



# Wallington High School *For Girls*

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

FRIDAY 27TH  
JANUARY 2023

## THE WALLINGTON WEEK

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Many of our Year 13 students have now received a wide range of offers from universities and are in the process of choosing their final and insurance choice universities. Many congratulations to the 11 students so far that have received offers for Oxford or Cambridge. These offers cover a wide range of subjects including Veterinary Medicine; Geography; English; Psychological and Behavioural Sciences; Law; History and Politics; Chemistry; Classics; Philosophy and German. Thank you to departments and the Sixth Form Team for providing such great support and guidance, especially Mrs R Whitely-Beckford, our Oxbridge coordinator.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 9 Options Evening earlier this week. I hope that you found it a very valuable opportunity to learn more about the different subjects available at GCSE and had all of your questions answered.

This week's assemblies have focused on the importance of self-belief, how we sometimes lose that self-belief and looking at different ways in which students can build and develop their self-confidence.

Congratulations to Kilé in Year 12 who has just found out that she gained the highest score in the country for her GCSE in Geography last summer and has been awarded a prize for "Excellence in Geography" from the Royal Geographical Society.

Finally, tickets for this year's school production, *Beauty and the Beast*, are on sale at lunchtimes in the foyer for £5 and tickets are selling fast. The students have been working hard rehearsing since last term and it is guaranteed to be a fantastic show. Performances will take place on Tuesday 28th February, as well as Wednesday 1st and Friday 3rd March. I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great weekend.

MR R BOOTH  
HEADTEACHER

### ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY AWARDS KILÉ EXCELLENCE IN GEOGRAPHY PRIZE

Congratulations to Kilé (Y12) who gained the highest score in the country for her Edexcel GCSE in Geography (A) last summer. As a result of this, she has been awarded a prize for "Excellence in Geography" from the Royal Geographical Society. Such an amazing achievement, well done from everyone in the Geography Department!

MRS J HENDERSON  
HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY

### OXBRIDGE EXTEND OFFERS TO 11 STUDENTS

We are thrilled to announce that 11 of our Year 13 students have received offers from prestigious Oxbridge universities! This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the hard work and dedication of these students.

We would like to extend our warmest congratulations to these individuals and wish them, as well as all of our other students, all the best as they continue to pursue their academic goals. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and know that they will go on to do great things.

We would also like to acknowledge the support and guidance provided by our teachers and staff, who have played an instrumental role in helping these students reach this level of success.

MRS R WHITELY-BECKFORD  
TEACHER OF PSYCHOLOGY  
OXBRIDGE COORDINATOR



## YEAR 11 GUIDANCE MEETINGS

Guidance meetings have proven to be an effective way for the school to engage with parents and foster a stronger sense of community. During these meetings, parents have the opportunity to gain insight into their child's academic and personal progress, as well as discuss any concerns or issues. This collaboration between the school, students, and parents helps to build a stronger partnership, which ultimately supports students in making positive choices for their personal and academic growth. We look forward to meeting more parents and caregivers in the upcoming guidance meetings next week.

**MRS S COLLINS**  
(ACTING) DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM

## YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING - LAUNCH

Reminder to all Year 9 parents, you are invited to attend the Year 9 Parents' Evening taking place on Thursday 23rd February 2023.

Appointments will be made available on Saturday 28th January at noon.

In order to secure your appointment, please take the time to read the attached letter, guide to booking and FAQs. sent to you on Wednesday 25th January 2023. The link to the bookings website can be found in the attached documents.

If you have any questions or need support, please contact our Events and Communications Manager, Miss T Aldemir at [taldemir@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:taldemir@wallingtongirls.org.uk).

We look forward to a successful Parents' Evening.

**MISS T ALDEMIR**  
EVENTS & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

## 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

## SUPPORTING ANXIETY WEBINARS

The Education Wellbeing Service are offering webinars on supporting and understanding anxiety in the teenage years. These webinars are for parents and teachers. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Please email [wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk) with any queries.

