

# The Wallington Week

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

We said a formal farewell to our **Year 11 students** last Friday with a wonderful leavers' assembly, which included speeches, videos, a photo booth and even an ice cream van. It was a special occasion, with both laughter and some sadness, as students reflected on their time at school. In wishing them well for their upcoming examinations, I reminded them that they are not defined solely by exam results, but by their character, kindness and the relationships they have built during their time here.



Our **Year 13 students** will officially leave us this week, marking the end of their school journey. This is always an emotional moment, and we hope they leave feeling well prepared for their examinations, proud of all they have achieved, and with lasting friendships and happy memories of their time at Wallington High School for Girls. We wish them every success for the future.

Last week, we were pleased to welcome our newly appointed Parent Governor, Sumit, alongside other members of the Governing Body, for our annual **Governor Day**. Governors spent time discussing what strong classroom practice looks like, visiting lessons across the school, and reviewing our progress against key priorities. We also explored our inclusive provision, particularly in relation to students eligible for Free School Meals and those with SEND.

Finally, for students in Years 7 to 9, we are delighted to be working with 8billionideas, who will be delivering a series of half-term conferences for our students alongside those from other local schools. This is an exciting opportunity, and further details can be found via the [link](#) provided.

National Thank a Teacher Day is on 17th June 2026! The UK-wide celebration of all teaching and support staff will be celebrated on Wednesday 17th June 2026. As always, we appreciate every single person who makes our school life special, and they all deserve that special thank you. You can send a free limited edition e-card to a special teacher, support staff member or even a whole school team before National Thank a Teacher Day. Just visit the [Thank a Teacher Form - Thank a Teacher](#) website to send yours. It only takes a moment and can mean so much.

- **Ms T O'Brien**  
**Headteacher**



# Invest in your child's future: 8billionideas' Leadership Conference is coming to Wallington High School for Girls

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As parents, we want our children to be prepared for the future. We want them to be confident decision-makers, resilient problem-solvers, and empathetic leaders. But traditional classrooms can only teach so much.

This is why we are delighted to offer your child an exclusive invitation to our upcoming Leadership Conference taking place this May half-term. Following a successful pilot in February, 8billionideas, an award-winning global education company, has joined forces with the prestigious Wallington High School for Girls School to invite schools across the region to a series of future-skills conferences.

## **A conference series designed for the future:**

Each half-term, students will have the opportunity to attend a high-impact, three-day conference built around one of the following themes:

**Leadership** - May 2026 half term

**Careers** - October 2026 half term

**Entrepreneurship** - 2027 February half term

*Please note:* Our previous conferences have booked out within just 7 days. To ensure a high-quality, personalised experience, we are strictly limiting participation to 20 students per invited school. Places are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and are expected to fill extremely quickly.

## **May 2026 conference topic: Leadership**

For our upcoming event, we are focusing entirely on Leadership. At 8billionideas, we believe leadership is not about authority or charisma alone. We define it as the positive impact one has on others, the ability to understand, support, and motivate a group toward a shared goal.

We celebrate the full spectrum of leadership styles. While some inspire through high energy, others lead through quiet superpowers: thoughtful listening, deep empathy, and careful observation. Every student has a leadership superpower, and our goal is to help them find it.



## Why join the Leadership Accelerator?

- Lead by doing: Move beyond theory and step into a high-stakes interactive simulation.
- Find your unique voice: Discover what kind of leader you naturally are and how to use those strengths to empower others.
- Build real-world skills: Learn crisis management, ethical decision-making, public speaking, and collaborative problem-solving.

## The three-day experience

### Day 1: Visionary leadership

- Students choose a planet, uncover their personal "superpower" through a leadership quiz, and step into a high-stakes role (like Prime Minister or Ethics Lead) to establish their world's core values.

### Day 2: Governance & crisis

- The universe is unpredictable; when the "Crisis Card" is played, teams must rapidly design and build prototypes to save their people from a world-changing disaster.

### Day 3: The galactic congress


- Craft a compelling speech and take the stage to defend your team's solutions in front of the entire congress.

The outcomes for your child extend far beyond the three days. They will not only develop confidence and public speaking abilities but also obtain practical skills that will serve them well beyond the classroom. Each child will walk away with a certificate of achievement and a portfolio piece that can help strengthen future UCAS applications.

The conference will also include three inspiring guest speakers who will share their experiences and insights throughout the event.

