

The Wallington Week

5th October 2026

This week, we are delighted to welcome 20 students from Spain, who will be joining us for two weeks. They will be attending lessons with students in Years 9 and 10, giving our students a wonderful opportunity to practice their Spanish while also learning more about Spanish culture and everyday life. We are very excited to be launching this type of international visit at Wallington and hope it will be the beginning of many more opportunities for our students to develop their language skills, broaden their horizons and make new connections. We will also be welcoming a group of students from Germany next week for two days. Both boys and girls will be joining lessons, providing another valuable opportunity for our students to meet young people from another country and share experiences.

Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 15 July

Our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Thursday 15 July, and all Year 11 students and their families are warmly invited to attend.

The evening provides an opportunity to speak with subject teachers, find out more about our Sixth Form and explore the subjects students may wish to study at A Level. We offer an exceptionally broad curriculum, with 24 A Level subjects available.

Further information about our Sixth Form can be found on our website: Sixth Form [Sixth Form – Wallington High School for Girls](#)

Doors will open for students and parents at 5.00pm, with the Headteacher's talk taking place at 5.15pm.

As a result of the evening, we will have a later start on Friday, with the school gates opening at 9.20am and registration taking place at 9.40am.

KS3 Parent Workshop – New Date

Our KS3 Parent Workshop, originally planned for this week, has been rescheduled to Monday 12 October, 6.00–7.00pm in the Main Hall. The evening will now be for both KS3 and KS4 study skills.

The session will be led by Mr. Donnelly, Assistant Headteacher, and will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to explore key aspects of supporting students through Key Stage.

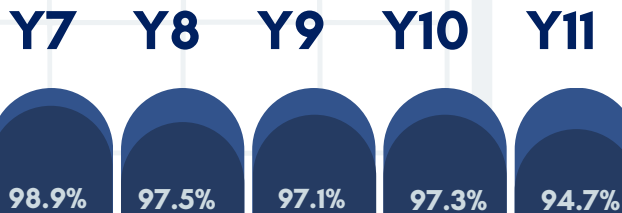
We look forward to welcoming you.

**– Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher**



Calendar

Attendance



Week B

Monday 5th October

- GCSE Music Recording (solos)

Tuesday 6th October

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- Workshop KS3 Study Skills (Years 7, 8 and 9 Parents) (Hall) 6pm

Wednesday 7th October

- Senior Maths Challenge (Yr12 and 13 Maths and FM students)
- Central Detention 15.10-16.10pm

Thursday 8th October

Friday 9th October

- Central Detention 15.10-16.10pm

Upcoming Events

12th Oct- KS3 & KS4 Study Skills Workshop

12th Oct- Y7 Meet the Tutor (invitation only)

15th Oct- Sixth Form Open Evening

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](#)



Mathematical Competition for Girls

On Tuesday 22nd September, the Year 12 and Year 13 Further Mathematicians, either sat the Mathematical Competition for Girls. This competition is designed to inspire and challenge young female mathematicians across the UK.

The Mathematical Competition for Girls is a competition that really tests students' problem-solving skills to answer some very challenging questions.

We were so proud of our results....

Students who achieved a Distinction in Year 12

Iasna, Grace, Viviana, Sivani, Lakshmi and Anna

Students who achieved a Distinction in Year 13

Amelia, Maja, Nithusiga, Alice, Alicja, Raya, Disha, Cassandra, Pranavi, Kavisha, Harshini, Joanne, Coco and Shaili

Students who achieved a Merit in Year 12

Akshayani, Akshara, Lucy, Nivitha Sree, Ganishkka, Ilakkiya, Thammiha, Anushka, Safiya, Rakshitha, Shivanie, Melody, Maya, Uma, Tejasvi, Kashvi, Maraky, Serah and Nimesha

Students who achieved a Merit in Year 13

Palak, Millee, Mathuraa, Vidushee, Esther, Smriti and Jashmin

Isha in Year 10 achieved the highest result in the School – with a very impressive score of full marks! Iasna and Grace achieved the joint top scores of Year 12 and Amelia achieved the highest result in Year 13.

Here is an example of one of the questions that they had to tackle...

For any real number x , the *integer part* of x , $\lfloor x \rfloor$, is the largest whole number which is smaller than or equal to x . For example, $\lfloor 2.3 \rfloor = 2$, $\lfloor 2.8 \rfloor = 2$ and $\lfloor 2 \rfloor = 2$.

- (a) Find all positive integers a such that $\left\lfloor \frac{a}{5} \right\rfloor = 7$.

Enter the following on the answer sheet:

- (i) The number of possible values of a . [1 mark]
- (ii) The smallest possible value of a . [1 mark]
- (iii) The largest possible value of a . [2 marks]

- (b) Find all positive integers b such that $\left\lfloor \frac{b}{3} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{b}{5} \right\rfloor = 3$.

