



WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

# The Wallington Week

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

Monday 9th December 2024

## Message from the Headteacher

The diggers are in, and we saw the ground being dug up last week! We are excited that the building, which will be our new canteen, should be ready by Easter.

KS3 Disco – this was fun! Over 270 students turned up and danced and sang and enjoyed themselves whilst raising £2500 for the PFA and the school.



We celebrated our GCSE Prize giving last Wednesday. Our guest speaker Nadia Nagamootoo, an alumni (ex Wallingtonian), spoke fondly of her time here and spoke about the highs and lows of being a businesswoman and CEO of her own company. Congratulations to everyone who won special prizes and awards. We also took the opportunity to say thank you to Hamza Aumeer, who has been our school governor since 2002, and our Chair of Governors since 2017. Hamza has worked tirelessly in this role, and we will all miss him hugely.

Yr 13 parents' eve is tonight. And the student Festive Fair is this Friday at 3.30 in the gym.

You may have seen this, but here is a link to this year's 'BBC 100 Women' which celebrates those who – through their resilience – are pushing for change, as the world changes around them. The list also remains committed to exploring the impact of the climate emergency, highlighting climate pioneers who work to help their communities tackle its impacts.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-4f79d09b-655a-42f8-82b4-9b2ecebab611>

## Useful Links

### Co-Curricular Activities

SOCs, the school's 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](#)

## Upcoming Events

9th Dec- Year 13 Parents Evening

13th Dec- Festive Fair

13th Dec- Winter Ball

17th Dec- Christmas Concert



The Art department would like to express their sincere thanks to the PFA for generously funding the purchase of a new kiln. This has greatly expanded the possibilities for our students, allowing them to create and fire larger ceramic pieces.

-Ms T O'Brien  
Headteacher



## GCSE Prize Giving

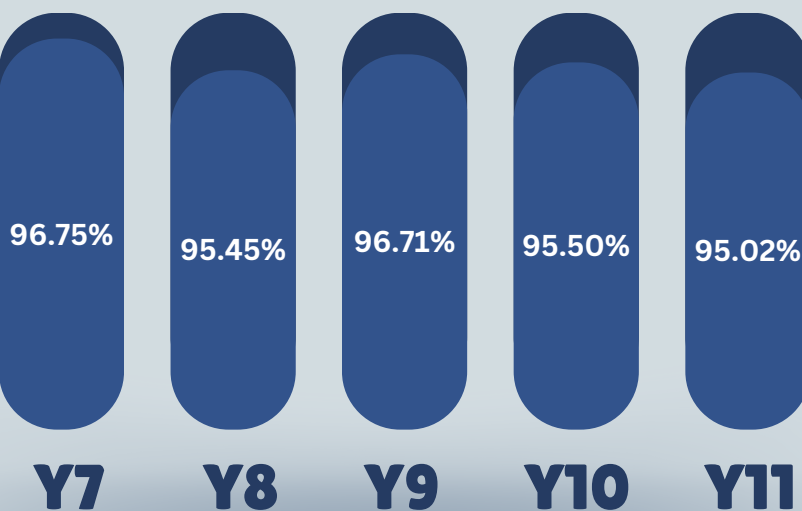






## Attendance Percentages

Between 02/09/24 - 03/12/24



# **Calendar**

## **Week A**

### **Monday 9th December**

**Student event: Book 'n' Bake sale- Gym (lunch)**

**Late Detention- (15.10-15.30pm)**

**Year 13 Parents Evening 4-7pm Online**

### **Tuesday 10th December**

**Christmas Lunch Y7/8/12- Canteen (lunchtime)**

**Late Detention- E06 (14.10-14.30pm)**

### **Wednesday 11th December**

**Houses of Parliament trip- Parliment Square x 31  
Y12 (all day)**

**Christmas Lunch Y9/10/11/13 Canteen  
(lunchtime)**

**Central Detention (15:10pm-15:40pm)**

### **Thursday 12th December**

**Late detention- E06 (15:10pm-15:30pm)**

### **Friday 13th December**

**First Give Finalists Workshop Y10 (11:10am-13:10pm)**

**Late Detention -E06 (15:10pm-15:30pm)**

**Central Detention -E06 (15:10-16:10pm)**

**Festive Fair- Gym (15:30-17:30pm)**

**Winter Ball (19:00-21:00pm)**





## Messages from DSL

### Roblox Updates Parental Controls and Introduces New Safety Features

Roblox has announced that they will be implementing new changes aimed at ensuring that users, particularly those under 13, have a safer, less harmful online experience. The changes include additional restrictions, alongside limiting access to unrated content and certain types of interactive experiences. Roblox reports that these changes will 'enhance our safety measures to keep users of all ages safe on our platform.' For more information see this article -