## Event details:

-  **Location:** Wallington High School For Girls
-  **Dates:** Tuesday 26th May - Thursday 28th May
-  **Time:** 9:00am - 3:00pm daily
-  **Age Range:** Year 7 - 9
-  **Price:** £95 a day - £285 in total
-  **Sibling Discount:** 10% available

 **Early-bird offer:** Book before **6th May** and receive 20% off using code **EARLY20**.

- 👉 Reserve your child's place here: [BOOK NOW](#)
- 👉 Questions? Please [WhatsApp us](#) or email [conference@8billionideas.com](mailto:conference@8billionideas.com)

Warm regards,

**David Harkin**

Founder & CEO, 8billionideas



Parent

Kent, UK | 1 Review



### A great time and learnt so much

My son had such a great time and learnt so much. He came home each evening full of stories, ideas and things he'd learnt. I am booking him onto the May conference at his request. It's a big thing when children ask to use their free time in the holidays to do things like this.

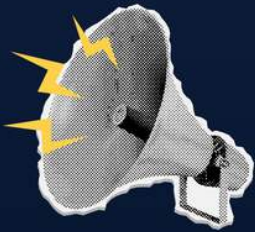
**Date of experience:** 16 Feb 2026



# YOUNG LEADERS

**WANTED**

THIS MAY HALF TERM AT WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



3 days for  
**£285**

10% discount  
available for siblings

May 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00am - 3:00pm

Years 7-9

[Click here  
to find out more](#)



# Calendar

## Attendance

Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11

97.5%

96.7%

96.3%

96.1%

95.4%

## Week A

### Monday 4th May

- Bank Holiday- School Closed

### Tuesday 5th May

- Year 13 Oral Exams- ALL WEEK
- Y12 EOY Exams- ALL WEEK

### Wednesday 6th May

- Year 8 Injections
- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm
- Y7 Parents' Evening (In-person) 16:00-19:00pm

### Thursday 7th May

- Public Exams Start
- Last Day Y13- Leavers Event 11am

### Friday 8th May

- Year 10 Geography Visit - Rivers
- Central Detention- (E06) 3.10-4.10pm

## 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](#)

## Upcoming Events

6<sup>th</sup> May- Y7 Parents' Evening  
7<sup>th</sup> May- Y13 Last Day  
12<sup>th</sup> May- KS3 Music Recital



## Staff Messages

If your meal account in ParentPay currently shows a balance, please be reassured that this balance has already been transferred to ArborPay.

The remaining balance displayed in ParentPay is due to a system clear-down that is still in progress. We are actively working to resolve this issue as quickly as possible.

-Finance Team

### Your Child's Digital Footprint

What is a digital footprint? Basically it's the trail we all create online whenever we visit a web page, buy something, scroll social media and everything else we do online. It's a really important aspect to understand for lots of reasons such as privacy, reputation, advertising, risks of harm and much more.

Internet Matters have a really good explainer article covering what a digital footprint is, what we mean by an active footprint, why it matters and much more.

Link: Internet Matters - **What you need to know about your child's digital footprint.**

-Mrs M Sundborg  
Assistant Headteacher & DSL

### Medical/First Aid Information

- **Vomiting:** Please note that if a child has been vomiting and/or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode before returning to school. This helps prevent the spread of illness and keeps everyone safe and supported.
- **Hayfever- Allergies:** As we are approaching a particularly stronger hayfever season, can we please remind you that if your child has a condition requiring antihistamines that their supply is brought to the First Aid Room.

We require all medication to be supplied Clearly labeled in its original container with leaflet, accompanied by a completed Parental Permission Form- available on [this page](#).

Do not send any medication in glass containers - use original packaging in safe, shatterproof containers only.

We would also ask that you would provide the school with replacements as and when the expiry date is reached.

The medication will be stored in the First Aid Room and given to your child as detailed on the Parental Permission Form.

-Mrs D Newell  
First Aid Officer

## UKMT Team Maths Challenge

Just before the end of Spring term, we took part in the regional final of the UKMT Team Maths Challenge held at Wilson's School. Our team was made up of four students, two from Year 8 - Rachel and Tanishqa and two from Year 9 - Shriya and Emisha. They were incredible! They worked brilliantly gaining a very impressive score, achieving joint second place. We have qualified for the National Finals and are looking forward to competing in Manchester in June.

The students wrote this account of the day...

### TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE RECOUNT!

After a 30 minute walk to Wilson's, we were the first school to arrive, and worked on some warm-up problems whilst the other teams came. The teachers for each team had to judge one of the other teams, so Miss Tucker left, and we were judged by a teacher from a school in Caterham. The first round commenced, in which our team had to solve ten hard problems in one hour. Sadly, we got stuck on two particularly difficult problems and lost a few marks. However, we had plenty of more opportunities to gain more marks and increase our overall score.

