



WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The Wallington Week

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

Monday 2nd December 2024

Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the end of term, we still have so many events to come! The KS3 disco is tonight, thank you so much to the PFA for running this event. I know the girls will have an amazing time.



GCSE Prize Giving is on Wednesday 4th December. We look forward to seeing our current Year 12 students and families at this event, as well as welcoming back those who have left.

There is a Kooth workshop on Thursday around student mental health, and Monday 9th December is the Parents Evening for Year 13, an important opportunity to talk with teachers about the upcoming mock exams after Christmas.

Year 9 are involved in TfL workshops this week about being safe on public transport, Year 10 will be competing for their community action and charity activities at the First Give finals, and so much more! The student Festive Fair and the Sixth Form Winter Ball are both on Friday 13th December, and our wonderful Christmas Music Concert is on Tuesday 17th December.

Well done to all the students involved in the Afternoon Tea for some of the residents of one of our local care homes, there were homemade cakes, and entertainment was laid, on making this a very special event.

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

2nd Dec- KS3 Disco

4th Dec- GCSE Prize Giving

9th Dec- Year 13 Parents Evening

13th Dec- Festive Fair

13th Dec- Winter Ball

17th Dec- Christmas Concert

Well done to Year 11 who were super focused and disciplined throughout their mocks. I know they are very happy to have them all completed, and I am sure they will have learned some very valuable lessons about what they need to focus on next year.

Building works have started in earnest and I have briefed our students on changes to the site and how to move safely around the new compound. We are very excited that this has finally started so that we can soon offer our students a really fantastic canteen experience.

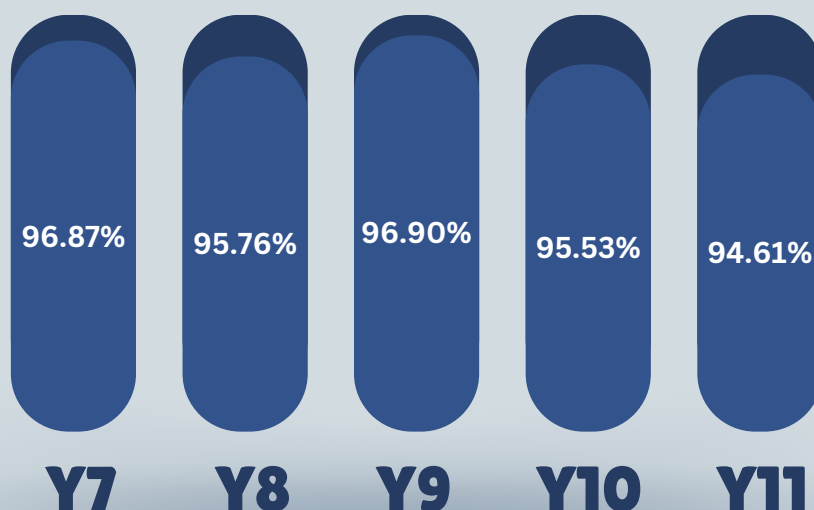
You may have seen me outside the school with my sign 'no stopping' as I try to discourage some parents from parking unsafely outside the school entrance.

Thank you to Dobbies, one of our local garden centres, who gave us a special discount towards some of this year's festive decorations that will go up around school soon.

-Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher

Attendance Percentages

Between 02/09/24 - 26/11/24



Calendar

Week B

Monday 2nd December

Late Detention E06 (15.10-15.30pm)
KS3 Disco

Tuesday 3rd December

TFL Transport Safety Workshop Y9- Gym
(8.45am-13:15pm)
Late Detention- E06 (15.10-15.30pm)

Wednesday 4th December

Exploring Federico Garcia Lorca's legacy through
film Study Day (A Level Spanish Students) BFI
Southbank- All day
GCSE Prize Giving Hall/Gym (14:00-16:00pm)
Central Detention (15:10pm-15:40pm)

Thursday 5th December

Book n Bake Sale- Lunchtime Gym
Late detention E06 (15:10pm-15:30pm)
Workshop 11: Kooth – Supporting your child's
mental health – Teams (18:00-19:00pm)

Friday 6th December

GCSE Science Live- Apollo Theatre London
(10:00am-15:30pm)
First Give Finalists Workshop (11:10am-13:10pm)
Year 12 Bowling Trip (14:00-16:00pm)
Late Detention- E06 (15:10pm-15:30pm)
Central Detention- E06 (15:10-16:10pm)
Headteachers Detention- Heads office
(15:10-17:10pm)



Messages from DSL

Term Time Holidays

With the Christmas 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 - [Working together to improve school attendance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/90123/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance.pdf)

Improving Attendance -Parent Workshop

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.

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

Date and time: Thurs 5th Dec 2024, 18.00-19.00
Facilitator: Cassim Kaweesa - Kooth Engagement Lead
Location: This is a virtual event - Zoom

Many parents and carers of children and young people are worried or concerned about their child's mental wellbeing. It can be difficult to know where to turn, or what services are available to support your child. Kooth is a safe online space offering NHS-commissioned mental health support for children and young people. In this session, Cassim (Kooth Engagement Lead) will talk us through how Kooth works and the support available.

Please see the meeting details below:

Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 81600879402
Passcode: u*@6Wkf1

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://kooth.zoom.us/j/81600879402?pwd=zXOX7ucB0dJFdwMdViVul9ggMZexTM.1>

-Mrs M Sundborg
Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Staff Messages



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Mathematics Trust

Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo

On Wednesday 20th November a group of sixth form students sat the Senior Kangaroo – this is a 60-minute mathematical challenge consisting of 20 problems. In order to qualify to sit this paper, students needed to achieve a Gold Certificate in the Senior Mathematical Challenge – which is a major achievement in itself.

Congratulations to the following students for qualifying to sit the Senior Kangaroo:

Year 13:

Julia, Rebecca, Keren, Neha, Aanya, Helena, Leenuja, Abita, Abhishree, Diya, Ritika, Laila and Mayjena

Year 12:

Sherine, Sinyi, Ania, Sarah and Maia

The results have now come back and we are delighted to announce that Sinyi, Neha, Abita and Abhishree have all achieved a Merit. Sinyi and Abhishree achieved joint highest marks in our School.



Here is an example of one of the questions that was asked...

Each of the following expressions has a different value. Which value is greatest?

$$2 - 0 \times 2 + 4 + 11 \times 20$$

$$2 + 0 \times 2 \times 4 + 11 \times 20$$

$$2 \times 0 + 2 \times 4 + 11 \times 20$$

$$2 \times (0 + 2 + 4) + 11 \times 20$$

You can find the answer and more questions like it on the UKMT website.

[Senior Kangaroo 2024 Paper-1.pdf](#)

Well done to everyone who took part!

Miss Tucker

Events

Fusion Showcase

As many of you may have seen, last Friday we had our amazing Fusion showcase and what a fantastic night it was! We truly have a spectacular myriad of cultures here at WHSG. With 40 acts, over 200 tickets sold and over £800 raised for IMKAAN it's safe to say Fusion this year was an outstanding success. A Big shout out to all the acts that performed, the backstage crew, all the teachers that helped, Mrs Godyn & Mr Coton and our lovely Senior Prefect team for making this wonderful event happen.

-Fenna 13KMK



Attendance

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

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

KS5 –

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



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

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.