



HEIRS AND MAKERS

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE:

Welcome to the Autumn Heirs and Makers magazine. You will see inside how much fun our students had last term, how much they achieved and how they lived our values of courage and curiosity by being engaged in such a wide range of activities.



There has been plenty of music with two recitals and our wonderful Christmas concert. We welcomed a range of musicians who performed across a variety of musical styles – we have such talent here! We have had a disco and our Winter Ball too! For some, it has been sporting activities which have captured their enthusiasm and skill. All Year 7 took part in our cross-country run, warming them up for our whole school Wallington 10K walk which will take place in the summer term.

We won the Sutton Borough Cross Country Championships on Thursday 17th October. This meant we progressed to the regional finals on Wednesday 13th November. Fremya in Year 11 who competed at the All English Judo National competition, beating 19 other girls in her category and qualified for the GB nationals in December.

Our students also love mathematics! Page 9 gives a flavour of all the competitions our students enter and how well they do.

Our PSHCE programme has seen students learn about transition, healthy relationships, bullying and conflict resolution in Year 7, Healthy relationships, the media and positive body image in Year 8, and Parliament & democracy, consent and relationships in Year 9. Year 10 have been involved in working with charities with their First Give projects – the winning tutor group were 10 Bronte. Year 11 were supported with Educated Choices. Year 12 had to plan and carry out their independent 'Grand Day Out', and Year 13 were supported with preparing for Interview Days.

One event in our EDI calendar was our amazing Fusion Showcase which was a lively affair with singing, dancing, musical performances and some readings. A truly wonderful celebration of all that makes our school so vibrant.

The aim of our Enrichment Days is to provide students with dedicated opportunities to engage in immersive, curriculum-linked learning and personal development, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and a broader understanding of the world beyond the classroom. Our students have enjoyed lots of different trips to theatres, Royal Palaces, London Zoo, activity centers, as well as in school events such as the math's escape room challenge and mock University interviews for Year 13.

Finally, a big shout out to all our Alumni who give up their time freely to support our excellent careers programme and who really do give back into our school community.

-Ms O'Brien





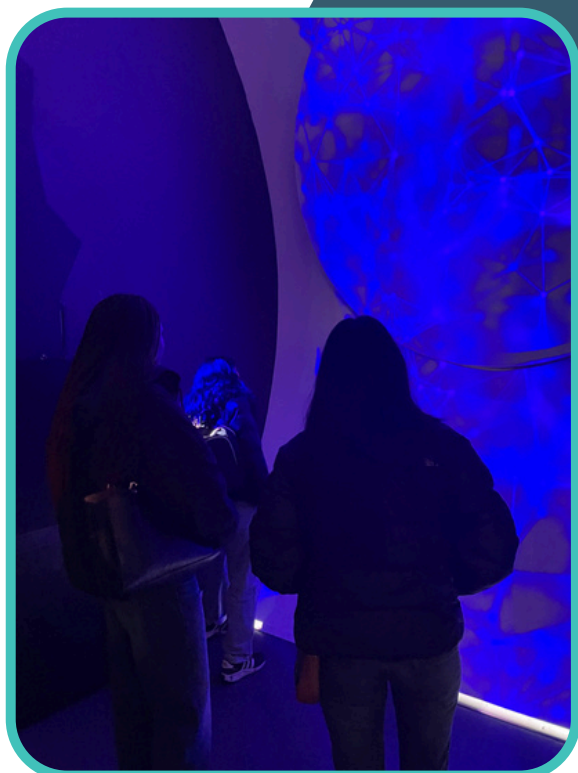
YEAR 12 SOCIAL EVENT

With help from Y13 Prefects and the Heads of Year, Year 12 had their social event in the Sports Hall on the 6th September. What a great afternoon it was, with pizzas and juice refreshments, lots of mingling with friends, old and new, and it even finished with a whole year group dance party!



YEAR 12 LONDON DAY OUT AND BOWLING TRIP

The Year 12s enjoyed two fantastic days during their first term as part of Wallington Sixth Form. 'The London Day Out,' and a trip to Tenpin bowling at Valley Park. The London Day Out (part of the enrichment programme) saw students visiting museums, galleries and places of interest to them, and a wonderful bowling social, which allowed students to get to know each other better as a year group. They have had such a fantastic start to sixth form life and we are excited to be part of their journey.





