

## W/C 5th January 2026

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you and your families have had a restful and enjoyable break. It has been lovely to welcome students back into school and to see classrooms once again full of energy, focus, and enthusiasm for learning.

This term promises to be a busy and rewarding one. Across the school, students are building on the strong foundations laid earlier in the year, with a clear focus on high-quality teaching, purposeful learning routines and opportunities to deepen understanding. Examination groups are now moving into an important phase of preparation; Year 13 have their mock examinations starting this week, and all Year 11 have their individual guidance meetings.

Alongside academic work, we continue to place great value on the wider life of the school. Enrichment activities, performances, trips and leadership opportunities will all feature prominently this term, helping students to grow in confidence, character, and independence. We are also continuing our work on wellbeing, ensuring that students feel supported, challenged, and able to thrive.

We are currently looking for a new parent governor. This is a great opportunity to attend our termly meetings with Governors and the School Leadership Team, as well as our CEO, Tom Flynn. We also welcome parent governors into the school to look round and give feedback on what we do.

[Please click here for more information regarding the role.](#)

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to another successful term working together to ensure the very best outcomes for all our students.

- Ms T O'Brien  
Headteacher



### Upcoming Events

- 12<sup>th</sup> January- Year 11 Parents' Evening
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January- Year 12 Parents' Evening

### 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](#).

Please see the latest careers newsletter [here](#).

#### **Current Vacancies**

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

# The Wallington Week

## Week A

### Monday

- Late start 10.50am
- Year 13 Mock Exams- All Week

### Tuesday

- Year 11 Guidance Meetings- All Week

### Wednesday

- Central Detention 3.10-3.40pm

### Thursday

### Friday

- Central Detention 3.10-3.40pm

## Messages

### Lost Property Reminder

To help us reduce the amount of lost property stored in school, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that all student belongings are clearly labelled with the student's name. This includes coats, jumpers, PE kits, lunchboxes, water bottles, and other personal items. Items that are not labelled are very difficult to return to their owners. Unnamed items that remain unclaimed will be donated to the PFA or responsibly disposed of at the end of each half term.

Thank you for your support in helping us return lost items to their rightful owners and keep our lost property manageable.

## Parent Governor Opportunity

**We are seeking an individual to join the Wallington High School for Girls Local Governing Body as a Parent Governor for a term of four years.**

**Being a Parent Governor is an excellent opportunity to contribute your skills to the school and its community, as well as being an opportunity for professional and personal development. As a Parent Governor, you will develop an understanding of how to analyse and use data, how to manage different stakeholders, how to navigate challenges and how to think and act strategically. You will also gain a good understanding of the education sector and experience of governance meetings.**

**We are looking for an individual who can:**

- **Think strategically to contribute to the development of the school**
- **Provide appropriate challenge and support to the Headteacher**
- **Contribute to discussions and reflect on different points of view**
- **Analyse and interpret data and statistics relating to school performance**

**The role of Parent Governor is an elected one. By submitting your supporting statement, you are putting yourself forward for election. The Parent Governor election will be open to all parents and those with parental responsibility at Wallington High School for Girls. In order to be eligible, you must be a parent of a student at Wallington High School for Girls. The term of office is for four years.**

**If your child is a student at Wallington and ceases to be so before your term of office ends, you will not be eligible for re-election. However, if your child is still a student at Wallington when your term of office ends, you will be eligible for re-election if you wish to stand.**

**By submitting your supporting statement, you confirm you are a parent of a child or have parental responsibility for a parent of a child at Wallington High School for Girls.**

**To apply**

**Please send a supporting statement of up to 500 words about why you think you would be a good candidate for this role to Helen Palmer, Headteacher's PA at [hpalmer@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:hpalmer@wallingtongirls.org.uk) by Monday 26 January 2026.**

**More information can be found in the recruitment pack [here](#).**

**If you have any questions about the role, please contact [governance@girlslearningtrust.org](mailto:governance@girlslearningtrust.org)**

# Sustainability



## FACTS

Biodiversity is at high risk: Climate change poses a severe threat to species survival on land and in the ocean, with millions of species facing extinction due to habitat loss and ecosystem disruption.

Deforestation, and soil degradation leads to the release of stored carbon, increasing greenhouse gases, disrupting the water cycle leading to soil erosion and flooding. Loss of forests not only means habitat destruction for countless species and but negatively impacts human communities that depend on them.



## TIPS/SOLUTIONS

You can make a difference in the fight to save forests by making informed daily choices. By consuming less, avoiding single-use packaging, eating sustainable food, and choosing recycled or responsibly-produced wood products, we can all be part of the movement to protect and restore natural habitats.

