



# Wallington High School *For Girls*

TUESDAY 21ST  
SEPTEMBER 2021

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

## THE WALLINGTON WEEK

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

We are now three weeks into the new academic term and it is good to see that everyone has settled back into school life and are now in their routines.

The beginning of this term is always a busy time and this year has been no exception. One of the things that we have been able to introduce is our extra-curricular programme and we have been encouraging everyone to get involved in this aspect of school life. It has been great to see so many students starting to sign up for all the various clubs and societies on offer.

Last week we ran our Selective Eligibility Test for prospective Year 7 students, with just under 1500 candidates sitting the test at Wallington through the day. Thank you to our excellent team of Year 13 student helpers, including the CCF, who were great at putting any nervous candidates at ease on the day and marshalling them between venues.

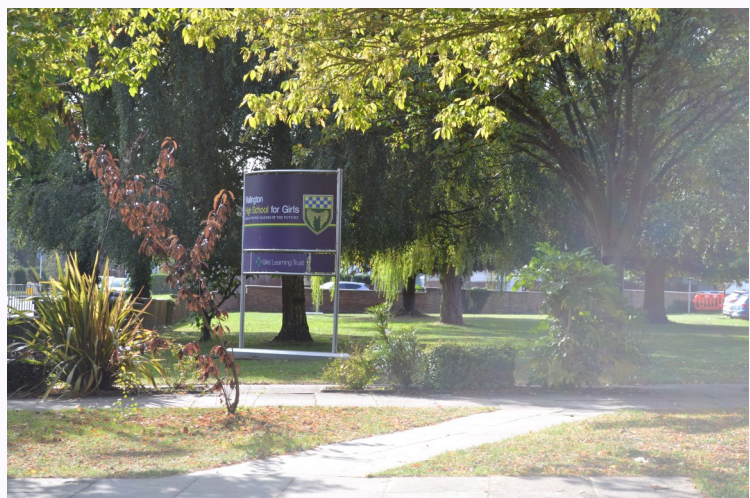
We also held our Virtual Year 7 Parents Information Evening last Thursday. This gave us the opportunity to welcome our new parents to the school as well as tell them more about important aspects of school life. Parents also had the opportunity to meet their daughter's form tutor over MS Teams and we hope that everyone found it a very useful evening. We will be holding the Year 10 Parents Information Evening later this week and one for Year 12 at the beginning of the following week.

Year 13 are now fully involved in the UCAS process with the first deadline for Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary and certain other courses fast approaching. Staff are busy writing references as well as supporting students with their personal statements.

Finally, I have included another request in this week's Wally Week asking parents to be considerate if parking or dropping/picking up their daughters from school. This includes not blocking the entrances to the school as well as not parking illegally on the yellow lines on both sides of the road outside the school which is extremely dangerous for pedestrians and other road users. I have received numerous complaints from local residents, including reports that some parents are blocking drives and refusing to move when asked, and the time it takes responding to these is starting to prove a real distraction. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**MR R BOOTH**

**HEADTEACHER**



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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 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.



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## Friendly & Informal Year 8 -13 CHOIR AUDITIONS

Lunchtime R7 Music



Chamber Choir      Gospel Choir

Sign up in the Music Dept for your preferred time slot. Alternatively, turn up at R7.

You can bring a friend, best to come in small groups. **(Existing members, no need to re-audition)**

Dates: Mon 20<sup>th</sup>, Tues 21<sup>st</sup>, Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept lunchtimes + Mon 20<sup>th</sup> after school

Sing a little bit of **own choice** or e.g. Chamber Choir – Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Gospel – Rain Down

<https://youtu.be/sMgXWV6TG10>

**A Capella (3 spaces)** Dates: Fri 24<sup>th</sup> September lunchtime and after school, R1

**Audition songs:** First verse of 'Hallelujah' (Leonard Cohen) and Adele 'Rolling in the Deep'

## 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 <https://parallel.org.uk/>**
- **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!

