



THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Year 13 have now finished their mock examinations and have returned to timetabled lessons. To celebrate the end of these exams, they held a Winter Ball at the school last Friday, organised by the Senior Prefect Team and which was very well attended.

This week saw the start of our Year 11 Guidance meetings. Every Year 11 student has a meeting with a senior member of staff and provide an opportunity for students to discuss their A level options and future career plans as well as their expectations of Sixth Form life and A level study. It has been great to see so many parents being able to attend these meetings (although we understand that this may be difficult for some parents). Guidance meetings will continue for the rest of this month before Year 11 will be asked to make their final A level option choices.

Finally, assemblies this week were led by our EDI Prefects Sutapi and Karen and were on the topic of Tamil Heritage Month which is celebrated in January. Their assembly covered many aspects of Tamil culture, including language, films, dance and music along with recognising the significant contribution that Tamil people make to our community in school and in the UK. They also spoke about the Sri Lankan Civil War and the last effect it has had on Sri Lankan people, including many students in our school and their families. We are now looking forward to the Tamil Heritage Month games night which will be held on 27th January 3 – 4:30pm in the Hall.

Have a great weekend.

MR R BOOTH
HEADTEACHER



NEWS THIS WEEK:

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/ CARERS

YEAR 11 GUIDANCE MEETINGS CONTINUE

YEAR 14 COLLECT THEIR CERTIFICATES

JACK PETCHEY WORKSHOP

YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING

SPORTS NOTICES: GAMES RESULTS



THE 'GAME' ON ROBLOX

Recent reports have surfaced of a self-harm 'game' currently being shared through popular gaming platform, Roblox. The online safety team at The Safeguarding Hub have identified that re-sharing on social media is currently the greatest risk this 'game' poses. Read the full update by clicking [here](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA ALGORITHMS

If you are a professional or a parent/carer talking to children and young people about their use of social media, a basic, non-technical understanding of how algorithms work is essential and there is a really good, non-technical article by Dr Richard Graham [here](#) which includes some tips and advice.

A MESSAGE FROM SERGEANT SARAH TYNAN

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm writing to you again as I wanted to make you aware of an increase in robberies in Sutton Town Centre since Christmas.

On CCTV it looks like the suspects are chatting to the victims. However, they are threatening the victims and making the victims sign out of the "find my iPhone" function so they can steal their phone.

Please ensure your children are being vigilant when using their mobile phones, do not walk and text, avoid wearing AirPods or headphones and remember, safety in numbers.

Many thanks,

Sergeant Sarah Tynan-Clark
Schools & Youth Partnership

PARENT WORKSHOP:

REVISION TIPS (YEAR 11 PARENTS)

Date and time: Mon 6th Feb, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Mr Donnelly – Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning at WHSG

Location: This event will be held at WHSG

Mr Donnelly will provide Year 11 parents with tips and techniques to support their daughter with revision and how to retain more information and knowledge.

PARENT WORKSHOP:

E-SAFETY (ALL PARENTS)

Date and time: Tues 7th Feb, 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.

The link is here for this online workshop:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Meeting ID: 377 927 911 137

Passcode: 3KUY2c

MISS M GOUGH
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER
DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD



LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of lost property items and would like to urge you to speak with your child/ren regarding potential lost items.

To find lost items please advise your child to approach the receptionist's desk where they will be assisted.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL RECEPTION

WEX PLACEMENTS

At the end of the school year our Year 11 and Year 12 students undertake Work Experience placements. If you are able to offer a placement to any of our students then please click [here](#).

MR PARKINSON
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

For the latest news on careers opportunities please take a look at our online careers platform, Padlet, where we share work experience, virtual and in-person workshop opportunities. [Click here to find out more](#).

Upcoming events:

Medical and engineering work experience placements for Year 11 and 13

Evening Standard Careers Expo, at the Olympia London

Amazon and various apprenticeships for Year 13

Dental medical leadership program running on Friday, the 20th of January

Allied health, mental, live, virtual NHS healthcare, careers work experience program for Year 11 and 13

Women's Engineering, Society, free showcase webinar

Channel 4 work experience program

Ratemyapprenticeship free, virtual careers event on Tuesday 21st of February for Year 12 and 13

Unifrog Careers Fair 8th March at 4.30pm

JACK PETCHEY WORKSHOP



MRS K BATES
HEAD OF YEAR 10

MRS Z HOLE
CAREERS LEADER



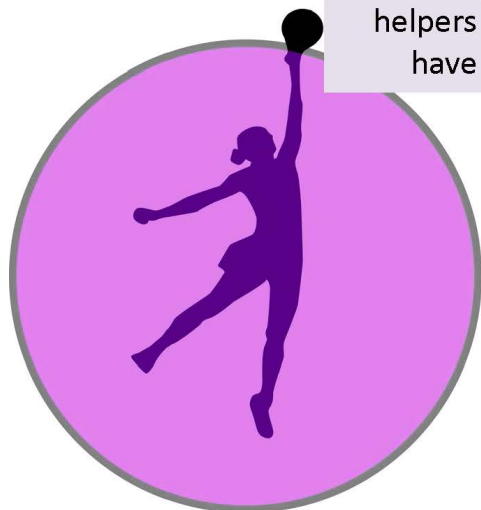
SPORTS NOTICES



Y7 Netball Interhouse Results 2023



A huge well done and thank you to all the students that participated in the competition! The games were fantastic and it was lovely to see some many great netball players! Thank you to the sports leaders and helpers who made the competition possible. Points have been awarded for the overall house cup!



A Team Competition:

- 1st – Athena
- 2nd – Curie
- 3rd – Sharman
- 4th – Bronte
- 5th – Pankhurst
- 6th – Seacole
- 7th – Johnson

B Team Competition:

- 1st – Curie
- 2nd – Athena
- 3rd – Johnson
- 4th – Sharman
- 5th – Pankhurst
- 6th – Bronte
- 7th – Seacole





SPORTS NOTICES



PE Sporting Stars of the Half-term



The following students have been awarded sporting star of the half-term by their PE teachers:

Mrs Collins	Shana	Y8
Miss Lake	Isla	Y7
Mrs Bates	Abisana	Y7
Mrs Parkinson	Rosalie	Y7
Mrs Waight	Madina	Y11
Mrs Wadsworth	Devika	Y8
Mrs Woodvine	Catherine	Y9
Miss Gough	Zara	Y7

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LIBRA EDUCATION

The Libra Essay Prize 2023

It's back!

An annual essay prize for all students in year 12 & 13 looking to prepare for university.

An excellent way for 6th form students to demonstrate that they have the makings of a scholar, the Libra Essay Prize offers a chance to prepare for the academic rigour required by university assignments and provides a great accomplishment to discuss on a personal statement or at an interview. With inspiration from the admissions process at All Souls College, Oxford – known as 'The hardest exam in the world' – students are required to write an essay responding to one of the single-word essay titles below.

Topics



Control



Collaboration



Exchange



Freedom



Claim

Categories

• English • Science • History • Philosophy • Economics • Politics • Arts • Maths • Law

Requirements

1. Pick one essay word and one category from the options on the top.
2. Write an essay of between 1,500 - 2,000 words (with Harvard style referencing, not included in word count).
3. Save your essay as "Title, Name, Year Group, School, Category" before submitting it to LibraEssayPrize2023@libraeducation.co.uk.

Deadline & Prizes

Deadline:

Submission: 23:00 pm GMT

16th April 2023

Result: end of May 2023

Prizes:

- First place: £50; second place: £30; third place: £20 (redeemed as book vouchers)
- Commended and Highly Commended entries for each category.

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