- Plant a tree
- Volunteer for clean ups in your community



# WORK EXPERIENCE MATTERS!

## WORK EXPERIENCE: A POWERFUL STEP FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

Give your child the confidence, skills and insight they need to thrive

### WHY WORK EXPERIENCE IS IMPORTANT

- Builds confidence and helps young people feel ready for the world of work
- Develops key skills such as communication, teamwork & problem-solving
- Strengthens CVs and future applications for apprenticeships, college or university
- Helps young people discover interests and make informed career choices
- Creates valuable employer contacts for the future

### WHSG Designated Work Experience Weeks 2026

**Year 11: 29<sup>th</sup> June - 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Year 12: 13<sup>th</sup> July - 17<sup>th</sup> July**

### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

- **Start Conversations:** Talk about their interests, strengths, and possible career ideas.
- **Use Your Network:** Ask friends, family, colleagues or local businesses if they can offer a placement.
- **Explore Local Options:** Shops, schools, charities, cafés, councils, technical services and offices often host students.
- **Encourage Them to Ask:** Practising phone calls or emails builds confidence and initiative.





## Parent/carer Coffee Information Sessions

For Sutton Families

January-December 2026



Would you like to meet with other parents/carers in a cosy, non-judgemental and welcoming environment?

Would you like to find out about services that are available in the London Borough of Sutton that may benefit you and your family?

Would you like to give your opinion about what you feel is needed in your local area?

Maybe you just want some advice on a matter and you don't know where to turn.

Do you require any parenting advice?

If your answer is 'yes' to any of the questions above, we are facilitating parent/carer coffee/information sessions in your local area.

The very least you will get from attending our coffee/information sessions, is a genuine and sincere warm welcome, a cup of tea/coffee and a chance to sit and chat to other parents/carers.

We can organise guest speakers who can offer you advice on a range of issues and we can signpost you to relevant services if required subject to your needs.

Parenting can be so rewarding. However, at times it can also bring its challenges and worries and this can make you feel isolated.

You don't need to make an appointment. Just turn up.

If you would like to find out more about the sessions, please contact **Clare Kennedy**  
**Parenting Administrator via her email: [clare.kennedy@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:clare.kennedy@sutton.gov.uk)**



**Carshalton Family Hub and Children's Centre**  
(Previously known as Tweeddale Children's Centre)

Session times: 9.30am - 11.30am



Phoenix Centre. Session times 9.30am - 11am

**Friday 23rd January**

**Wednesday 14th January**

**Friday 27th February**

**Wednesday 11th February**

**Friday 20th March**

**Wednesday 11th March**

**Friday 24th April**

**Wednesday 29th April**

**Friday 22nd May**

**Wednesday 13th May**

**Friday 19th June**

**Wednesday 10th June**

**Friday 17th July**

**Wednesday 8th July**

**Friday 18th September**

**Wednesday 9th September**

**Friday 16th October**

**Wednesday 7th October**

**Friday 20th November**

**Wednesday 11th November**

**Friday 11th December**

**Wednesday 16th December**

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**Sutton Library Family Hub. Session times: 9.30am -11.30am**

**Friday 9th January**

**Friday 23rd January**

**Friday 6th February**

**Friday 27th February**

**Friday 6th March**

**Friday 20th March**

**Friday 17th April**

**Friday 24th April**

**Friday 8th May**

**Friday 22nd May**

**Friday 5th June**

**Friday 19th June**

**Friday 3rd July**

**Friday 17th July**

**Friday 4th September**

**Friday 18th September**

**Friday 2nd October**

**Friday 16th October**

**Friday 6th November**

**Friday 20th November**

**Friday 4th December**

**Friday 11th December**

## **Useful Information**

### **Addresses of Venues:**

Sutton Library Family Hub, Sutton Central Library, St Nicholas Way, Sutton SM1 1EA

Carshalton Family Hub and Children's Centre, Tweeddale Road, Carshalton SM5 1SQ

Phoenix Centre, Mollison Drive , Wallington SM6 9NZ

### **Family Hub Connectors Contact Details:**

Maja Nielsen Family Hub Connector for Central Sutton. Mob: 07821 637 721

Sharon Hackett Family Hub Connector for Carshalton. Mob: 07783 656 916

Natasha Barratt-Walters Family Hub Connector for Wallington. Mob: 07720 167 409

Sonia Gooden Family Hub Connector for Cheam and South Sutton.Mob: 07729 080069

### **Parenting Service Contact Details:**

Theresa Cameron Parenting Coordinator: Mob 07736 33 8924

Clare Kennedy Parenting Administrator: Working hours: Monday-Tuesday 9-5pm, Wednesday 9am.1pm.

Telephone:020 8770 5801. Mobile: 07873 702 777

Keeley Carter. Parenting Support Worker: Mob: 07761875887

Nyssa Smyth Parenting Support Worker : Mob: 07352 743152

## 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 7.30am-4.30pm 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.

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.