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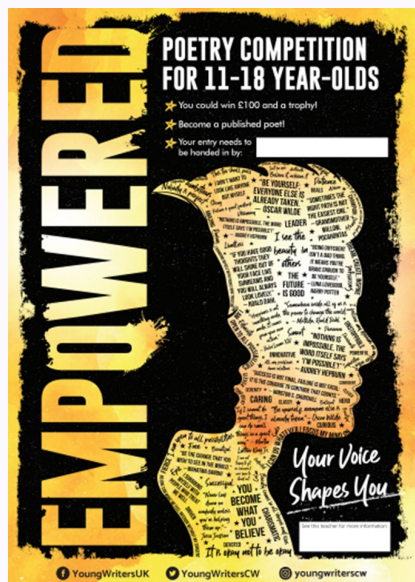
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## PE & Dance Extra Curricular 2021-22

Autumn Term (Sept-Dec)					
	Year 7 Clubs	Year 8 Clubs	Year 9 Clubs	Year 10 Clubs	Year 11/Senior Clubs
Monday	<b>Netball Club (A-D Team)</b> (Courts) 3-4pm Teacher: K Parkinson	<b>Dance (Royal Academy)</b> (Dance Studio) 3-4pm Teacher: RAD/S Collins	<b>Gymnastics Club</b> (Gym) 3-4pm Teacher: J Little	<b>Gymnastics Club</b> (Gym) 3-4pm Teacher: J Little	<b>Gymnastics Club</b> (Gym) 3-4pm Teacher: J Little
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	<b>Dance Club</b> (Dance Studio) 3-4pm Teacher: J Lake	<b>Dance Club</b> (Dance Studio) 3-4pm Teacher: J Lake			
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## 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=ewjlf08Ag0&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](mailto:wwilliams@wallingtongirls.org.uk) or bring them in hard copy to the English office (G2)
- Your poem needs to be handed in **by 18<sup>th</sup> October** so that the entries can be collated and sent off.



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## NETBALL TRIALS

**YEAR 7 - MONDAY 20TH SEPT  
3-4PM**

**YEAR 8 - WEDNESDAY 22ND  
SEPT 3-4.15PM**

**YEAR 9 - THURSDAY 23RD  
SEPT 3-4.15PM**

**YEAR 10 - THURSDAY 23RD  
SEPT 3-4.15PM**

**YEAR 11 & SENIOR - THURSDAY  
23RD SEPT 3-4.15PM**





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WALLINGTON GIRLS DANCE SCHOOL



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REGISTRATION FORM

Dear Parents & Students,

My name is L-A Thomson and I am the Principal of Grayes Theatre Arts, a Performing Arts & Dance School in Carshalton. Grayes is a well established school and has been running for over 30 years.

I am absolutely delighted to be working alongside Wallington Girls PE department and being able to offer my classes exclusively to Wallington Girls students, in your wonderful dance studio from September. Classes will be held on Tuesdays & Wednesdays after school by our fabulous teaching faculty.

Grayes trains its students to the highest standard and children will experience professional training in the ISTD Dance Syllabus. As well as enjoying classes in Ballet and Modern/Jazz the children will also have the opportunity to work towards professional dance examinations recognised by the government & UCAS. Grayes prides itself in holding a 100% pass rate.

The Arts and dancing can improve a child's confidence, perseverance, teamwork, social skills and discipline. These skills are not just for class, we are teaching them for life. When used effectively music and dance can help students improve in the classroom.

Classes run throughout the academic year and are an hour long. Discounts will be available to students attending both Ballet and Modern classes. At the end of every term, students will be entered for Professional Dance Examinations when ready.

We will start with ISTD Graded Examination Classes in Ballet and Modern on Wednesdays after school. Each individual class price will be £8.00. Invoices will be issued at the start of each term, depending on the number of weeks in the term.

Tuesdays after school will be an hour long class covering various genres each week including Jazz/Commercial/Street Styles/Contemporary classes for Years 7-9.