[Roblox Updates Parental Controls and Introduces New Safety Features for Under 13s](#)

### Parent Workshop: Kooth – Supporting your child's mental health

**Date and time:** Tues 14th Jan 2025, 18.00-19.00

**Facilitator:** Aniké Clarke (Education Welfare Officer - Cognus)

**Location:** This is a virtual event - Teams

This workshop will be led by our Education Welfare Officer, Aniké Clarke, who works for Cognus. It is for parents of students whose attendance is below 90% and finding it difficult to attend school on a regular basis. The aim of the workshop is to help parents develop a better understanding of how chronic absence can impact a child's achievement and to explore strategies for improving their child's attendance.

**The meeting link will be sent nearer the time.**

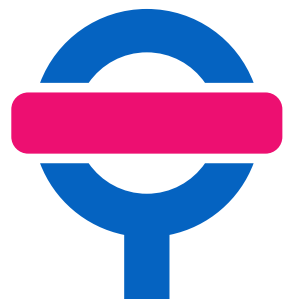
-Mrs M Sundborg  
Assistant Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Student Voice:

### Year 9 TfL Workshop - Project Guardian

On Tuesday 3rd December, Year 9 had an informative travel safety talk by TfL in which we gained an understanding of how to travel safely across public transport. In this engaging travel safety talk, we learned many surprising statistics and were well educated in ways to keep safe whilst travelling. This workshop has complemented the work we have been doing in PSCE and has been extremely beneficial for the whole of Year 9.

By Aksharaa 9 Pankhurst



## Staff Messages

### New Kiln for the Art Department

The Art department are extremely grateful to the PFA for recently purchasing a new kiln, enabling students to create and fire much larger ceramic outcomes. Up until last term, students had been restricted in the size they could work with for their clay outcomes; we even had to cut some student pieces in half and glue back together after firing in our smaller, less efficient kiln which was far from ideal! We are delighted that more and more students are benefiting from having this new piece of equipment. Where would we be without the PFA?! Thank you so much.



-Mrs V Moore  
Head of Art and Photography



## Christmas Lunch

# FANTASTIC FESTIVE FOOD

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th  
December

## MENU

Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes & Gravy  
Or  
Vegan Soya Bean & Cranberry Wellington, Roast Potatoes  
& Gravy  
Served with Seasonal Vegetables

## Followed by

Traditional Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce  
Or  
Festive White Chocolate Confetti Cookie

**IT'S BEGINNING TO  
TASTE A LOT LIKE  
CHRISTMAS**

Next week we will be having our Christmas lunch. Year groups have been allocated a day: **Tuesday 10th December: Year 7, 8, 12**

**Wednesday 11th December: Year 9, 10, 11, 13**

Please note that only the Christmas lunch will be available in the canteen on these days. A reduced offering of sandwiches, etc. will be available from the snack shack – this will be all that is available for students when it is not their allocated day for Christmas lunch.

This year, there is no need to buy a ticket – the price will be £2.65 – the same as usual



# Christmas Concert

You Are Invited To

## Wallington High School for Girls

### Winter Concert



Tuesday 17th December

6:30PM

Main Hall

Featuring performances from KS3 Choir, Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Gospel Choir and soloists.

Tickets: Adults/Students/Children - £5

To be purchased through ParentPay.





## Has your child missed their Flu vaccine?

Come down to our walk-in flu catch-up clinic  
and protect your child this winter!

**Date:** Saturday 7 December

**Time:** 10:00-14:00

**Venue:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sutton (St Barnabas) Scout Hall, SM1 4JN

**Date:** Tuesday 10 December

**Time:** 15:00-18:00

**Venue:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sutton (St Barnabas) Scout Hall, SM1 4JN

**Date:** Thursday 12 December

**Time:** 15:00-18:00

**Venue:** The New Horizon Centre, Mitcham, CR4 1LT

Call 020 3903 3371 or 020 3903 3373

for more information

No appointment needed!

## 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 WHSg of a leave of absence, please complete this form and return to the email above

## Contact Information and emails

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)

When replying to any SchoolComms emails, please use the individual contact email provided and for general enquiries use

[info@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:info@wallingtongirls.org.uk)



## Parking

**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 needs 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

## Punctuality

**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.

WHSg 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.