**MISS M GOUGH**  
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER  
DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD



## PFA UNIFORM SALE

You will have received communications regarding the PFA uniform sale which will be held on Friday 3rd February between 3 – 4:30pm. Please be reminded that you bring cash for any purchases as we do not facilitate for online/electronic payments. A price list can be found on the document attached, "Uniform pricing list 2023".

If you have any uniform items that you would be happy to donate, the WHSG PFA will gratefully accept donations by the 31st January via out school reception area. There is also a uniform order form in case you are unable to attend the event. Please [click here](#) to fill in our uniform request form.

If you have any questions, please contact the PFA directly at [pfa@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:pfa@wallingtongirls.org.uk).

PFA

## 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](#).

## 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.](#)



## PRIMARY OUTREACH PROGRAMME

We are currently in the process of sending year 12 students out to assist in local primary schools. Currently we have placed 30 students and are looking for some more schools to sign up so we can place some more.

MR PARKINSON  
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

## YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

The GCSE Options Evening for Year 9 students took place on Wednesday and was a huge success, with a great turnout of students and parents. The event provided an opportunity for students and their parents to learn more about the different subjects available to them as they begin their GCSE studies and to ask any questions they had.

The evening began with a presentation from Mrs Godyn and Miss Muir, who gave an overview of the KS4 curriculum, options process and the different subjects available to students. This was followed by a series of subject-specific talks, where teachers provided more detailed information about the content and assessment of each subject. It was also pleasing to hear from Diane, the Year 9 Senior Prefect, who gave some valuable advice on choosing options, sharing their own experiences and tips for making the best choices.

The next step in the options process will be the straw poll on 8 February, where students will be able to indicate their initial subject choices, followed by the final options deadline on 10th March.

MRS C GODYN  
DEPUTY HEADTEACHER





# SPORTS NOTICES



## YEAR 7 A & B NETBALL AGAINST COOMBE WOOD

Year 7 A&B netball teams braved the cold in league matches against Coombe Wood this afternoon, displaying great defensive skill and real team spirit! The A team won 7-2 and the B team won 6-0! Congrats to POMs Oluseyi and Vithu.





## **Education Wellbeing Service Webinar**

### **UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING ANXIETY DURING THE TEENAGE YEARS**

During the teenage years, anxiety and worries can be common. They can also lead to stress and a range of different emotions. *This webinar aims to:*

- *introduce you to some of the science, facts and research around teenage anxiety*
- *overview common ways you might help support and understand anxiety*
- *let you know about local and national resources that could be helpful.*

Copy the links or scan the barcodes below to register & join us  
virtually (MS Teams) at one of our three webinars.

(The same webinar will be presented at all three sessions, so you only need to attend one.)

Thursday 26th January 2023

7 - 8.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-and-supporting-anxiety-during-the-teenage-years-tickets-379058723847>



Monday 30th January 2023

6 - 7.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-and-supporting-anxiety-during-the-teenage-years-tickets-414079020497>



Wednesday 1st February 2023

12 - 1.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-and-supporting-anxiety-during-the-teenage-years-tickets-414085158857>



Please email [wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk) with any queries.

Wallington High School for Girls Presents:

Disney's

# BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Tickets available

**£5** each at

**lunchtime**

**in the**

**foyer**

**Tues 28 Feb,  
Wed 1 March,**

**&**

**Fri 3 March**

**7pm**



Come along and support your friends and the school!



# **Call for VOLUNTEERS**

**The Diamond Riding Centre for  
Disabled Riders Needs YOU!**

**Can you spare a couple of hours out of  
your week?**

**Do you want to learn new skills, whilst  
making a difference?**

**Fancy making some new friends?**

**We have many different  
volunteering opportunities,  
experience with horses is not  
required**

Email us at [admin@diamondcentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@diamondcentre.org.uk)  
for more information, or visit our website  
<http://www.diamondcentre.org.uk/>







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](mailto: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.

### Contact us

[www.libraeducation.co.uk](http://www.libraeducation.co.uk)

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