



Wallington High School *For Girls*

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to this bumper edition of the Wallington Week; it has been an exceptionally busy fortnight with a number of events running for both students and staff. Last week saw our new staff induction day where we welcomed the teaching and support staff joining WHSG from September. They spent the day getting to know the school, our ethos and systems and meeting the departments they will be working in. We will give an update on staff who are leaving us and those joining at the end of this term. Last week also saw the Sixth Form Induction Day where over 260 students – both internal and newcomers, started the transition process. They had the opportunity to meet their new form group and tutor and to experience an A Level taster lesson. We look forward to seeing them in September. Following the new staff and Sixth form induction days, this Wednesday we will be opening the doors to the Year 6 students who are due to make the step up to Wallington Girls in September.

Last week in assemblies Mr Parkinson spoke to students about self-belief, which is one of our school values. Using the examples of Michael Jordan and Malala Yousafzai, he showed how their lives could have been very different had they not had full belief in the views of talents. He then explored how self-belief on its own is not enough to achieve your goals but without it your aspirations will never be met. We hope that as the academic year draws to a close, students will be able to reflect on where they are now and what they would like for their next steps; Year 12 were able to have this conversation with their form tutors at their Academic Review day which ran two weeks ago. Each student had an individual appointment where they discussed their end of year exams, university or apprenticeship plans and personal statements.

As we get closer to the end of the academic year, we have also said another goodbye to our Year 11 students at their Prom which was held at Farleigh Golf Club. It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up for this formal event and thank you to Mrs Khan, Miss Aldemir for organising and the staff who chaperoned the evening. Last week we also say “well done and goodbye” to Year 13 students at our formal A Level Prizegiving where each student was invited onto the stage to receive a gift and there were subject and special prizes also. Thank you also to Hannah Harazawa, an ex-Wally girl for providing the keynote speech. She explained how life is not always straight forward, but advised choosing to study/work in a sector you enjoy in order to have the best opportunity for success.

Despite a very busy couple of weeks, we have also managed to run a number of visits, including Year 12 visit to Oxford University, a Psychology competition at Royal Holloway and a Politics visit to Parliament. Thank you to the staff who ran these trips. Lastly, we wave off our Year 11 and 12 students this week who are going to Mozambique for World Challenge. We look forward to seeing the photographs and hearing about their adventures on their return.

Lastly a reminder that this week the school will only be open to Year 7 on Wednesday and Year 10 and 12 on Friday, due to two days of industrial action by the NEU. We also have an early close (1pm) for all students on Thursday, in advance of our Open Evening.

- MRS C GODYN



UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

A reminder to please inform the school if your contact details change, e.g. your mobile number changes or you move house. Please email info@wallington-girls.org.uk with the updated details.

PROCESS FOR RECORDING STUDENT ABSENCE

The School's Attendance Officer (Years 7-11) or Sixth Form Administrator (Sixth Form) must be informed on the first day of absence before 8.45am via email from the parent/carer (sent from the same email address currently notified to us on our administrative system), and every subsequent day before 8.45am if the absence continues. If there is no communication from parents/carers, then this will be automatically recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Please contact the School's Attendance Officer (Years 7-11) or Sixth Form Administrator (Sixth Form) using this email address – attendance@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Y9 PSHCE TALK ON DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

"On Wednesday, we were given a very informative and educational talk on drugs and alcohol by Asha, from the Daniel Spargo Maggs Foundation. It was a very comfortable environment to talk about such a severe and in this case, emotional topic, which we wouldn't usually talk about on a daily basis. It was very engaging and really described the impact and severity of drugs. We very grateful that we had such a talk and we found it useful for us and many other students".

by Limar and Jaghana in Year 9

STUDENTS' MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If a student has a condition that requires any medication including Inhalers, Adrenaline autoinjectors (referred to as Epipen) and/ or Antihistamines can parents/carers please ensure that they provide spare medication to the school.

In light of normal school protocol, it is vital that we have the correct medication on site for students in case of an emergency. We would ask that Parents/Carers send in / replace this medication as soon as possible, any expired medications must be collected where applicable.

We require all medication each to be accompanied by a completed Parental Permission Form, available from the school website by this link:

<https://www.wallingtongirls.org.uk/page/?title=Student+First+Aid+%26amp%3B+Medication+Information&pid=105>

We would also ask that you would provide the school with replacement medication as soon as possible and when the expiry date is reached.

Enrichment activities are coming up next month, spare medications need to be provided before the activities to ensure they are available as some activities may be taking place off site.

Thank you.



TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Date and time: Wed 5th July, 18.30-20.00

Facilitator: Hayley Cameron and Steve Welding
- Education Safeguarding Manager and Education
E-safety Adviser from Cognus

Location: This is a virtual event - Zoom

Hayley Cameron and Steve Welding from Cognus will be providing parents with helpful hints and tips on how to support their child as they transition from Primary to Secondary school. The Education Welfare Officer will also be on hand to provide guidance on attendance and the legal framework around school absence.

