



Wallington High School For Girls

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Last Thursday we hosted a Tamil Film Night where students watched action-thriller, 'Theri'. The event was well attended and raised £70 for Helpanka Children's Charity.

On Friday we interviewed for our Year 12 Head Girls. The process was very rigorous including an initial hustling, a speech at all year group assemblies, a staff and students vote and a final presentation at interview. The students

chosen for these prestigious roles encapsulate what it is to be a Wallington Girl and embody our values of curiosity, compassion and courage. The two students will be announced this week. The interview day was a wonderful showcase of how confident our young women can be and how they really see Wallington as their community and are invested in its development.

I launched the school Environmental group a few weeks ago and it has now grown to over 20 members. It shows a real commitment to improving our sustainability efforts at our school.

Sadly, we have been turned down in our bid to receive funding for our science laboratories from the Wolfson Foundation, which means we really do need a great deal of support to improve these facilities to give our students a first-class science experience. We will be launching a wide campaign soon. If you know of any potential pots or funds, please let me know.

Energy drinks – just a reminder that these are not allowed in school.

Thank you to all of you who completed the parent survey. There were some interesting results which I will share with staff across the school. 80% of you said we communicate well with home, with 17% neutral. This is quite high, though there were lots of suggestions which I will be looking into and taking forward. 27% replied they didn't know we had a mental health policy so [here](#) is the link. Some of the other main topics were around assessment and careers and we will do some further work to share with you later this term.

Next week is half term and there is an INSET day on Monday 19th February so we look forward to seeing the students again on Tuesday 20th February. The focus for our staff training day is EdTech and girls' education, which is very relevant and exciting. Our next Inset day is Friday 22nd March. Some of our staff are students are going to New York at half term, we wish them a wonderful time.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

[SOCs](#), the school's new online system for Co-Curricular activities, will allow your child to see all available activities but also allow you to view after school registers to see if your child is attending and in school.

CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

For live updates on careers related opportunities please click [here](#).

CURRENT VACANCIES

Click [here](#) for a link to our vacancies page.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

Date and time: Thurs 8th Feb 2024, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Steve Welding - Education E-safety

Adviser from Cognus

Location: This is a virtual event – Teams

Steve Welding is an online safety specialist who wishes to educate all parents on how they can support their children to make the correct choices online. As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. This workshop will provide you with advice and resources to help you in supporting your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Meeting details:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 312 726 541 059

Passcode: fjAdSj

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GENERAL NOTICES

ATTENDANCE

Requests for absence, including illness or appointments should be sent to:

attendance@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Please provide at least 2 full school days notice of a planned absence for the school to complete the required processes before the event.

Absences for longer than one day need to be confirmed at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Families should note that requests for holidays during term time will not be approved and penalty fines can be issued.

To notify WHSG of a leave of absence, please complete this [form](#) and return to the email above.

CHANGES IN CONTACT INFO

If you need to update your home address or contact telephone number, emergency contacts or any other information, please send the updates to:

KS3 and 4 – mandrews@wallingtongirls.org.uk

KS5 – jday@wallingtongirls.org.uk

PARKING

Please note that parents are unable to park or drive into the school grounds between the hours of 7.30 -4.30 for safeguarding reasons. Families can contact our reception to ask for permission, where the need arises for a pupil with mobility issues.

reception@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Please also ensure that when dropping your child at school each day, you are respectful of our local residents by not blocking drives and roads or impacting others' safety by parking or dropping off your child(ren) irresponsibly.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL ADVICE

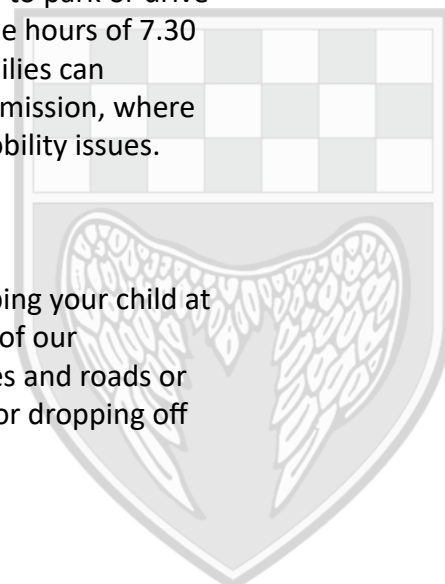
Click [here](#) for essential information provided by the GovUK website.

