



# Wallington High School *For Girls*

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FRIDAY 6TH  
OCTOBER 2023

## THE WALLINGTON WEEK

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



There have been many fantastic school events recently, and it has been great that so many parents have attended. I know it is not always possible with work and family commitments, but it shows real support when parents can attend such things.

Extra-curricular clubs are in full swing, please check in with your daughter and ask what they have signed up for. Year 7 have started to receive homework, please keep an eye on how much time they are spending on this work, it is important that all young people get some down time and family time too!

As in every school we have a large number of unidentified student items building up such as PE bags, pencil cases and even whole PE kits! Please label all your daughters' belongings.

We had an upset email from a local resident this week about the parking of some of our parents at the start and end of the school day. They were understandably upset and wrote that they live very close to the school and have heard several complaints regarding parents at Wallington Girls blocking access into and out of the flats and blocking some roads. They explained that our parents are parking on the double yellow lines and impeding driver views when pulling into/out of private driveways. They pointed out that locally there are several vulnerable residents who need constant access to their homes, so we are putting people at risk. Can I thank all of you who adhere to the road laws and park sensibly, but I also ask that all parents who drop off and pick up their children consider the local parking restrictions. If the situation does not improve, we will have to ask the council for additional support from parking officers.

LATE START on 20th October. We start late on this day because of the sixth form opening the night before. School will open at 9.30am with student registering at 9.45am then going straight to period 2.

- MRS T O'BRIEN

### TRANSITIONING TO UNIVERSITY LIFE (ALL YR GROUPS - PARENT WORKSHOP)

**Date and time:** Tues 10th Oct 2023, 18.00-19.30

**Facilitator:** The Charlie Waller Trust

**Location:** This is a virtual event – Zoom

This webinar is for parents and carers who want to help a young person adjust to life and learning at a university. The session will talk you through adjustment and homesickness, explore the transition to a different way of learning, give you tips on helping navigate university support systems, help you think about the complexity of the academic journey and how you can support this.

To register for this online workshop please click [here](#).

### MENTAL HEALTH POLICY

Wallington High School for Girls' approach to mental health and behaviour is part of a consistent whole school approach which involves providing a structured school environment with clear expectations of behaviour, well communicated social norms and routines, which are reinforced with highly consistent consequence systems. This is paired with an individualised graduated response in the form of our Social, Emotional and Mental Health Provision Map which can be found in our Mental Health Policy on our website. We believe it is important that children are provided with support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in their life. Providing early help is more effective in promoting the welfare of children than reacting later. For more information on this please see our Mental Health Policy.



## YEAR 13 INTERVIEW DAY

**Event: Year 13 Interview Day**

**Date: Wednesday 22nd November 2023**

**Location: Wallington High School for Girls**

**Time: 9:30 – 15:00**

We are organising a special event for our year 13 students and are looking for volunteers to join us to help them develop a crucial life skill: interviewing.

Interviewing is a crucial life skill that goes beyond just job applications. It's about effective communication, self-presentation, and confidence-building. For many of our Year 13 students, this will be their first opportunity to experience a formal interview setting and as you will appreciate, this is an important skill to learn to give our students the confidence and a competitive edge when applying for higher education, apprenticeships or other employment opportunities in the future.

**We require volunteers from all sectors but we have a particular need for veterinarians, medical professionals, architects, and individuals with a background in foreign languages.**

### **What to expect:**

We are seeking volunteers to conduct multiple 30 minute face-to-face practice interviews. Your role will involve asking questions, providing feedback, and sharing your insights and experiences. Where possible we will match your specialism to an appropriate student but we may also ask you to conduct a generic interview or one broadly related to your field. We are happy for you to use your own questions but you will also be supplied with examples to assist you. We are hoping for volunteers to attend the whole day, however we would still welcome your participation if you are only available for part of the day. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, and for some this may also be a great opportunity to network with other professionals in the local area.

### **How to volunteer:**

If you are willing to volunteer, please could you complete the form [here](#).

## SAMSUNG KIDS PARENTAL CONTROLS

Samsung Kids is a parental feature which you can set up on your child's device which can be used to apply restrictions such as app access, downloading, screen time, privacy and more. It's really easy to set up and use and will help you to manage your child's online activity. Please see the attached flyer.

## SOCIAL MEDIA SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

With children spending more and more time online it is important parents and carers understand the risks associated with social media platforms. Please see the attached posters for more information.

## FIRST AID ROOM

If your child has a cold and comes into school they should be able to manage their own symptoms as we do not keep pain relief such as; paracetamol, throat lozenges or any other kind of medication in the first aid room other than those stored for individual students.