The link is here for this online workshop:

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85766014007?pwd=QnFjN0duNTk2OUFFaG00WIZmVWnp3UT09>

Meeting ID: 857 6601 4007

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YEAR 12 POLITICS VISIT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEMBERS' DAY OF TEAM GLOBAL

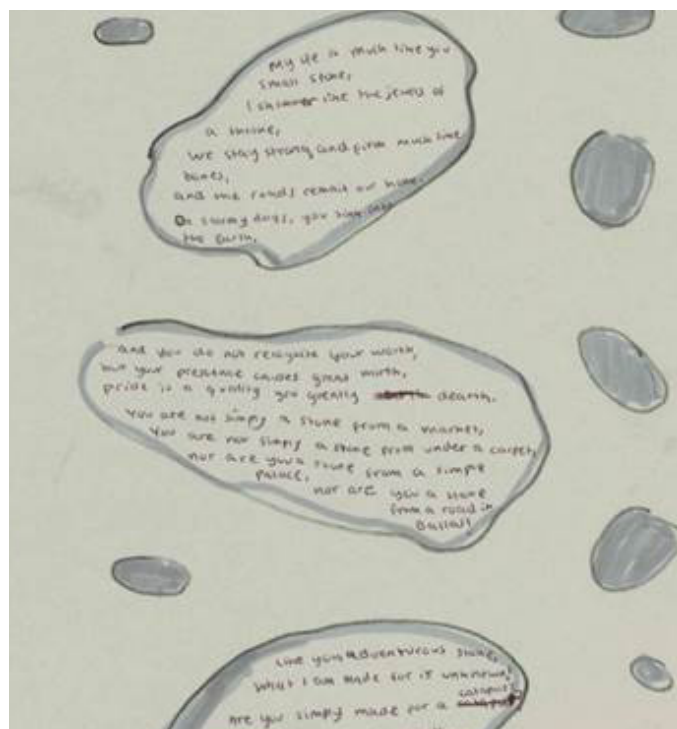
On Wednesday 28th June, Year 12 Politics students attended TEAM Global's annual Members' Day which involved a talk with a range of guest speakers, tour of the Houses of Parliament, tea party at the House of Lords and walk around the UK Supreme Court.



WINNER FOR THE CAMBRIDGE ANTHEA BELL PRIZE COMPETITION

Madeeha won the award for Level I Spanish of the Cambridge Anthea Bell Prize Competition.

This is a fantastic achievement given the number and standard of entries received this year. (Over 15,000 students participated in the prize in 2023).



SIXTH FORM INDUCTION DAY

Last Tuesday, 27th June, we have had the privilege of welcoming 265 students to our Y12 Induction Day, which included internal and external students. As their new Head of Year, I was very excited to be able to talk to them in person along with Mrs Collins, our acting Director of Sixth Form and Ms Borrageiro-Maier, their Assistant Head of Year. It was an extremely productive day where students met the Tutor Team and our wonderful Senior Prefects, had their subject taster sessions and attended the electives and societies fair. We cannot wait to see Y12s back in September for the next phase of their academic journey.

- MS B SANDA



JUNIOR SOUTHAMPTON CHALLENGE

Every year the School of Mathematical Sciences at Southampton University run Mathematics Challenges for students up to Year 10. They receive over 1000 entries from as many as 80 schools across the South of England and beyond.

This year the following students entered both the Junior and Senior Challenges:

Junior Challenge

Lishvittha, Daniya, Aarna, Sofia, Mugdha, Anjali, Akshavani, Ozcar, Neha, Advitha, Caitlin, Aarna and Riana.

Senior Challenge

Nuha, Kirsten, Nithusiga, Angelina and Ashwika.

We are very proud of everyone who entered and the standard of all of our entries was incredibly high.

We are delighted to share with you that five students from our Junior entries have been successful! Sofia F, Ozcar H and Neha K have won certificates of Merit, Aarna S (7 Joh) has won a certificate of Distinction and Riana N has won a Third Prize. These are huge achievements and the students and their families were invited to a Prize evening at the University of Southampton to celebrate.

They had a wonderful evening and Aarna S (7Joh) has written us a lovely description of the event (see right).

