HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

The Wallington Week

9th November 2026

We were delighted to see students return safely from our recent educational visits to Italy and China after what have been truly enriching and memorable experiences. These trips provided students with invaluable opportunities to broaden their cultural understanding, develop their independence and apply their learning beyond the classroom. From exploring historic landmarks and experiencing local traditions to building new friendships and embracing unfamiliar environments, students represented the school exceptionally well throughout their travels. We would like to thank the staff who organised and accompanied the visits, and congratulate all of the students on their enthusiasm, maturity and positive engagement throughout these wonderful experiences.



Our Parents and Friends Association (PFA) plays a vital role in supporting our school community, and we are incredibly grateful for the time, energy and commitment of our volunteers. Throughout the year, PFA members help to organise and support a wide range of events, including uniform sales, school discos, Open Evening refreshments, the Year 7 Parents' BBQ and many other activities that enrich school life for students and families.

We are always keen to welcome new volunteers. Whether you are able to help regularly or can offer support for just one event, every contribution makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. One upcoming opportunity to get involved is our Second-Hand Uniform Sale, which will take place on Friday 20 November at 3.00pm. If you can spare some time to help, we would love to hear from you. Together, our parent community makes a significant contribution to the life of the school.

As part of our recognition of Black History Month, students and staff took part in a Wear Red Day on Friday 16 October to raise awareness of sickle cell disease and support the work of the Sickle Cell Society. The day provided an opportunity to increase understanding of a condition that disproportionately affects people of African and Caribbean heritage, while also raising funds for an important cause. We are delighted to share that, thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised an impressive £906.37. Thank you to everyone who participated, donated and helped to make the event such a success.

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This month, we join communities across the country in marking Remembrance Sunday on 8 November and Remembrance Day on 11 November. These occasions provide an opportunity to remember and honour those who have lost their lives as a result of war and conflict, and to reflect on the sacrifices made by members of the armed forces and civilian communities throughout history.

We would like to wish a very happy Diwali to all members of our school community who are celebrating. Known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is celebrated by millions of people around the world and is one of the most important festivals for Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists. The festival celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil and hope over despair. Families and communities come together to mark the occasion through prayer, the sharing of food, the exchange of gifts and the lighting of lamps and candles.

At Wallington High School for Girls, we are proud of the diversity of our community and the richness that different cultures, traditions and beliefs bring to school life. We hope that everyone celebrating enjoys a joyful and peaceful Diwali filled with happiness, reflection and special time with family and friends.

- Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher



Photos of our new Science Labs!



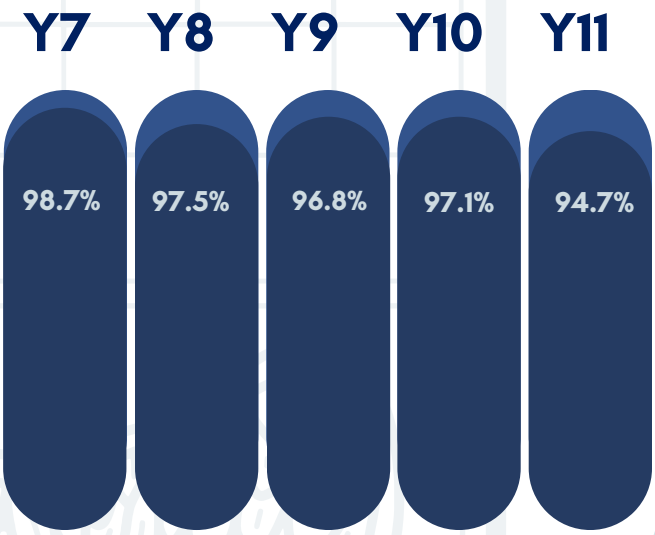






Calendar

Attendance



Week A

Monday 9th November

- Y11 Mock Exams All Week
- Year 8 House Netball

Tuesday 10th November

- Emagazine conference Trip

Wednesday 11th November

- CERN Trip- Y12 Students until Saturday
- Central Detention 15.10-16.10pm

Thursday 12th November

- Yr 12 and 13 Art Mock Exam
- Humanities Symposium Trip
- Oxbridge Information Evening- (Hall) 5pm

Friday 13th November

- Yr 12 and 13 Art Mock Exam
- Central Detention 15.10-16.10pm

Upcoming Events

12th Nov- Oxbridge Information Evening
18th Nov- Enrichment Day
23rd Nov- Y13 Parents' 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

Trips

Thirty students and four staff recently returned from an unforgettable educational visit to Beijing, where ancient history and modern China met at every turn. From standing in the vast Tiananmen Square and exploring the treasures of the National Museum of China to wandering through the magnificent Forbidden City, students were able to experience first-hand the rich history of one of the world's oldest civilisations. The sheer scale of these sites, many of which feature prominently in their historical or political studies, helped bring classroom learning vividly to life.