We here at Grayes have a clear vision and belief that the Arts can play a key part in achieving. So if you want to join us for a unique and exciting journey where we will inspire and nurture creativity in new and exciting ways, come along and be a part of Grayes exclusively at Wallington Girls.

If you wish your child to be taught by highly qualified teachers under a professional dance body, please express your interest by filling in the attached form and email to myself at

[lathomson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lathomson@hotmail.co.uk) I look forward to receiving your registration forms. L-A

Student's Name.....

D.O.B..... Age..... School Year .....  
(From Sept)

Address.....

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Post Code.....

Telephone..... Mobile.....

Email.....

Emergency Contact.....

Medical Conditions.....

Classes interested in.....

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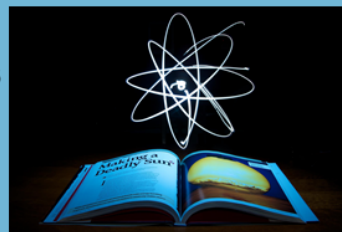
## Get involved with Eureka Magazine!

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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Deadline for Issue 4: 5<sup>th</sup> December



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## A Midsummer Night's Dream

**AUDITION NOTICE: OPEN TO YEAR 7- 13**

We are proud to present this year's school production!

There will be a meeting to give you more information on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at lunch time in F02 (the large Drama studio). Please bring your lunch and be prompt.

**Auditions will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> after school at 3- 4.30pm in the Hall.**

The show will include opportunities to sing and dance. Backstage Team meetings to follow- keep an eye out!



### YEAR 11 PSYCHOLOGY

9 mark Q practise  
Monday Week B  
1.30-1.40 in C03  
Sign up sheet on Psy  
office door.



### YEAR 13 PSYCHOLOGY

16 mark Q practise  
Monday Week A  
1.20-1.40 in C03  
Sign up sheet on Psy  
office door.



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## ENRICHMENT UPDATE

Please note the following important dates for your diary in the upcoming academic year. The following dates are dates when the school will be off timetable and undertake enrichment visits or in school activities that develop on the curriculum being taught in the classroom; providing more in depth and immersive learning or additional opportunities for personal development.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

We will be sending out an initial guide to the planned activities and costs over the next couple of weeks to allow you to plan for the academic year; however in light on the potential interruptions due to COVID, this information should only be used as a planning guide.

Some exciting plans are already being made for these days!

## YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Our Year 13 Geography students are the first to be able to experience the new freedoms and go on the compulsory Geography residential week to Dorset; providing the students with the best opportunity to undertake the fieldwork required to complete this A Level course. All the Geography students in year 13 should have already received the full itinerary for the week and the kit/equipment required. Please do contact us at [enrichment@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:enrichment@wallingtongirls.org.uk) if you have any questions or not received these communications.

## GCSE/A LEVEL ARTIST LED WORKSHOP 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2021

We are also really pleased to announce that Wallington has secured a wonderful opportunity for Art A level or GCSE students to undertake a workshop with an amazing Artist. More information will be coming out shortly but the places are limited and will be offered on a first come-first served basis! The day will happen on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> October and there will be a small charge attached to the workshop to cover the artist's costs; which will need to be paid via our online Payment system Parent Pay.

## THEATRE TRIPS ARE RETURNING!

We also have a wonderful opportunity for our whole year 8 group to attend Shakespeare's Midsummer night's dream on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. Details will be forthcoming shortly confirming the arrangements and any costs that may be attached to this visit.

## 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 Draw Festival **#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](mailto:enrichment@wallingtongirls.org.uk) so that we can proudly show off your work





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PROMOTION



## TEENAGERS: INSTRUCTION MANUAL REQUIRED!

Parents of teenagers can sometimes be identified by their slightly haunted look. One minute everything seems fine and dandy, your children hanging off your every word with adoring eyes full of love and respect and then almost overnight your world implodes. They become teenagers and everything you know – or thought you knew – is turned upside down. Supporting children through the transition to becoming a young adult has never been easy. The last 18 months, however, have amplified the challenges and increased parental anxiety significantly as they try to support their children through the minefield which includes disrupted learning, social isolation through lockdowns and the dominance of social media. The disruption created by the pandemic combined with the heady highs and lows of adolescence have created a perfect storm. Many parents are unsure about when their child's behaviour is something for them to worry about, or whether it is typical for children of that age. We recognise that parents and carers need all the support that they can get, not only to help them through the joys and challenges of living with their growing

teenagers, but also to keep the wider family relationships healthy and strong.

