



Wallington High School *For Girls*

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

A welcome back to everyone after the half-term break.

We started this new half-term with our Girls' Learning Trust Conference which involved all of the schools in the GLT and was hosted by ourselves. It was held virtually and a key part of the day was for teaching staff and support departments to meet up with their counterparts from the other schools with a focus on sharing ideas and best practice around areas of current interest. This included Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in our curriculum and these discussions continued in departments in the afternoon.

On Wednesday we held our annual Higher Education Day for all of our Year 12 students. We welcomed in a number of top universities to deliver a variety of sessions on topics such as making an application, choosing your course and university as well as Student Finance and much more. The day ended in an Oxbridge talk from Mrs Emkes (Director of Sixth Form). Information has also been shared with parents to assist them in supporting their child through the applications process. A huge thank you to everyone involved in this very successful day and in particular to Mrs Watson, Miss Fitzgerald and Mrs Emkes as well as Mrs Hole and Mrs Levene-Fearnside.

You have received a COVID Update letter out on Tuesday 22 February in response to the government's Living with Covid Plan. Further information can be found [here](#)

Finally, there are tickets still available for next week's school production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Performances are on Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd March and tickets cost £5.00 each.

Have a great weekend

MR R BOOTH HEADTEACHER



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YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2 - 5.30PM

On **Wednesday 9th March** it is Year 9 Parents' Evening which begins at 2.00pm.

To facilitate the event, there will be no afternoon school. All Year 9 students will be dismissed from school at the end of period 3, 12.05pm.

As Parents' Evenings are being held remotely, this is to give them sufficient time to get home.

For all remaining students, period 4 will start at 12.05 and students will then be dismissed at 1.05pm.

There will be no lunch service, however students will be able to purchase food for lunch at morning break.

MEDICATION

Any spare or replacement medications where email requests have been sent out need to be provided before that date.

If medication has recently been advised/ prescribed a spare supply should be sent in accompanied by a Parental permission form to administer medication.

If in doubt if this applies to you, please can students can check in at first aid for further information.

MRS NEWELL

STUDENT SUCCESS SURREY COUNTY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

ANNA - YEAR 7

Anna took part in 2 weekends of Surrey County swimming championships where she qualified in 6 races and was invited to take part in 2 relays to support her club.

Anna qualified in 3 finals, all 3 breaststroke distances, winning bronze in the 50m breaststroke, 4th place in the 100m breaststroke and 5th place in the 200m breaststroke. She was awarded a medal and ribbons. The 12/13 200m mixed relay team she was part of came 6th which is a very good result in Surrey where swimming is a very competitive sport. She was the youngest student to participate in the 400m mixed relay team.

On behalf of our school community here at Wallington High School for Girls we wanted to congratulate Anna for this amazing achievement.

MISS FITZGERALD

EDI UPDATE

A special thank you goes to our first ever EDI SNR prefects Sajini and Denise who did a fantastic job. They have worked so hard in bringing EDI into all aspects of our school; from the BHM celebrations to the Diwali showcase and sundry. Well done and thank you for all your work.

We welcome Karen and Sutapi, our new SNR EDI prefects. We look forward to all the things that you have planned.

This spring term, the EDI SNR and JNR prefects have chosen to celebrate the following events:

- International day of social justice, WB 28th of February.
- Sign language week, WB 14th of March
- Holi, WB 28th of March.

More information will follow via the JNR EDI prefects in each form group. If you would like to participate in the organisation of any of these events, please speak to your JNR EDI prefect.

MRS OLULARI



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THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS DAILY HERE AT
WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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HIGHER EDUCATION DAY YEAR 12 STUDENTS WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2022

On Wednesday we were able to host our Higher Education event for our Year 12 students. For the first time in over two years we were able to welcome 13 universities on site to deliver sessions on Choosing your University, UCAS applications, Student Finance, Guidance and much more. It was such a wonderful day where our students were able to gain a real overview of the Higher Education opportunities available to them and speak to several university representatives from across the country. We would like to thank all of the universities who attended this event and supporting Wallington High School for Girls. After the event we asked students to complete a feedback form so please enjoy reading their statements and comments about the day.

MISS FITZGERALD

Talking about higher education (HE) can seem overwhelming, especially when we are nearing the end of our time at Wallington. Higher Education Day did seem a little daunting at first; UCAS, personal statements and student finance were terms that up until this point we had heard of, but not been given the opportunity to fully understand, until now. We were lucky enough to have representatives from top universities, such as Exeter, Leeds and Westminster taking us through a series of sessions on different aspects of higher education. These included talks on how to shape our personal statement, getting to grips with the UCAS application process, managing our finances and most crucially, choosing the right course. It was reassuring to see how much emphasis was placed on the suitability of our course and how we should prioritise what we love over what we expect from ourselves. The school is fortunately also aware that university isn't the only option in Post-18 opportunities, and the session on apprenticeships and gap years offered a new, interesting perspective that we might not have otherwise considered. We found that apprenticeships in both technical, analytic, creative and social subjects were valued by employers and often lead to the same level of job security as university. The day ended with an Oxbridge talk with Mrs Emkes, which was extremely informative and kickstarted the journey for those who want to aim for these institutions. The university representatives were all very accommodating and highlighted how everyone's higher education journey is different, but also the potential that every Wallington student has. We walked into this day nervous, and we still are, but it reminded us that with HE opportunities, it's one step at a time and our post-Wallington experience is something to really be excited about in the upcoming years.

ANNIE AND SONAM



QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST



University of
BRISTOL



ROYAL
HOLLOWAY
UNIVERSITY
OF LONDON

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HIGHER EDUCATION DAY
YEAR 12 STUDENTS
WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
2022

WHAT DID YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE EVENT?