The first aid room is the last port of call for students feeling unwell and they may be sent back to lessons if they are deemed fit to attend. However, if your child is feeling unwell at school they should tell their teacher who will assess and send students via reception to the first aid room. On arrival they will be assessed by a first aider and if they feel the student is not well enough to remain in school, they will ring a parent/carer to collect the student.

Students should, under no circumstances, phone a parent/carer themselves to inform them they are unwell.

A reminder that if your child has been suffering from vomiting/diarrhoea, they should not come into school for at least 48 hours, of no symptoms, to prevent the spread of infection to others. Our aim is to keep students healthy, resilient and prevent the spread of infection to students and staff.

For further guidance provided by the NHS please click [here](#).



## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES - 26TH SEPTEMBER

On 26 September we celebrated the European Day of Languages. Thank you to all the tutors who completed the quiz. We are happy to announce the winners of edible prizes were:

**KS3: 8 Bronte**

**KS4: 10 Athena**

**KS5: 12 KMK**

To give you a taste of different languages, see below for a matching exercise. Answers below:

1. Spanish	a. शुभ सवािर
2. French	b. Բարի լույս
3. German	c. Buenos días
4. Gujarati	d. Günaydın
5. Armenian	e. صباح الخير
6. Ukrainian	f. Bonjour
7. Turkish	g. 早上好
8. Hebrew	h. Guten Morgen
9. Arabic	i. おはようございます
10. Chinese	j. בוקר טוב
11. Korean	k. 안녕하세요
12. Japanese	l. დილა მშვიდობისა
13. Georgian	m. Доброго ранку

## YEAR 7 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

This week all Year 7 students took to the school field to complete the annual Year 7 House Cross Country run. We would like to congratulate every student that took part, demonstrating great strength and resilience and all finishing in record time! Congratulations to the top 8 finishers, Abigail, Annina, Saria, Bea, Sienna, Lei Ya, Isha and Rae, who will all go on to represent the school at the Borough Cross Country event next week. The scores of each runner were combined within their houses, resulting in Johnson finishing on top and winning the first house competition of the year!

Year 7 House Cross Country Results	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Johnson
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Curie
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Seacole
4 <sup>th</sup>	Athena
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pankhurst
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sharman
7 <sup>th</sup>	Bronte

Answers: 1-c 2-f 3-h 4-a 5-b 6-m 7-d  
8-j 9-e 10-g 11-k 12-i 13-l





## PÄDAGOGISCHER AUSTAUSCHDIENST - PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION IN THE SCHOOL SECTOR

During the summer, two of our A Level German students, Lucia and Noureen, took part in a programme organised by the Pädagogischer Austauschdienst (the national agency in Germany working to promote international exchange and cooperation in the school sector). Lucia won a place on the Scholarship Programme, which encompassed a fully-funded stay of four weeks including visits to major cities and a stay with a host family. Noureen was selected for the 2-week German Pupil Course, which provided subsidised language tuition and cultural visits. Both students had a fantastic time, getting first-hand experience of German life and culture and immersing themselves in the German language. They will now carry out a Primary School Ambassadors Project in the autumn term, in order to share their knowledge and experience with younger pupils. The organisers described them both as “wonderful ambassadors for the UK”, and we are very proud that their applications were successful in the face of stiff international competition.

## YOUNG WRITERS' SHOWCASE



Congratulations to Saayah in Year 8 for gaining a certification in creative writing.





**9 out of 10**

unvaccinated children  
can catch measles  
if someone in their  
class has it

**Check your child is up  
to date with their  
MMR vaccinations**



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# Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?  
Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some  
understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by  
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE  
on 19th October (6:30pm to 8:30pm) £24  
**Available to book now [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)**



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## WEBINAR!

Applications for September 2024 are open from 10<sup>th</sup> October. Find out more about SUTTON SCITT at our first WEBINAR.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
5-6pm**

Register here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/KZX0KjYeb>

You can spend a day at one of our schools to get a flavour of a day in the life of a teacher.

Sign up via this weblink.

<https://schoolsexperience.education.gov.uk/>

Alternatively, get in touch directly if you would like to speak with the team and past and current trainees.

We are currently recruiting for trainee teachers in **Primary** and the following **Secondary subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English, Maths, MFL, History, Geography, Dance, Drama, Design Technology, Physical Education, Physical Education with EBacc and Music.**

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[getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support/scholarships-and-bursaries](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support/scholarships-and-bursaries)

## Get in touch!

To book onto one of our events or have a chat about our vacancies, get in touch



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