It is perhaps too easy to justify not knowing which way to turn with the attitude that 'it was very different in my day'. Today's heightened and fast-moving environment bears little resemblance to what we knew at school, where there was less, if any, exposure to online pornography, no social media and certainly no 'sexting'. Whilst it can be difficult for adults to relate without having shared this experience, our children still look to us to help protect and guide them – even when they think (and occasionally protest) that they don't need us to. Educating ourselves is crucial. As parents we cannot afford to ignore or avoid uncomfortable issues. We, and our children, can benefit hugely from both understanding the challenges that teenagers face and accepting that what is normal to them can often feel alien to us. We need to accept that our experience of teenage life is outdated and perhaps not as relevant as we hoped or assumed. As a parent knowing when and how to seek specialist support, whether for mental health issues,

destructive behaviours or addictions, is key to maintaining a healthy dialogue.

Over the last two years Kingston Grammar School (KGS) and The Kingston Academy (TKA) have formed a cross-sector partnership called FUTURES. Last year, the collaboration focused on providing high quality inspirational university and careers education events to students in schools across the local community; the principal aim of the joint venture is to enable students to make aspirational choices whilst being made aware of the opportunities available to them. In this post-pandemic era, though, we understand that there is a significant need to support parents and carers too and we are delighted to be launching a new strand of FUTURES which aims to support local parents through a series of parental advice and support webinars.

**Deb Sherwood (Director of Partnerships and Outreach at Kingston Grammar School)**

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In the true sense of partnership between schools, students and their families, we plan to deliver a series of events that will help support parents through the seismic changes that take place during the teenage years. To launch this new initiative, we are absolutely thrilled to have secured Lorraine Candy for the inaugural webinar entitled 'Top ten tips to make your family life more harmonious'. Lorraine is a mother of four and an award-winning journalist with over a decade of experience writing about parenting in national newspapers including columns in the Sunday Times Magazine and Daily Mail. She is former editor-in-chief of Sunday Times Style, Elle and Cosmopolitan. She is also the co-host of the chart-topping lifestyle podcast Postcards from Midlife. Lorraine's latest book, Mum, What's Wrong with You? is currently in the Times top ten bestsellers list. It is a warm and witty memoir in which she offers useful,



easy-to-follow, well-researched guidance from experts.

Lorraine will be joined by Kingston Grammar School's Pastoral Deputy Head, Sarah Humphrey, to talk through her tips on what is required to maintain harmony throughout what can be, potentially, some challenging years.

**Please register here to join us for this FREE virtual event at 6.00pm on Tuesday, 21st September 2021**

[www.trybooking.co.uk/BDSZ](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/BDSZ)



*"Many parents spent significantly more time with their teenagers during the various lockdowns than pre-Covid life allowed. Navigating changes that adolescence brings against the backdrop of a global pandemic is certainly a challenge. Our Futures collaboration supports not only students but parents too, through sharing the wisdom of experts who can give practical advice and support.*

Charlie Venter, Senior Deputy Headteacher, The Kingston Academy



*"The active partnership between parents and school cannot be underestimated and these seminars have been designed to help parents navigate the tumultuous teenage years and to minimise the inevitable bumps in the road. If school and home are pulling in the same direction then the hope is that all teenagers can make informed decisions about their lives, with both teachers and parents supporting them all the way."*

Sarah Humphrey, Deputy Head (Pastoral), Kingston Grammar School

The Kingston Academy & Kingston Grammar School working in partnership

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# futures forum

Advice & support for parents of teenagers

**'Top 10 tips to make your family life more harmonious'**

**Tuesday 21st September 2021**



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