- MS S TUCKER



"The University of Southampton offered a memorable and enriching experience. Upon arrival at Avenue Campus, winners and their families were warmly welcomed by a university teacher who checked our names off the list. We eagerly awaited the campus tour, which turned out to be a delight with a knowledgeable student guide. During the tour, we discovered the fascinating fact that all the buildings were designed with a nautical theme, with the physical sciences and astronomy building resembling a cargo ship and the surrounding landscape shaped like rolling waves. After the informative tour, we were treated to a delicious spread of refreshments provided by the university, including drinks, pizzas, doughnuts, and fries. Our hunger satisfied, we engaged in mathematical recreations, showcasing the university's commitment to a well-rounded education. The highly anticipated Award ceremony commenced at 7:30 p.m., following a structured order based on marks achieved. Junior Winners were acknowledged first, followed by the Senior Winners. The room brimmed with excitement as the names of the recipients were announced, culminating in the announcement of the First Prize winners. It was a moment of immense pride and joy for all those recognized for their outstanding achievements.

To further enrich our knowledge, Professor Nils Anderson delivered a captivating lecture on Einstein's momentous discoveries of general and special relativity. He explained the intriguing concept of time and space, where clocks near the centre of the Earth or in motion experience slower passage of time. Additionally, he made us understand the connection between gravity, the curvature of space, and time, shedding light on why light cannot escape from black holes. Professor Anderson's lecture left us inspired and eager for further exploration.

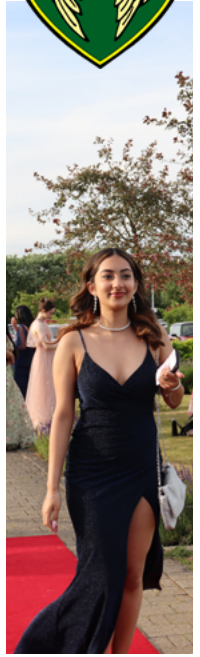
In conclusion, the University of Southampton provided an exceptional experience. From the engaging campus tour and refreshments to the Awards ceremony and enlightening lecture by Professor Anderson, every aspect of the event was meticulously planned and executed. It was a memorable and enriching experience that fostered intellectual growth, curiosity, and a deep appreciation for the wonders of science and learning.

I really hope to visit again next year!"

- Aarna, Y7



YEAR 11 PROM 2023





YEAR 13 PRIZEGIVING 2023





SPORTS NOTICES



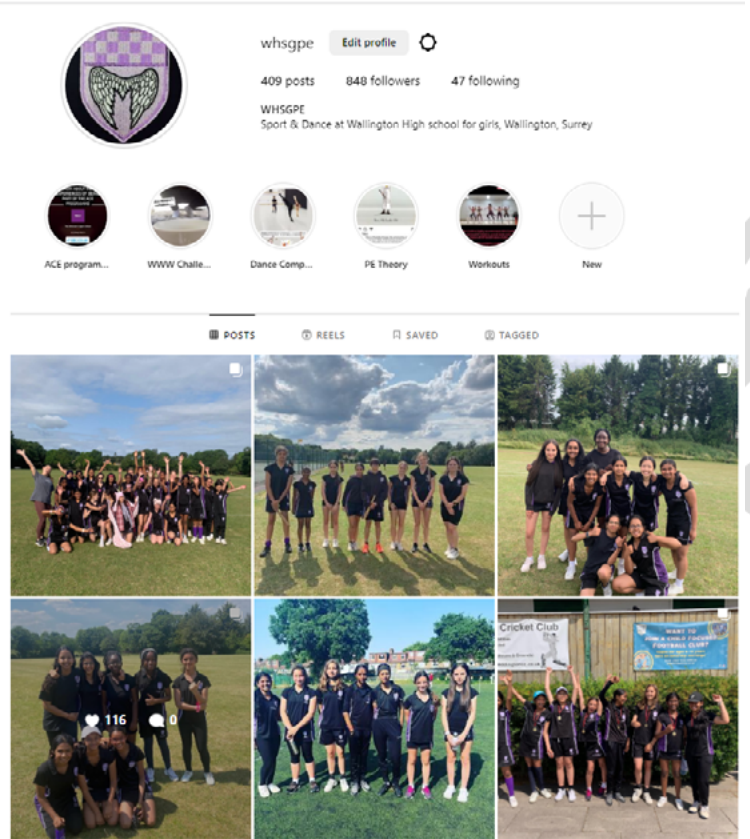
YEAR 7 & 8 A TEAM CRICKET



YEAR 7 INTERHOUSE CRICKET



YEAR 8'S WIN AGAINST CHEAM HIGH



£2.50 per ticket

BBQ

✦ *SPORTS DAY* ✦



Please note that the snack shack will be open on that day for cold food as an alternative.

11th July
2023

Purchase at the
canteen before the
event between 26th
June - 7th July

Hot Dogs
(halal),
Burgers
(halal),
Veggie
options &
more...

CLOTHES SALE

DONTATE YOUR OLD CLOTHES,
BUY PRE-LOVED OUTFITS



**COLLECTION ON THE STAGE
UNTIL 30TH JUNE**

**CLOTHES SALE:
LUNCHTIME IN THE STUDY
CENTER: 3RD-4TH JULY**