PUNCTUALITY

Good punctuality to both lessons and to school is expected of all students. We know that employers place great importance on punctuality and attendance, therefore it is important for our students to understand the value of being on time.

WHSG will issue same day, 20 min detentions for students that are late into school, without a valid reason or persistent lateness to classes. Parents and students will be notified as soon as possible of the detention and the reasoning by email.

We ask that parents support these actions as important processes for the school and understand that detentions cannot be moved for any after school clubs or enrichment events. Should a detention clash with a medical appointment, evidence will be requested for the school to show flexibility.





GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICES FROM THE DSL

MORNING GATE

Students coming through the gate just before 8.25am or just as we are closing it are ultimately then late to school because they should be in their form room by 8.25am. Therefore, as of this week we are going to close the gate at 8.22am which will give those students 3 minutes to get to their form room and be on time.

Students arriving at the gate after 8.22am will need to go through reception, students will not receive a late detention this week whilst we trial this.

Students coming through reception after 8.25am will receive a late detention as normal.

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

There's no such thing as a perfect parent or carer. However it's going, the NSPCC are [here](#) with advice and support for parents and carers.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 7

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE SUCCESS

Our Year 7 students Meryem, Zeynep and Minha participated in the First Lego League competition held on January 21st, and won the competition at regional level! The team, which was also made up from students from other schools, worked tirelessly every weekend since September to prepare for the competition. They not only focused on coding and building, but also came up with an innovation project to help their local community.

As a result of their regional win, the team has been given the opportunity to participate in the nationals this April. We are incredibly proud of our students and their determination. Well done Meryem, Zeynep and Minha!

SUPPORT OVER THE HALF-TERM BREAK

In case you or your child need some support over the half-term break and therefore the Safeguarding team is not available, please take a look at the below. This is also on the school website - Pastoral Care home page.

If your child is feeling low or unsafe, it is important they talk to someone they trust and tell them how they are feeling. Sometimes it can be difficult for them to talk to friends and family so here are some other places they can contact instead:

School nurse duty line - 020 8770 5409

Childline – 0800 1111

Samaritans – 116 123

Hopeline – 0800 068 4141

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000

[Off the Record](#) for talking therapy services

[NSPCC](#) for concerns of a friend and their safety in their home

[Self Harm UK](#) for concerns about yourself or a friend

[Young Minds](#) for mental health concerns of any nature

[Kooth](#) offers anonymous emotional wellbeing support

[Papyrus](#) if you or someone you care about has suicidal thoughts

join the luna wellbeing challenge!

5th – 29th february 2024

build up healthy
self care habits

boost your wellbeing through weekly challenges focusing on:



mental health



physical activity



sleep



body confidence

win skincare,
period products
and more



any questions? let Chisom (School Counsellor) know!

download the luna app by february 4th to be notified of when the wellbeing challenge starts



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
TALK ABOUT YOUR
YOUNG PERSON AND
GET SOME NEW
IDEAS OR
STRATEGIES?**

**PENDING AVAILABILITY, YOU WILL BE
ALLOCATED A 30 MINUTE SLOT BETWEEN
THESE TIMES.**



**AUTISM ADVICE SESSION
FOR
SUTTON FAMILIES**

9TH FEBRUARY 1PM-4PM

13TH MARCH 10AM-1PM

17TH APRIL 9.30AM-12.30PM

9TH MAY 1PM-4PM

**BOOK BY EMAILING
THEAUTISMSERVICE@COGNUS.ORG.UK**



Families (foster carers, SGO, adoptive)