YEAR 7 CROSS COUNTRY

Year 7 students competed in the annual Year 7 House Cross Country run. Everyone who took part demonstrated great strength and resilience and finished in record time! Congratulations to the top 8 finishers, Isla, Cecily, Tinu, Harriet, Sophia, Beth, Nikita and Chloe, who went on to represent the school at the Borough Cross Country event the following week. The scores of each runner were combined within their houses, resulting in Athena winning the first Y7 house competition of the year!

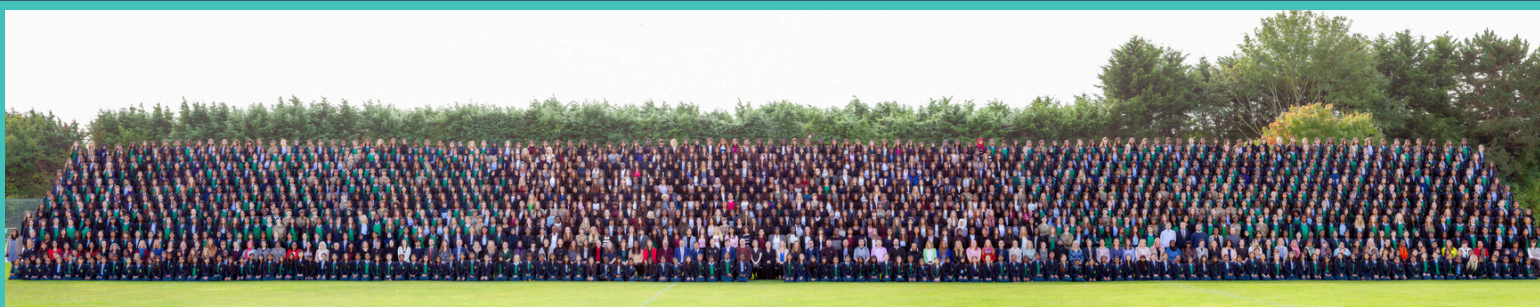


GCSE MUSIC RECITAL

On Tuesday 1st October, we were treated to an evening of fantastic performances by our Year 10 and 11 Music students at our GCSE Recital. This was an opportunity for students not only to practice their performing skills but to share a variety of musical styles with an attentive audience. Their dedication and musicality stood out and they can be really proud of the performances they gave.

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

Despite some challenging weather we managed to assemble for our whole school photograph on the 8th October. Students lined up on the field and patiently waited for their year groups turn to take their place on the staging. Despite a few showers, everyone was in good spirits, with some help from a bit of music and umbrellas!





YEAR 9 PSHCE – VISIT FROM BOBBY DEAN

We were delighted to host Bobby Dean, a candidate for the Carshalton and Wallington constituency, who shared his journey in politics and plans for the area, including community initiatives, support for local businesses, and the future of St. Helier Hospital. He also explained the election process and the challenges of campaigning. The session was an inspiring look at how political representatives address community issues and encouraged us to consider our role in shaping the future.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Our Sixth Form Open Evening was a very well attended event, with over 600 guests, both internal and external, visiting our school on the 17th October. They enjoyed looking at the different subject departments that we offer, speaking to teachers about the different A level courses they could take and exploring what Wallington has to offer.





YEAR 10 SLAM POETRY

On Monday 11th November, the Year 10 cohort were fortunate enough to have a Slam Poetry Day, building up their knowledge of poetry, rhyming, choosing vocabulary, writing their own poems, and performing in a grand finale competition at the end of the day. There were some great poems and performances, what a talented bunch!

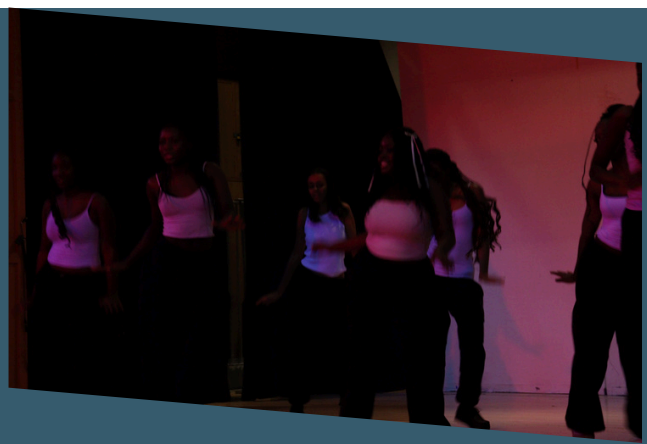
KS3 MUSIC RECITAL

On Monday 11th November, students from years 7, 8 and 9 came together to perform their solo pieces to each other in the KS3 Music recital; we were treated to some wonderful performances! Zara performed on the violin and said "It was fun to watch how talented everyone was, and it was a thrilling experience to play my musical instrument. I am really looking forward to performing in the next one." Well done to everyone involved!