'I enjoyed the talks on the various subjects, particularly the one on UCAS applications and personal statements, I found to be highly informative and interactive.'

AAFIA

'I liked how there were short talks on each topic because it allowed each talk to be clear and concise and it kept our attention better than perhaps a long talk covering all of them might have done. The fact that we were in different rooms each time and listening to different people from different universities was also helpful in keeping it interesting as there were opportunities to hear answers to questions from different universities.'

EMILY

'I liked how passionate the speakers were and having the opportunity to ask people questions.'

FREYA

'There was an easy structure to follow - I always knew where I was going and what I needed to do.'

KHAVIYA

WHICH OF THE SESSIONS DID YOU FIND MOST HELPFUL AND WHY?

'Alternatives to Higher Education - because I have recently been considering apprenticeships but was unsure if it was the right option for me. Our two school career guidance counsellors offered us a range of websites we could visit to find the right apprenticeships.'

METHUSHA

'Student finance because it was one of the things I knew the least about, and it was one of the less 'education-based' talks, so I didn't think we would learn much about it within school, especially as it isn't as relevant until we start our courses.'

EMILY

'Student finance because it was something that I hadn't thought about before. It went in depth about how to apply and manage student finances.'

FREYA



Loughborough
University

UNIVERSITY OF
WESTMINSTER



UNIVERSITY OF
LEICESTER

UEA University of
East Anglia

University of
Hertfordshire UH



University of Essex



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



Lancaster
University



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WHAT NEW THINGS DID YOU LEARN TODAY THAT YOU DIDN'T PREVIOUSLY KNOW?

'I wasn't aware that out of the 5 courses you put down on your application, that you are to only pick 2 (one as a firm choice and the other as insurance).'

NAJAH

'I learnt about conditional and unconditional offers, provided by universities, in addition to firm and insurance universities.'

AAFIA

'I learned about what the personal statement is for and what to include. Also how finances work, and what separate things you can apply for.'

ALICE

'That scholarships are offered to a wide range of people.'

GABRIELLA

WHAT PIECES OF INFORMATION DID YOU FIND MOST IMPACTFUL FROM THE EVENT?

"Choose a course that you love rather than the reputation of the course and the university."

REGINA

'I liked the speaker from Bristol at the beginning of the day. She was really relatable and her advice was clear and understandable.'

BELLA

'I believe I found the information on how to compose a personal statement the most impactful.'

AAFIA

The student finance information was very informative, and the talks were specific to universities but also generalised so the information is applicable to everyone.

NAJAH

GENERAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE DAY

'It was very informative and answered a lot of questions that I had which now makes the process more of a doable task now - a lot of time that could have been spent researching certain things have been cut down thanks to this day.'

RIYA

'I liked the talk from Zaynab at Bristol University, she was really interesting, and I appreciated how she was really engaging, and made her talk more interesting!'

HARSHITHA

'The people involved in the day were all very nice and approachable.'

ALICE

'I really enjoyed the day and learned so much. The personal statement prep session was very fast-paced so it was difficult to take notes and listen at the speed it was going, but this was likely because there was such a lot to get through in a short length of time. Overall I thought it was a great opportunity and am very grateful to have received so much information so early in our prep for university.'

EMILY

'It was very helpful and interesting.'

ABILASHINI

'It was a very worthwhile day- thank you so much!'

BELLA



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WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

3 MARCH 2022

25 YEARS

Book Treasure Hunt

For World Book Day next week there will be a book treasure hunt to find 25 book quotes to celebrate 25 years of World book day. Twenty five book front covers and quotes will be hidden around the school on Thursday 3rd March. Entry forms for the treasure hunt can be collected from the library from 2nd- 3rd March, students need to write down the quotes on the entry form and then return it to Mrs Murphy or Miss Radford in the library to claim a prize.



World Book Day is about celebrating books and reading all year round. We hope you find activities and advice here to help you enjoy reading not just on World Book Day but every day of the year.

- [Author & Illustrator Academy videos](#)
- [Check out the WBD TOP 25 BOOKS FOR TEENS](#) to share as voted for by you.
- Check out the WBD brand new set of brilliant [FREE audiobooks](#) for all readers, available until 31 March!
- [World Book Day Competitions](#)
- [What shall I read next?](#)



Gym & Dance Gym & Dance 2022

30th & 31st March 6.30pm

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THEME = BOOKS

Auditions:

Dance Auditions (Years 8-13) - Monday 14th March (3-5pm), (Year 7) - Tuesday 15th March (lunch)

Gym Auditions (All years) - Tuesday 15th March (3-5pm)

Sign up outside the pe office from Monday 7th Feb



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Wallington High School for Girls

presents:

A Midsummer Night's dream

Tuesday 1st March
Wednesday 2nd March
Thursday 3rd March

Tickets are £5
Available to
buy at lunch in
the foyer

In the main
hall at 7pm
each night



COVID-19 vaccinations for children and young people (12 to 15 yrs AND 16-17 yrs)

Tooting & Mitcham Football Club

Sunday 27 February 2022

Walk-in available 10am - 4pm




 Imperial Fields, Bishopsford Road, Morden, SM4 6BF

[Click to book an appointment](#)

or call **020 8614 5306**

Email: hrch.schoolcovid19vaccine@nhs.net

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

-  Please **DO NOT** attend if it has been less than 12 weeks between your child's first and second dose.
-  Please **DO NOT** attend if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 12 weeks.
-  All 12 to 15 year olds will need to be accompanied by an adult with parental responsibility.