in a Zumba workout to thank them for all their hard work fundraising. If you would like to support them, their just giving page can be found here and any donations are greatly appreciated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lepra-wallingtongirls>

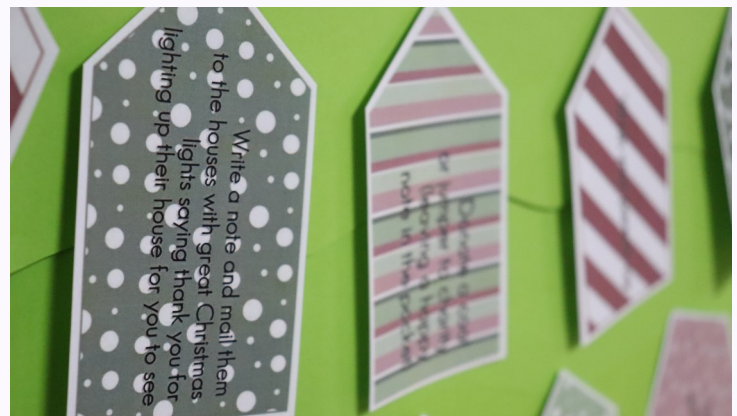


DECEMBER ACTS OF KINDNESS

We have placed an acts of kindness tree in our school reception to mark the countdown to Christmas. Throughout December there will be a number of tasks stuck onto the tree for students and staff to take and complete. These tasks will be replaced regularly, so keep an eye out for new ones!

If you would like to send any details about your completed act of kindness task we would love to hear about them please email:

lfitzgerald@wallingtongirls.org.uk



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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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