

# Wallington High School for Girls

## THE WALLINGTON WEEK

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2024



### Message from the Headteacher



I have had several guests this week and they have all commented on the purposeful learning atmosphere, focus in lessons and great conduct by the students across the school. I am always very proud to walk visitors around – we are always met with courtesy and kindness.

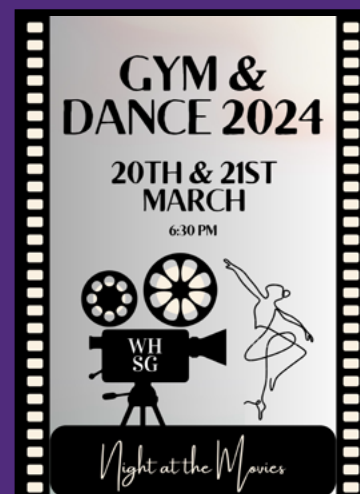
We are excited about our Gym and Dance show on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March, and we have our Spring INSET Day on Friday 22nd March.

The plans for our new canteen and sixth form areas should be formally signed off soon and I am very excited to share these with you when I get the details of timelines for the work.

I know that Year 11 and 13 students will be immersed in revision timetables by now, please ensure they have regular rest breaks and if you have any concerns about revision stress, please contact your daughters form tutor for support.

- Ms T O'Brien  
Headteacher

### Gym and Dance Showcase this week!

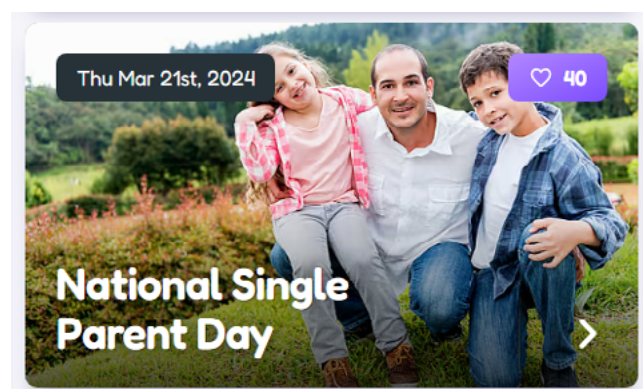


We are very excited to host our annual Gym and Dance Show this week. More details on how to purchase tickets can be found on page 4!

### Lost Property notice and procedures before half term

As half term approaches we'd like you to be reminded of the procedures regarding lost property and lockers - all info regarding this can be found on page 5.

## National Events



## Upcoming workshops

Autism advice sessions can be booked by e-mailing [theautismadvice@cognus.org.uk](mailto:theautismadvice@cognus.org.uk). Dates found below.

**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**

## Useful links

### 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.

**This week: Week B****Monday 18th March**

Late detention 3:10-3:30pm

**Tuesday 19th March**

GCSE Music Recording rehearsal  
Y12 Mott MacDonald: Inspiring  
Engineers Scheme  
Late detention 3:10-3:30pm

**Wednesday 20th March**

Y9 Bereavement Assembly  
Central detention 3:10-3:40pm  
Late detention 3:10-3:30pm  
Gym and Dance Showcase 6:30-8:30pm

**Thursday 21st March**

Intermediate Maths Olympiad  
Late detention 3:10-3:30pm  
Central detention 3:10-4:10pm  
Gym and Dance Showcase 6:30-8:30pm

**Friday 22nd March**

INSET Day  
Y9 Student to Work Day

**Next week: Week A****Monday 25th March**

Late detention 3:10-3:30pm

**Tuesday 26th March**

Spring Concert 7pm

**Wednesday 27th March**

Y12 Makers of the Future/Higher  
Education Day  
Y12 Makers of the Future/Higher  
Education Day Parent Information  
Evening (6:30-8:30pm)

**Thursday 28th March**

Late detention 3:10-3:30pm  
Break up for half term holidays

**Work Experience:**

**Year 11 8th - 12th July 2024/**

**Year 12 15th - 19th July 2024**

Every pupil should have first-hand experiences of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and/or work experience to help their exploration of career opportunities, and expand their networks. Effective work experience can make a significant difference to the motivation, attainment and progression of students. However, finding a placement can often be a daunting task and so we would appreciate your support in helping your child to find a suitable experience.

Please would year 11 and 12 parents and carers spend some time exploring any contacts which your child can use and help them to explore and research local companies who may be able to provide a placement.

If anyone is able to offer a work experience placement to a WHSG student for the above dates, please contact Mrs Lisa Parkinson ([lparkinson@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:lparkinson@wallingtongirls.org.uk)).





## Snapchat Guide

Please find attached a valuable resource dedicated to enhance your understanding of Snapchat's features along with some top tips on how to keep your child safe.

- Miss M Gough  
Assistant Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



## Term Time Holidays

With the Easter holidays only a few weeks away, we would like to remind parents/carers that holidays should not be taken in term time and students should be in school until the last day of term.

As per the Government guidance, "Working together to improve school attendance", parents/carers should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable. For more information see the guidance [here](#).

- Miss M Gough  
Assistant Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Gym and Dance Showcase 2024

Tickets for the Gym and Dance Showcase taking place on both Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March between 6:30-8:30pm are available via Parent Pay. This event is highly anticipated and one that showcases a fantastic range of sporting arts.