The trip also included a visit to the iconic Great Wall of China, where students discovered the remarkable engineering and history behind one of the world's most famous landmarks, as well as the beautiful Summer Palace and the historic Temple of Heaven. Alongside these visits, students attended an academic lecture on modern Chinese history and politics, gaining valuable insight into the development of contemporary China. This was also most interesting as it offered a perspective on Chinese history and current geopolitical position from a member of the Chinese Communist Party; a position quite adverse to the narrative the West tells about China!

Perhaps the greatest benefit of the trip for the students was the opportunity to immerse themselves in a culture very different from their own. A rickshaw ride through Beijing's traditional Hutongs, a visit with a local family, sampling new foods and navigating daily life in a bustling global city of over 20 million people all helped students develop a deeper appreciation of China's culture, traditions and way of life. By stepping outside their comfort zones and engaging with a different society, we hope that students learnt a lot and also thoroughly enjoyed the experience as well!



Alumni

Exciting news from the art department! Former GCSE Photography student Marcie Docherty has just been in touch to let us know that her work is being shown as part of the Winston Taylor Photo Portrait Prize 2026 at the National Portrait Gallery! The exhibition opens on the 5th of November and showcases the work of talented young photographers, gifted amateurs and established professionals in the very best of contemporary photography. Even more exciting, she won the Commission Prize as part of this; this means she will be commissioned to take a photo for the National Portrait Gallery's permanent collection. Wow!

Marcie is also about to graduate with a First in Fine Art from Central St Martin's and is a finalist for the Dior Prix for Young Artists and the Paris Photo Student Prize, as well as being a runner up for the Lynn Hewett Award at CSM. We are so proud of her! It was always clear that she was a fantastic artist and photographer, as you can see from the photo she took in Year 11 (below). Just look at where art and photography can take you. Well done Marcie!



PE, 2025
from the series *In Pursuit of Muscle*
by Marcie Docherty
© Marcie Docherty



Messages

Volunteers needed for Year 13 practice interviews



We are organising a special event for our Year 13 students and are looking for volunteers to join us to help them develop a crucial life skill: interviewing.

EVENT DATE
18 November 2026

WHY INTERVIEWING MATTERS

Interviewing is about effective communication, self-presentation and confidence-building. For many of our Year 13 students, this will be their first opportunity to experience a formal interview setting. As you will appreciate, this is an important skill to learn, giving our students the confidence and a competitive edge when applying for higher education, apprenticeships or other employment opportunities in the future.

WHAT VOLUNTEERS WILL DO

Volunteers will conduct multiple 30-minute face-to-face practice interviews. Your role will involve asking questions, providing feedback and sharing your insights and experiences. Where possible, we will match your specialism to an appropriate student.

AVAILABILITY

We are hoping for volunteers to attend the whole day; however, we would still welcome your participation if you are only available for part of the day.

REFRESHMENTS

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you are willing to volunteer, please complete the form here.

For more information, please email Mrs. Lisa Parkinson.

Senior Mathematical Challenge

United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

Earlier this term, a selection of students took park in the Senior Mathematical Challenge. This is a multiple-choice test that is sat by students across the UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems are challenging and designed to make even the most able students think!

Here is an example of one of the questions, which may also be accessible to students from lower years...

5. A sequence of numbers has the property that for every positive integer n, the mean of the first n terms of the sequence is $\frac{1}{n}$.

What is the 1000th term of this sequence?

A 0 B $\frac{1}{999}$ C $\frac{1}{1000}$ D $\frac{1}{1001}$ E $\frac{1}{1000000}$

(see later for solution and discussion)

This year's **certificate thresholds** are as follows:

Gold: 71+
Silver: 54+
Bronze: 41+

All students below the Bronze threshold will receive a certificate of Participation.

This year's **follow-on thresholds** are as follows:

Year 10

Gold Certificates

Isha, Aksharaa, Shriya and Alice

Silver Certificates

Ananya, Corrina, Jessica, Aanya and Isabella

Year 11

Gold Certificates

Aarna, Jia Xin and Aksitha

Silver Certificates

Han Yi, Mugdha and Aishi

Bronze Certificates

Isha and Vithushaa

Messages

Year 12

Gold Certificates

Uma, Xinyue and Grace

Silver Certificates

Sivanisree, Janany, Anushka, Caitlin, Sasha, Ozcar, Emily, Ashwika, Safiya, Yan Ki, Viviana, Maya, Gavija, Devika, Advika, Shambhavi, Akshara, Tia, Imogen, Lin Shan, Sukayna, Arousha, Divina, Harshitha, Halima, Asvika, Chi Tung, Zoe, Riya, Thanuska, Krisha, Anna, Nivitha Sree, Shreeya, Serah, Tanishkaa, Yuelin, Safiyyah, Dai-An, Le and Alishba