FUSION SHOWCASE

One of the biggest events in our annual calendar – Fusion Showcase, took place on Friday 22nd November. This entirely student-run event showcased 40 performances bringing us dance, music, songs and readings, all celebrating the wonderful diversity and cultural richness we have here at Wallington. The evening was fantastic, and the performances were of an excellent quality. But one of the real highlights was the atmosphere. The students had such fun and supported each other so much. It was a truly beautiful, joyous event!



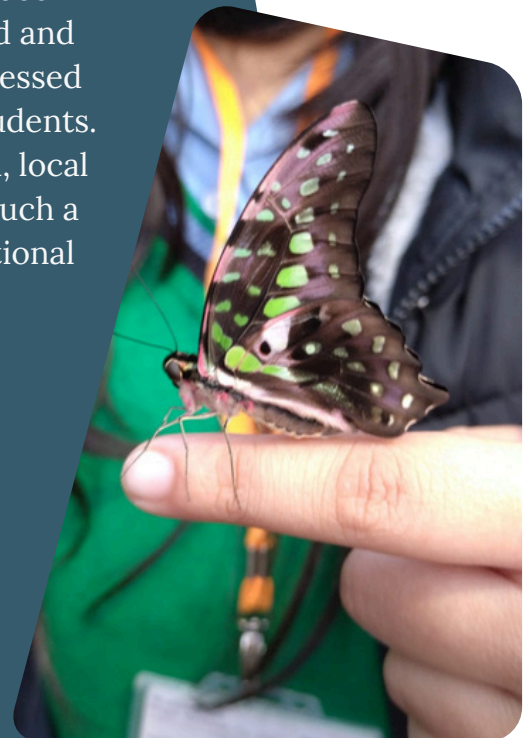
KS3 DISCO

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.



ENRICHMENT DAY

Enrichment Day took place on the 20th November and what an amazing day it was! Our students had a great time at a variety of events including visits to London Zoo, Hampton Court Palace, Pineapple Dance Studios and The Lion King in The West End. In school, students might have been involved in The Maths Escape Room Challenge or First Give social action project Year 12 enjoyed a 'Big Day Out' in London. Year 13 had a day full of talks and mock interviews, and we were delighted to welcome over 80 guests who generously gave their time and expertise to conduct these mock interviews. The aim of the day was to provide our students with invaluable practice for university and employment interviews, helping them to build confidence, refine their communication skills, and receive constructive feedback in a professional setting. The feedback from our students has been overwhelmingly positive, with many feeling more prepared and inspired for their next steps. Our guests were equally impressed by the maturity, ambition, and enthusiasm shown by the students. We would like to express our thanks to the parents, Alumni, local businesses, and community members who made this day such a success. Their support truly enriches our students' educational experience and helps equip them for a bright future.



GCSE PRIZE GIVING

We celebrated our GCSE Prize on the 4th December. 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.



LIQUID NITROGEN

All year groups were treated to a great Liquid Nitrogen workshop from the Science Department in December. They were amazed by the fun demonstrations of how liquid nitrogen behaves in various environments and how it affects different objects in certain conditions.



WOHAA EVENTS

21 teams from Years 9-13 signed up for the Wings of Hope Achievement Award. All students have been busy raising money and volunteering. There have been a number of different events the students have led on while working towards their achievement badges including: bake sales, hot drink stalls, Movie Nights & Primary School Volunteering.





CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On the 17th December, students across all year groups put on a wonderful Christmas Concert to friends and family. We have some incredible group and solo performances and it was a fabulously festive evening!



WINTER BALL

On the 13th December the Sixth Form Winter Ball took place for Year 12 and 13. The Senior Prefects and Head Girls ran the event, decorating the hall to make it a Festive fun night!



FESTIVE FAIR

The Festive Fair was amazing on Friday 13th December, with over 36 stalls – the students are so generous with their time and their compassion for others by working so hard to raise money for charity. We had such a variety of stalls including games, home baked goods, plants, jewelry, keychains, friendship bracelets, henna and cotton candy.