We look forward to seeing you there!

- Mrs S Collins  
Higher Education Coordinator

## Year 9 Student to Work Day: 22nd March 2024

On Friday, 22nd March 2024, students in Year 9 are encouraged to accompany a parent, carer, or other adult to their workplace with the purpose of observing and gaining valuable insights into various professions, inspiring career exploration and promoting a better understanding of the working world. If you would like to participate in this opportunity we kindly ask that you complete this online [form](#) by Monday, 18th March 2024.

- Mrs L Parkinson  
Careers Coordinator

## Nonsuch 'Be Inspired' Careers Fair - Save the Date

Nonsuch are holding an online 'Be Inspired' online Careers Fair on the evenings of **Tuesday 23rd** and **Wednesday 24th April** which is open to both students and parents across the trust. The aim of the event is to inspire and showcase various professions and careers paths available to students. Students and parents/carers will be able to sign up to listen to talks led by professionals across multiple career paths. Further information will be sent in the coming weeks.

- Mrs L Parkinson  
Careers Coordinator



## Year 12 Makers of the Future Day

On Wednesday 27th March we will be hosting our annual Makers of the Future Day for Year 12 students. This will be an exciting day for students and will include talks from universities, industry experts and WHSG Careers Fair.

Parents have also been invited to a Parent Information Meeting taking place at 6pm. To register parent/carers attendance please click [here](#).

More information can be found on the letter sent separately dated 4/03/24.

- Mrs S Collins  
Higher Education Co-ordinator

## End of term procedures

As we are approaching the end of term, please ensure that all items of food are emptied out of your child's locker and all PE kits etc are taken home to be cleaned before we enter the two week break.

Please also ask your child to ensure that any items, left in the lockers for the half term, are securely locked away. The school will be hired out during the break and WHSG cannot be held responsible for any items or valuables that go missing during this time.

- Mrs C Kinchington  
Headteacher's PA

## Lost Property

We will be holding a lost property display for students under the covered walkway during the school day, opposite the canteen on

Monday 25th March  
Tuesday 26th March  
Wednesday 27th March  
Thursday 28th March

Please can students be encouraged to come and check this display for lost property items as we are inundated with items currently waiting to be reunited with their owners.

More valuable items such as watches or purses can be reclaimed from reception.

Please remember students do not need to wait until the display to check for lost property items; lost property is always stored in the lost property containers under the covered walkway.

Any items left over half term will be donated to the PFA or charity, as we are unable to continue to store items beyond one term.

Any clearly named items we endeavour to return to their owners regularly throughout the term. Therefore please do ensure that all items are clearly named.

- Mrs C Kinchington  
Headteacher's PA

## Attendance

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

[attendance@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto: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 WHSB of a leave of absence, please complete this [form](#) and return to the email above.

## Changes in contact information

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](mailto:mandrews@wallingtongirls.org.uk)

KS5 – [jday@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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.

WHSB 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.



# GYM & DANCE 2024

20TH & 21ST  
MARCH

6:30 PM



*Night at the Movies*

WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

# Y12 MAKERS OF THE FUTURE DAY 2024



Unlocking

Your

Potential

## **Student Event:**

Wednesday 27th March, 8:15am–3pm.

## **Parent Information Meeting:**

Wednesday 27th March, 6pm.

Parent attendance form via letter.

Don't miss

this opportunity

# 27TH MARCH



# Get Ready for Success

Find out about accessing wellbeing, inclusion and disability support at University

## Where

University of Roehampton  
Sir David Bell Building, Digby  
Stuart College, SW15 5PU

## When

Wednesday 1st May 2024

## Time

9.30am – 3.00pm

For students who are studying at sixth form or college, and are thinking of applying to university

## Why

- ✓ Find out what universities offer students who need support
- ✓ Hear from students like you who are at university now
- ✓ Learn about the Disabled Students Allowance and how to apply for it
- ✓ Try out apps and technology you can use to make studying easier

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE**

<https://bit.ly/get-ready-for-success-2024>



**Any questions? Contact us: Email: [aimhigherlondon@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:aimhigherlondon@kingston.ac.uk)**

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London

**OfS** Uni Connect  
Programme

**DWG**  
DISABILITY WORKING GROUP

For more details follow us



[www.aimhigherlondon.org.uk](http://www.aimhigherlondon.org.uk)

# EASTER

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

THU 28 MARCH – FRI 12 APRIL



**FREE\***  
FOR  
RECEPTION  
– YEAR 11



### Inclusive activities:

- > Arts & craft
- > Sports
- > Performing arts
- > Tailored workshops for 13+ year olds
- > New experiences
- > Day trips
- Plus much more!

### Book your child's place today!

Enjoy a holiday filled with exciting activities,  
engaging workshops, trips and more.  
Nutritious food included.

### Let's 'HAF' FUN this Easter!

\*Eligible children entitled to benefits-related free school meals can book a free place with their unique vouchers. Limited free places are available for children outside this cohort.



Scan the QR code or visit  
[suttoninformationhub.org.uk/HAF](https://suttoninformationhub.org.uk/HAF)  
to find out more.

