

The Wallington Week

Monday 8th December
2025

A Wonderful Week of Celebration and Achievement.

Last week was an exceptionally busy and joyful one at Wallington, filled with events that truly showcased the talent, spirit, and community of our school.

We began with our Winter Concert, which was a magical evening of music and festive cheer. Our students performed beautifully and created a wonderful atmosphere. Huge thanks go to everyone involved in preparing such an uplifting event, and for all the families who came along.

Our Year 9 Options Evening also took place last week, giving families the chance to explore subject choices for the next stage of their daughters' education. It was lovely to see so many parents and students engaged, asking thoughtful questions, and feeling excited about the opportunities ahead.

We were also delighted to host our GCSE Prize Giving, a special occasion celebrating the achievements of last year's cohort. It was a joyful event and a proud moment for students, families, and staff alike.

Another highlight was the Official Opening of our School Library. The celebration included speeches from our library prefects and a visit from a guest author, Onjali Q. Raúf, who inspired students with stories of creativity, reading, and ambition. The refurbished space already feels like the heart of our school.

Our annual Christmas Fair brought the community together once again, with students enjoying a fantastic afternoon of activities and fundraising. A huge thank you to the PFA and everyone who supported the event and helped raise funds for the school.

You may also have noticed our beautiful Christmas tree and festive foyer display. It has already brought a lot of smiles to students and staff as they arrive each morning.

Finally, we are very proud to share that we have moved up 14 places in the Sunday Times Good Schools Guide this year. This ranking is based on GCSE and A Level outcomes and reflects the hard work, dedication, and high aspirations of our students and staff. A tremendous well done to our whole school community.

- Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

- 15th-17th December- School Production
- 16th December- Y14 Certificate Collection
- 19th December- Last Day of Term

Useful Links

Co-Curricular Activities

SOCs, the school's online system for Co-Curricular activities, will allow you 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](#). Please see the latest careers newsletter [here](#).

Current Vacancies

Click here for a link to our [vacancies page](#)

Week A

Monday

- BFI Southbank Film Studies- Y12 (Southbank)

Tuesday

- First Give Final (Year 10 off timetable)
- Christmas lunch (y7,8,12)
- Workshop 6: Kooth - Supporting your child's mental health (Virtual/Online)

Wednesday

- Houses of Parliament Trip- Sixth form
- Year 11 Injections (plus catch up)
- Christmas lunch (Y9,10,11,13)
- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm

Thursday

- Y9 Christmas Songs Assembly

Friday

- Y9 Christmas Songs Assembly
- School Production Rehearsals
- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm

Weekend:

- Sunday 14th: School Production Rehearsals

Attendance

Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11

97.22%

96.04%

95.80%

95.68%

95.47%

Staff Messages

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

Date and time: Tues 9th Dec 2025, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Cassim Kaweesa - Kooth Engagement Lead

Location: This is a virtual event - Teams

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:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 385 774 903 731 2

Passcode: XG2zf3fe

-Mrs Sundborg

Assistant Headteacher & DSL

Parent Workshop: Improving Attendance

Date and time: Wed 14th Jan 2026, 18.00-19.00pm.

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.

Please see the meeting details below:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 355 517 640 920

Passcode: 4ux7jM9a

-Mrs Sundborg

Assistant Headteacher & DSL

Is my child too ill for school?

It's usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. Children should stay at home if they have a high temperature (38C or above). Schools have received a letter from the Chief Medical Officer which explains how to tell whether a child is well enough to be in school.

Further information about whether your child is too ill for school, including information on other illnesses like chickenpox, headlice, and a sore throat, is available on the NHS website here

-Mrs Sundborg

Assistant Headteacher & DSL



GCSE Prizegiving

Our Year 12 students, along with former pupils who moved on after Year 11, returned to school on 4th December to collect their GCSE certificates and celebrate their achievements together. Subject awards and school value prizes were presented, highlighting outstanding dedication across the cohort. The event featured a beautiful musical performance by Althaea and Aena, and a motivating speech from our guest speaker and alumni Hana Harazawa. It was a warm and proud afternoon for all involved.

This week we proudly celebrated the grand opening of our new library, joined by members of the GLT Trust and special guest author Onjali Q. Raúf, who delivered an inspiring talk on the power of books, the pursuit of knowledge, and the vital importance of strong female representation in literature. The event also featured thoughtful contributions from our own school community, including a heartfelt speech by a Year 12 student librarian, Delali and a moving poem about libraries performed by Year 9 student, Corrina. Mrs Reilly, our Librarian, Ms O'Brien, our Headteacher, and GLT CEO Tom Flynn each shared words marking this exciting milestone. The celebration concluded with refreshments, conversation, and a warm sense of connection as students, staff, and visitors came together to mark the beginning of a vibrant new chapter for our school library.