Bronze Certificates

Allison Hoi Tung, Ching Sum, Manahil, Sharanya, Melody, Emma, Saivarshini, Josephine, Lakshmi, Pranati, Oline, Isha, Iasna, Taruni, Zaynah, Ilakkiya, Mihika, Kira, Vithurshana, Jessica, Chi-Ying, Shirley, Rakshitha, Kavinaya, Niyathi, Thammiha, Laxshanie, Kirsty, Sum, Zofia, Aleena, Kimberley, Amritha, Lucy, Neha, Jessica, Pagisha, Ruby, Mahishaa, Aishah, Aanchal, Gloria, Dhisha, Esmari, Vivienne, Maraky, Ho Kwan Kathy, Priya, Varvara, Ganishkka, Estella, Grace, Geetika, Christine, Isabella, Parvati, Ragavi, Hrudya, Kayla, Nishtha, Ayesha

Year 13

Gold Certificates

Amelia, Palak, Xinyan, Kavisha, Lok Yin, Elizabeth, Nithusiga and Smriti

Silver Certificates

Emily, Melissa, Joanne, Maja, Millee, Alicja, Shaili, Harshini, Raya, Saee, Mathuraa, Josephine, Lyra and Emma

Bronze Certificates

Esther, Megha, Humda, Anishka, Cassandra, Ashwika, Kisa, Sarina, Isabella, Chella, Pranavi, Vidushee, Disha Joan Ora Ayelevi, Simran, Catherine and Mahavi

All of the students who achieved a Gold certificate qualified for the next round and will sit the Senior Kangaroo.

Particular congratulations go to Tanishqa, Isha, Aarna, Uma and Amelia for achieving the highest result in their years.

Isha achieved an incredibly impressive score of 98 meaning she got the highest result in the school, very closely followed by Aarna with 95!

We wish everyone who is taking part in a follow-on round the best of luck!

Here is the solution to the earlier question...

SOLUTION **A**

In order to create a sequence for which the mean of the first n terms is $\frac{1}{n}$, the sum of the first n terms must be 1. The sequence must therefore be 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, ... , with first term 1 and all subsequent terms, including the 1000th term, having value 0.

FOR INVESTIGATION

5.1 Another sequence of numbers has the property that for every positive integer n the mean of the first n terms of the sequence is n.

(a) What is the 1000th term of this sequence?

(b) Find an expression in terms of n for the nth term of this sequence.



Well done to everyone who took part!

Miss Tucker

BRITISH PSYCHOLOGY OLYMPIAD

https://www.mindsunderground.com/british-psychology-olympiad

OLYMPIAD

- Great for UCAS applications and to stretch and challenge yourself!
- £15 to enter.
  Enter by 31st Jan

31ST JAN

ESSAY COMPETITION

If the Olympiad is too much can also just do the essay part

- Opens on 26.11, closes 3rd April

26TH NOV

FSM/PP OR BURSARY

- If you are interested please email Ms Clayton before 14th Dec
- hclayton@wallingtongirls.org.uk

14TH DEC

NEW SUTTON SEND PARENTS FORUM

Help Shape the Future for SEND families in Sutton



Join the Sutton Parent Carer Forum

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with SEND (aged 0-25) in Sutton? We need your voice!
We are launching a parent carer forum to ensure our families are truly represented. By getting involved, you can help co-produce and change local services for the better.

WHY JOIN US?

Be part of a strong voice: Help the forum shape the delivery of local services.

Work in partnership: Collaborate directly with local decision-makers as an equal partner to improve education, health, and social care.

No experience needed: Your lived experience as a parent or carer is the only qualification you need.

There are lots of ways for you to get involved.

You may want to apply to be part of our new forum, helping to build a new independent, sustainable forum that works for SEND communities in Sutton.

Or you might want to sign up as a member, so you can be kept informed on SEND issues and take part in future forum activities.

Forum Membership QR code

Sutton mencap

Sutton Mencap has been commissioned to set up a SEND Forum in Sutton. Registered Charity number 1080514, Company Limited by Guarantee number 03915936

FIND OUT MORE & SIGN UP TODAY

WWW.SUTTONMENCAP.ORG.UK/SPCFORUM/INFO

TCF UNITED

Are you 16 - 25 years old with a disability?

Would you like to take part in some fun games, make new friends and be part of a community?