After the group round there was the cross-number round. We were split into two pairs in which each pair had to solve either the down clues or the across clues. The part that made this round interestingly difficult was that most of the clues were based on the other team's answers, and only a couple of clues were standard maths problems. We solved this 45 minute round with around half an hour to spare, making only one mistake out of the 62 available marks, and finishing earlier than most teams. Next, the host announced that we were in the top five teams (the only girl's school to do so) before it was time for lunch.

In the third round, the shuttle round, our team was split into two pairs to solve a series of interconnected problems against the clock. Pair A solves a question and passes their answer to Pair B, who must use that value to solve the next problem in the sequence. One wrong answer early on would cause a chain reaction of errors for the rest of the set. There were four of these sets, and we had eight minutes to finish each one, with bonus marks for completion under six minutes. We received the maximum marks available for the round (60 out of 60).

The last round was the most stressful but also the most fun: relay. We split into pairs again and were sent to opposite sides of the room. In this round, Pair A would do a question and run over to the teacher with the answer. If we got it right, that same person would bring the next question for Pair B to complete. Once the Pair B got the question, they would bring Pair A their next question. There were 30 questions overall which we completed quickly, one of the first schools to do so. Thankfully, we got full marks again and even got to play Uno with the remaining time!

When the final round ended, we waited in anticipation to hear which schools had made the top three. The announcer began by revealing that there was not just one, but two teams tied for second place. Given our performance, we were already fairly confident of placing - and then our school's name was called, sharing second place with another school. We stood to shake hands with the Head of Maths at Wilson's before receiving our certificates and prizes: a custom-made UKMT Rubik's Cube each. The hosts themselves, Wilson's, took first place, securing an automatic spot in the National Finals. Before leaving, we gathered for a quick photo with our prizes, bringing a brilliant day to a close. Recently, we learned that we were among the highest-scoring runners-up across all the UK Regional Finals, which meant we had also qualified for the National Finals in June!

## Mathematical Kangaroo and Olympiad Results

We are delighted to announce that 66 students achieved highly enough in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge to qualify for a Mathematical Kangaroo or an Olympiad this year – a fantastic achievement.

### About the Competitions

The Mathematical Kangaroo is an international competition aiming to promote mathematical thinking among young people across the world. Around six million students take part each year.

The name “Kangaroo” recognises the role played by Australia in developing large-scale mathematics competitions.

Depending on age group, students sit either the Pink or Grey Kangaroo.

The Olympiad papers are aimed at the highest-achieving students. These extremely challenging papers require full written solutions using precise and formal mathematical language.

### Students Qualifying for Follow-on Rounds

#### Cayley Olympiad:

Isha, Ananya, Aksharaa, Tanishqa

#### Grey Kangaroo:

Manha, Rachel, Aanya, Vanisha, Alice, Jessica, Chen Hui, Shriya, Corrina, Isabella, Oviya, Eshika, Keira, Vivian, Michelle, Dithusha, Freya, Yuehan, Jessica, Jovien, Ellie

#### Pink Kangaroo:

Jia Xin, Daniya, Katrina, Aksitha, Grace, Caitlin, Sarah, Mira, Aishi, Ahalya, Maya, Uma, Neha, Benita, Aarna, Melody, Mugdha, Vithu, Advika, Aarna, Thammiha, Tia, Ruby, Cayley, Swathy, Akshayani, Maisie, Isha, Mrudani, Teni, Roha, Amber, Abiraa, Ayesha, Esmari, Zara, Yasmin, Akshita, Ching Sum, Gavija, lasna

## Competition Results

### Cayley Olympiad

- Isha (Year 9) – Bronze Medal with Distinction and Best in School
- Tanishqa – Merit and Best in Year (Year 8)
- Aksharaa – Merit

### Grey Kangaroo

#### Year 8

- Gold Certificates Manha – Best in Year
- Silver Certificates Rachel, Chen Hui
- Bronze Certificate Keira

#### Year 9

- Gold Certificates Shriya, Corrina, Aanya, Alice
- Shriya and Corrina jointly achieved Best in School
- Silver Certificates Isabella, Jessica, Eshika
- Bronze Certificates Jessica, Dithusha, Michelle, Oviya

### Pink Kangaroo

#### Year 10

- Gold Certificate Aksitha - Best in School
- Silver Certificates Teni, Aishi, Cayley, Daniya
- Bronze Certificates Isha, Jia Xin, Aarna, Vithu

#### Year 11

- Silver Certificates Grace - Best in Year
- Maya, Ching Sum, Caitlin
- Bronze Certificates Ruby, Advika, Akshayani, Mira, Gavija



Congratulations to all students who took part. Qualifying for one of these competitions is a remarkable achievement, and we hope you enjoyed the experience and rose to the challenge.