Library Opening



PFA Christmas Fair

Our PFA Christmas Fair brought festive cheer to the Sports Hall on 5th December, with a wonderful mix of external stallholders and impressive student-run stalls. A big thank-you to the PFA for organising such a fun and lively event enjoyed by families, staff, and the whole school community.



Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo



On Wednesday 19th 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:

Abbinaya, Sinyi, Abenaya, Jade, Chloe, Diya and Sandra

Year 12:

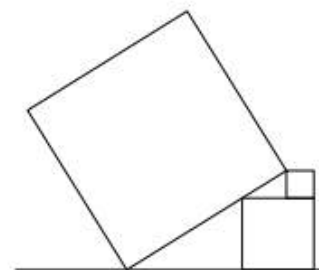
Amelia, Melissa, Lauri, Beth, Raya, Coco, and Shaili

The results have now come back and we are delighted to announce that Abenaya, Coco and Sinyi have all achieved a Bronze Certificate. Amelia achieved a Silver Certificate and the prize for the highest result in Year 12 and Abbinaya achieved a Gold Certificate, with the prize for the best result in the School.

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

Three squares are shown in the picture. The area of the smallest square is 9, and the area of the middle-sized square is 81.

What is the area of the largest square?



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

[Competition Papers - UKMT](#)

Well done to everyone who took part!

-Miss Tucker

YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY PLACE CASE PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to all Year 7 students for their fantastically creative and passionate Place Case presentations this half term. Students were challenged use all 5 senses to teach others about their favourite, unique place and so we sampled some delicious food, smelled some intriguingly evocative smells and learnt lots of interesting facts about many places around the world.

Judging the presentations was tough, but congratulations to our form winners – please come to the Geography office this week to collect your prize:

7 Athena: Molly R

7 Bronte: Alice P

7 Curie: Huda S

7 Johnson: Iffet A

7 Pankhurst: Michelle U-M

7 Seacole: Petria A

7 Sharman: Alice T

Here are a few place case highlights



Sustainability



FACTS

It is believed that 50% of all food waste is still edible

Reports say that schools throw away 80,000 tonnes of food waste every year – that's about 12,000 elephants in weight!

Most food waste from school lunches ends up in a landfill where it breaks down and produces harmful greenhouse gases



TIPS/SOLUTIONS

- Food waste could be 'recycled' through food banks, charities, used for making animal feed or be composted.
- Apps to consider downloading are Olio and Too Good to Go



CREATE DRAMA

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Youth Theatre Company 13 - 18 Year olds

Come and work our team of professional directors this Christmas.

2 Day Course and visit to Sky Studios

Mon 22 Dec 2.30 - 6.30pm

Tuesday 23 December 10am - 6.30pm

Day1 Learn about Story and film structure and explore the plot of 'Wicked' through drama.

Day 2 Create your story board then enjoy a trip to Sky Studios for a tour and their film academy to create your own a film trailer.

FREE places
available
for children on
Freeschool
Meals

Theatre Trip Tuesday 30 December 5 - 11pm

Ebony Scrooge at Sadler's Wells East.

.ZooNation gives Dickens' classic a hip-hop twist. Ebony, the ruthless boss of a top fashion empire, cancels Christmas for her biggest show - until three mystical visitors take her on a transformative journey filled with hip hop dance, Physical Theatre and comedy.

Book & Pay Here



FREE funded places (FSM) Here



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Chat: info@dramabuds.co.uk or **07789 722 687**

All meals are provided

Missed the flu vaccine?

**Do you have a child who lives in or attends
school in Merton or Sutton? Aged 4–16?**

Come along to a flu clinic and protect your child!

NO appointment required.

**Tuesday 9 December, 15:00 - 18:00
5th Sutton Scout Hall, SM1 4JN**

**Thursday 11 December, 15:00 - 18:00
New Horizon Centre, CR4 1LT**

Call 020 3903 3371 / 73 for more information!

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 7.30am-4.30pm 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

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.

If a student is late 3 times within a half-term (roughly 6 weeks) they will receive a 60 mins detention on a Wednesday or a Friday. If the student is late again within the half-term they will receive an automatic 60 mins detention, a late report and there will be a meeting with parents. This will re-set at the start of each half-term

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.