If so, why not join our

Inclusive Youth Club



Every Tuesday from 4 - 6 pm

@ The Change Foundation Cricket Centre
Plough Lane, Wallington, SM6 8JQ

For more Information please contact Stefan Mckenzie:

07542609003
Stefanmckenzie@changefdn.org.uk

THE CHANGE FOUNDATION

The Change Foundation Registered Charity Number: 1046047

Activities for Young People (14-25) with SEND

Wednesday 11th November
Wellbeing Games Night
4-5pm, Free | The Percenters

Monday 16th November
Monday Social
6-8pm, £5 | The Fantastic Freddie Foundation

Monday 30th November
Monday Social
6-8pm, £5 | The Fantastic Freddie Foundation

Book Your Place

TCF UNITED
Inclusive Youth Club

4-6pm, Every Tuesday

THE CHANGE FOUNDATION

The Change Foundation
Cricket Centre, Plough Lane,
Wallington, SM6 8JQ

For more information please contact Stefan McKenzie:
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stefanmckenzie@changefdn.org.uk

Sessions for Parents & Carers of Young People (14-25) with SEND

Friday 13th November
Coffee Morning
10am-12pm, Free

Join us for our monthly coffee morning. Meet other parents and carers, and hear from our guest speakers from Sutton Parent Carer Forum and Sutton Mencap. No need to book!

Tuesday 24th November
Post-19 Support Session
10am-12pm, Free

An informal session for parents and carers of young people with EHCPs in Years 12-14 to explore post-19 pathways and support.

Book

Thursday 26th November
Preparation for Adulthood Event
12-2:30pm, Free
Westcroft Leisure Centre, SM5 2TG

Our biggest PfA-dedicated event of the year! Discover local support, services and opportunities to help young people with SEND aged 14-25 prepare for adulthood.

Book

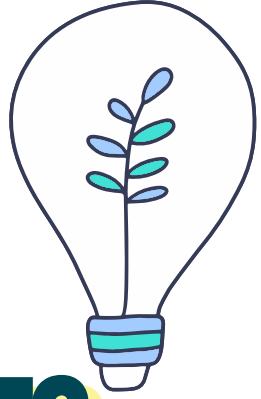
SEND Sutton's Local Offer

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Preparation for Adulthood Hub
November

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Sustainability



FACTS

The Earthshot Prize

Founded by HRH Prince William in 2020, The Earthshot Prize is driving a decade of action for the planet motivated by the belief that Urgency + Optimism = Action.

Their mission is to find, celebrate and scale the solutions that will repair our planet by 2030.

At their heart are five Earthshots – ambitious goals designed to Protect and Restore Nature, Clean Our Air, Revive Our Oceans, Build a Waste-free World, and Fix Our Climate by 2030.

15 most impactful solutions are selected annually to become Earthshot Prize Finalists, celebrating them at the annual award ceremony in Mumbai, India on 17 November where five Winners each receive a transformative £1 million to help take their work to the next level.

For more info and inspiration go to: https://earthshotprize.org

TIPS/SOLUTIONS

Impact at a Glance



- Gujarat's air pollution cap and trade scheme is being replicated in two new Indian states, and will clean the air in an area home to 285 million people
- Notpla has replaced over 32 million units of single use plastic
- Kheyti has saved over 21 million litres of water
- S4S Technologies has supported over 10,000 women entrepreneurs
- NatureMetrics has reached 10% of the world with its eDNA sampling
- Altyn Dala has reintroduced Przewalski horses to Kazakhstan after a 200-year absence
- d.light is providing renewable light and energy to 200 million people
- Pristine Seas has supported protection of 41 million hectares of ocean
- Boomitra has captured 7.8 million tonnes of carbon emissions across India, Africa, and Latin America
- The High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People has supported the creation of Ghana's first ever MPA, enabled by Earthshot Prize grant funds

Get into secondary teaching with Sutton SCITT



Learn more about training with us at one of our upcoming open events.

Openevent: Glenthorne High School - Thursday 19th November from 4.30pm

- Welcome talk with the SCITT Director and Secondary Course Lead
- Speak to our guest DfE Advisor
- How to apply
- Chat with current trainees and SCITT alumni

Click or scan to register for the open event

Find out about teaching byjoining one of our free webinars

- 12th November 2026
- 10th December 2026
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- 15th April 2027
- 13th May 2027
- 10th June 2027

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10 YEARS
OF INSPIRING FUTURE TEACHERS

Get into primary teaching with Sutton SCITT



Learn more about training with us at one of our upcoming open events.

Chat tous inperson at our openevent at Aragon Primary School on Tuesday 24th November from 2-4pm

- Welcome talk with the SCITT Director and Primary Course Lead
- Explore life in a primary school
- How to apply
- Chat with current trainees and SCITT alumni
- Enjoy refreshments

and get to know us
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General Notices

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 that 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

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 needs 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.