-Miss Tucker  
Mathematics Teacher

# Congrats

## Year 11 Prom night

A reminder that the Year 11 Prom will take place on Friday 26th June at Farleigh Golf Club. This is a special event to celebrate the end of your time at WHSG, and it's always a fantastic evening.

Full details, including the link to buy tickets, were shared in the original letter. **Tickets are available via Arbor Pay**, so make sure you purchase yours as soon as possible if you're planning to attend.

We're really looking forward to celebrating with you!

**Congratulations to Isla (Y8) and Bea (Y9) who qualified through local Parkruns to represent Sutton in the London Mini Marathon Championships 2026! Isla and Bea competed against some of the fastest junior athletes from across the UK. They raced the last 2.6km of the London Marathon, running past Buckingham Palace and along the Mall to finish at the famous London marathon finish line! It was a great experience and they hope to qualify again next year!**



## Preparation For Adulthood Hub

Supporting young people with SEND to take small steps towards independence

Contact: [localoffer@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@sutton.gov.uk)

### May



#### Social Sports

6th

4:30-6pm, £5 | The Fantastic Freddie Foundation

Coach Temi returns to social sports to run a multi sports session! Ball games, fitness bootcamp and a whole lot of fun. Test your skills and make some new friends.

#### PFA Podcast

11th

6-8pm, £5 | Keen2Go

Join us and friends at Keen2Go for the next edition of the PFA podcast. Be part of the movement and make your voice heard. Lead by you, for everyone to listen. A great chance to make some new friends and learn about others!

#### Sexual Health Drop-in

13th

3-5pm, Free | Check it Out

The relationships, contraception and sexual health drop-in is a confidential, welcoming service for young people with SEND.

We provide advice and support on relationships, consent, contraception and sexual health.

#### Wellbeing Games Night

13th

5-6:30pm, Free | The Percenters

Join Jake from The Percenters for games, challenges and a social night where wellbeing is at the forefront.

Have fun and learn tips and tricks on how to better yourself.

#### Crafts and Chat Session

14th

4:30-5:30pm, Free | Advocacy for All-Action Voices

A crafts and chat group that will give young people age 12-25 with SEND a chance to make friends, learn a new skill, take part in craft activities, gain confidence, speak up and have their voices heard.

#### Monday Social

18th

6-8pm, £5 | The Fantastic Freddie Foundation

The ever growing Monday Social is back! Get rid of those Monday Blues - laugh with friends and make new ones. Video Games, Music, 'Beer' Pong, Darts, Pool and much more.

#### Social Sports

20th

4-6:30pm, £5 | The Fantastic Freddie Foundation

Join us for another dedicated football session. Drills, Skills and lots of fun. For all abilities and experience levels - always finished with a match!

#### PFA Pool Tournament

27th

6-8pm, £5 | The Fantastic Freddie Foundation

The 2nd Edition of the PFA Pool Tournament - who can beat last time's winners?

Competition for everyone, test your skills and have fun!

#### Parent and Carer Coffee Morning

22nd

10-12am, Free

Parents and carers of young people with SEND are invited to our relaxed PFA Hub coffee mornings, an opportunity to connect, share experiences, and build support networks. Guest speakers provide advice on preparing for adulthood. Sessions are facilitated by a parent of a young adult with SEND and Suzy Mullally, Practice Lead for the PFA Hub.

To attend a session...



Contact the organiser listed on the event or scan this QR code, click on "Preparation for Adulthood Hub" and select the event for details of how to book your place.

# Sustainability



## FACTS

- Approximately 97% of flower-rich meadows have been lost since the 1930s, and with them, vital food and habitat needed by wildlife.
- No Mow May is an annual conservation campaign, started by Plantlife in 2019, urging gardeners to skip mowing during May. This allows wildflowers in longer lawns to bloom, providing vital nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators, boosting biodiversity, helping tackle pollution, and can even lock away carbon below ground. It is a simple, effective way to support nature from home.



## TIPS/SOLUTIONS

- How to take part in No Mow May. Visit the website [www.plantlife.org.uk](http://www.plantlife.org.uk) for lots of advice and resources
- It's not just No Mow May, carry on the #NoMowMovement, through Let it Bloom June and beyond to manage your lawn for nature all year round.
- Wallington Girls are aiming to participate in this campaign on the lawn at the front of the school

## 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:

[attendance@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.