MFL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The MFL Prefect team is happy to say that our Languages themed Christmas Party on the 16th of December was a huge success! They welcomed over 20 Year 7 and 8 students into F12 for some very fun activities. This included games of BINGO, SPLAT, a cookie decorating competition, food taste testing, followed by Just Dance and raffle prizes - all of which were French, Spanish and German themed! They also had a photobooth where students could capture the festive spirit of the evening.



PRIMARY OUTREACH AT RUSHY MEADOW AND BARROW HEDGES.

With the support of many of our dedicated Y12 students we continue to work with local primary schools to provide exciting opportunities for their students. This term we have worked with Rushy Meadow and Barrow Hedges to provide weekly English and Mathematics classes aimed at stretching their most able Year 5 students. Our students have worked hard to build the confidence of these young people while giving them a fun experience. We have all enjoyed running these programs and found it incredibly rewarding. We would like to thank the following Y12 students for giving their time and expertise and for making the programme such a success...

Farwa, Edna, Sarina, Caitlin, Bonnie, Muskaan, Anika, Shagana, Sofie, Stephanie, Aimee, Risha, Maya, Armina, Ania, Amy, Chloe, Shanza, Siya, Sahana, Ashvithaah, Madeline, Alexa, Nissi, Kowthur, Karima, Smriti, Hasti, Safiyyah, Lucy, Emily, Allysa, Hasini, Abigail, Alice, Victoria, Iniya, Shreya, Erin, Zhuri, Mehreen, Harriet, Jasmine, Haniya, Sanjana, Pavithra, Natale, Lisa, Layla, Orla and Nikhisha.





MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENTS



Last term saw many amazing mathematical achievements by our students. Some of the highlights included:

Julia and Rebecca in Y13 achieved the highest results in our school for the Senior Mathematical Challenge and they qualified to sit the British Mathematical Olympiad Round 1.

Many of our sixth form students have had fantastic success in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, Senior Mathematical Challenge and Senior Kangaroo.

We had a record number of Distinctions awarded in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls, including Varsha, Sinyi, Jade, Abbinaya, Macy, Hafsah, Meera, Sandra, Diana, Maheli and Diya from Year 12 and Julia, Neha, Aanya from Year 13. Ashviya, Diya, Saanvi, Sujaanie, Mae-Ling, Aarabi, Shruddha, Anika, Ania, Siya, Ria, Nilasha and Sanvi in Year 12 and Kareena, Leenuja and Avni in Y13 all, impressively, achieved a Merit.

In the Senior Kangaroo, our very top students were Sinyi (Y12), Neha, Abita and Abhishree (all Y13) who all achieved a Merit. The Senior Mathematical Challenge was a huge success for our sixth form mathematicians, with the following students achieving a Gold Certificate: From Y13 – Julia, Rebecca, Keren, Neha, Aanya, Helena, Leenuja, Abita, Abhishree, Diya, Ritika, Laila and Mayjena; and from Y12 – Sherine, Sinyi, Ania, Sarah and Maia.

Our students have also been busy taking part in many online enrichment programmes; including the Southampton University Cipher Challenge, Integral's Ritangle competition, and the excellent online maths club for Y7-Y11, Parallelograms. Lots of students have submitted solutions to the Parallelogram maths questions, but the following students have worked through an impressive number of problems: Krithi (7Joh), Chen Hui (7Sea), Monica (8Bro), Raisa (8Joh), Sharlene (8Pan), Isabella (8Ath), Rae (8Joh), Aleena (8Bro), Harine (8Bro), Aksharaa (8Ath), Sarah (8Pan), Eshika (8Cur), Anika (9Sha), Yogitha (8Ath), Tanishkaa (10Bro), Devika (10Bro), Alice (8 Joh), Vithurshana (10Bro), Iasna (10Pan) and Isha (8 Pan).

We have also entered a team for the London-based Hans Woyda maths competition. This involved Julia (13KMK), Abhishree (13HIC), Ashviya (12MNI), Diya (12SLE), Louisa (11Sea), Amelia (11Ath), Jia Xin (9Cur) and Mugdha (9Bro). These students attended regular lunchtime sessions and developed their problem-solving ability. In all their matches, they demonstrated brilliant team work and achieved highly in the round where they worked all together.

Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in any of these competitions!