Enter the following on the answer sheet:

- (i) The number of possible values of b . [2 marks]
- (ii) The smallest possible value of b . [2 marks]
- (iii) The largest possible value of b . [2 marks]

Written and video solutions are available on the [UKMT website MCG_Solutions_2026-1.pdf](#)

Well done to everyone who took part!

Miss Tucker

Hans Woyda Mathematics Competition Success

The Hans Woyda Mathematics Competition is a prestigious London-wide event in which schools compete head-to-head, answering challenging mathematical questions against the clock. Quick thinking, teamwork and strong problem-solving skills are essential for success.

Over the past year, a squad of 12 students has been meeting regularly to practise this unique style of mathematics in preparation for the competition. The team members are:

Year 9: Chen, Tanishqa, and Rachel

Year 11: Aksitha, Daniya and Jia Xin

Year 12: Grace, Uma and Zoe

Year 13: Amelia, Emily and Joanne

On Monday 29 September, four students, Amelia (Y13), Grace (Y12), Jia Xin (Y11) and Tanishqa (Y9), represented Wallington in the first round of the competition. They competed against Alleyn's School in an exceptionally close and exciting match.

Our team performed brilliantly throughout and, after a tense finish, secured victory by just two marks. This was a fantastic achievement and a testament to all the hard work the students have put into their preparation. Congratulations to the team on an excellent start to the competition!

The remaining members of the squad will have the opportunity to represent the school in future rounds, and we wish them the very best of luck.

To give an idea of the level of mathematics involved, here is one of the questions from a previous Hans Woyda match...

Section 5 – Calculators (Individual)

Marks: 2 marks to either or both competitors for the correct answer

Time: 90 seconds

The sum of the squares of the first n integers $= 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n}{6}(n+1)(2n+1)$

The sum of the cubes of the first n integers $= 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left(\frac{n}{2}(n+1)\right)^2$

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| 7-9 | 1) Find the difference between the sum of the cubes and the sum of the squares of the first 65 integers. |
| 10-11 | 2) Find $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + 95^2$ |
| 12 | 3) Find $1^3 + 2^3 + 4^3 + 5^3 + 7^3 + 8^3 \dots + 32^3$ |
| 13 | 4) Find $1^2 + 2^3 + 3^2 + 4^3 + \dots + 80^3$ |

Messages

Workshop 3: KS3 and KS4 Study Skills (Years 7-11)

Date and time: Mon 12th Oct 2025, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Mr Donnelly – Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning at WHSG

Location: This event will be held at Wallington High School for Girls

This workshop is for the parents of Year 7-11 students. Mr Donnelly will provide parents and carers with tips and techniques to support their child with revision and how to retain more information and knowledge. The session will also look at how we can increase students' chances of becoming expert learners.



Where tech careers begin

Open Evening

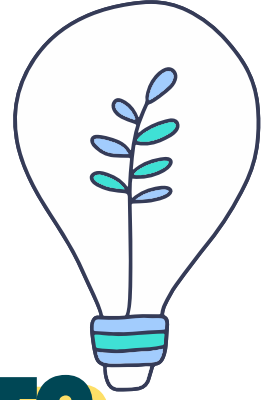


Tuesday, October 13th

⌚ 4pm - 7:30pm



Sustainability



FACTS

Swaps

Replacing and recycling everyday items with sustainable alternatives is a simple way to reduce household waste and lower your environmental impact.

1. Heating water in washing machines accounts for about 90% of a washing machine's total energy use.
2. Saving water lowers utility bills, less energy demand for water processing results in lower greenhouse gas emissions, helps stretch available supplies during dry spells and severe droughts and these are just a few of many ways to conserve water
3. Recycling your old sheets keeps fabric out of landfills, lowers the environmental footprint made from making brand new textiles.

TIPS/SOLUTIONS

- Washing clothes at lower temperatures (20°C to 30°C) is fine for everyday clothing and saves up to 60% to 66% on energy costs. Colder washes also help to stop stains setting into fabric.
- Collect water when you shower – pop a bucket in the shower with you and use the run-off to water the garden – don't worry about minor soap bubbles, it won't impact the plants.
- Don't throw your old sheets away. You can cut them up to make napkins, hankies, wipes and dusters.



Create your Unifrog parent / carer account



Visit <http://www.unifrog.org/parent>

Set up your account using the email address we hold for you on Arbor as your first point of contact for your child.

What can you do with your parent account?

- Support your child's progress by seeing their activities and helping them explore next steps.
- Explore careers and pathways, including careers, apprenticeships and courses together.
- Stay connected with school through updates and guidance from the school and Unifrog.



Upcoming webinars

- What parents and carers need to know about apprenticeships — 7th October
- Parents and carers session: supporting your young person's journey to higher education — 8th October
- Unifrog UK University Fair — 14th October

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 WHS 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:

attendance@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

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 student with mobility issues.

reception@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Please also ensure that when dropping/collecting your child at school each day, you are respectful of our local residents by not blocking drives and roads or impacting others' safety by pulling in/ parking irresponsibly.

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.