CPD Programme

Date	Event	Venue	Attendees
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Spring term

2nd February 9:30-10:30	Foster carer education training	Virtual	Foster carers
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2nd February 11:00-12:00	SGO / adoptive education training	Virtual	SGO/adoptive
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Summer term

19th June 9:30-10:30	Foster carer education training	Virtual	Foster carers
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19th June 11:00-12:00	SGO / adoptive education training	Virtual	SGO/adoptive
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Other training

TBC	Autism advice surgeries	joanna.dalzell@cognus.org.uk	Families needing autism advice
TBC	Therapeutic hub training offer	michael.radley@sutton.gov.uk	Families linked to social care

**Contact
Us**



IT'S NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Apprenticeships have changed!

Apprenticeships have come a long way. You can now do an apprenticeship in almost every industry imaginable: law, banking, science, engineering and marketing to name a few and with some of the leading employers in the UK...



This week marks the start of National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) 2024 and is a week-long celebration of apprenticeships. It will reflect on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career and shine a light on the positive impact apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

Is an apprenticeship the right choice for your child?

Head to the following resources to feel informed and confident in providing careers support and guidance to your child -

- [RATEMY APPRENTICESHIP](#) has a dedicated hub for parents where you can discover expert apprenticeship resources from comprehensive industry guides to applications and interview advice.
- This [free parents guide](#) covers all the key facts and helps parents understand why apprenticeships can be a first-rate career path.

★ RATEMY APPRENTICESHIP



Other sources of apprenticeship information and apprenticeship listings -

UCAS

GOV.UK

Amazing
Apprenticeships

NGTU
NOT GOING TO UNI

success
at school

Calling all DADS

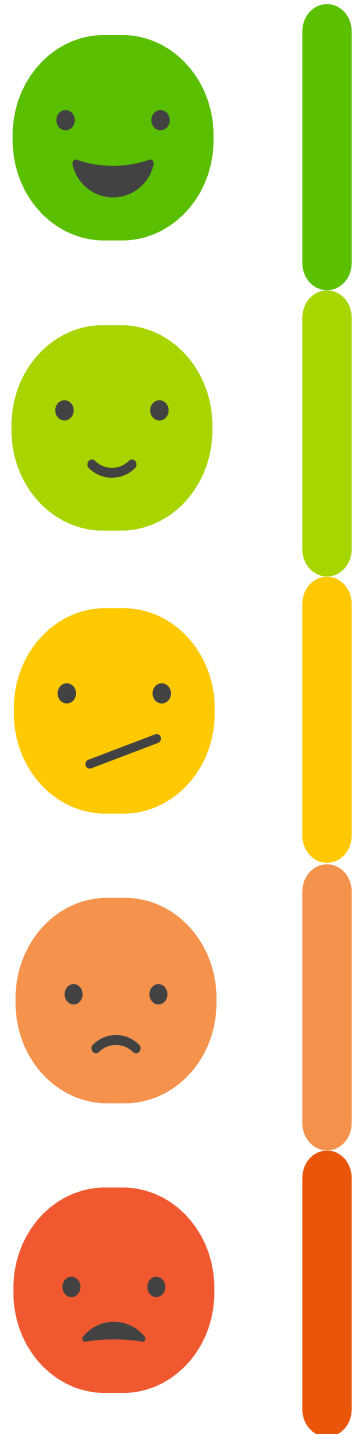
**WE WANT
YOUR
FEEDBACK!**

We are conducting a survey to find out about support for Dads in Sutton. The survey will help us understand your experiences as Dads in Sutton, so we can feedback the good, the bad and suggestions for improvement. Whether you've had experiences with services or not, **we want to hear from you.**

Scan the QR code to share your experiences, or go to the weblink below:



<http://tinyurl.com/dads-survey-sutton>



GYM & DANCE 2024

20TH & 21ST
MARCH

6:30 PM



Night at the Movies