

Friday 23rd January 2026

It has been another busy and uplifting week at Wallington, with lots to celebrate across the school community.

I had the real pleasure of watching the Y10 Jack Petchey Speak Out assembly final. We saw a number of brave students speak for two minutes on topics close to their hearts, and every single one of them did an amazing job. We are very proud of all who took part, and congratulations to the winner Mishka and runner up Senuli. We wish them the very best of luck, with Mishka now progressing to the regional final.

A huge thank you to all families who contributed to the Jamaica relief drive before Christmas. We have received a message from the Croydon BME Forum, who said:

"The engagement and generosity demonstrated by your staff, pupils and families has been greatly appreciated. Your involvement reflects strong leadership, compassion, and a clear commitment to global responsibility and community action."

Your support has made a genuine and meaningful difference to families and communities in Jamaica.

2026 is the National Year of Reading, and we are looking forward to sharing more information soon about how we will be celebrating this across the school and encouraging reading for pleasure.

Upcoming Events

- 30th January- Sixth Form Winter Ball
- 11th February- PFA Y9/10 Disco
- 12th February- Year 9 Parents' Evening (early finish)

Looking ahead, next week we will be taking part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch, with students and staff counting birds on the school site as part of a national project to monitor biodiversity across the UK. This provides valuable long term data for scientists and is also a great opportunity for our students to learn more about the wildlife in their own environment.

Next week we also welcome Year 10 parents into school for one to one academic review meetings with their child and form tutor. These meetings are an important opportunity to reflect on progress so far and to discuss next steps as students move through an important year. There is also a GCSE Art trip to Tate Britain on Thursday, which will be a valuable opportunity for students to engage with a wide range of artwork to support their coursework and exam preparation.

Many students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will be taking part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge next week, and we wish them all the very best of luck. Finally, Year 11 students will receive their A Level options form on Friday, marking an important step in their transition into Sixth Form.

We also sent out a trips schedule this week to help families with forward planning for the year ahead, and we hope this is a helpful overview of what is coming up.

We end next week with the Sixth Form Winter Ball, which we know students are very much looking forward to, and we hope to share some photos in a future edition.

As some of you might already be aware, a well-known TikTok influencer was supposed to be making an appearance in Sutton High Street last night which led to a mass gathering of students. The gathering was monitored by Police, BID Security Officers and the Council's CCTV room. Police haven't reported any evidence of anything malign. There are reports that something similar may be happening in Croydon tonight and in Wallington on Sunday. We would advise parents/carers to keep their children away from these areas and report anything they see or hear to the police.

- Mrs C Godyn
Deputy Headteacher

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

Week B

Monday 26th January

- Year 10 Academic Review Week
- Year 11 Guidance Meetings – ALL WEEK
- RSPB Schools Birdwatch- 3.15pm
- Disney Parent Information Evening- 5:30pm (Main Hall)

Tuesday 27th January

Wednesday 28th January

- Intermediate Mathematical Challenge (Yr9/10/11)
- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm

Thursday 29th January

- GCSE Art Trip (Tate Britain)

Friday 30th January

- Football Interhouse (year 9)- 3pm
- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm
- Sixth Form Winter Ball- Evening (Sports Hall)

Attendance

1st Sept 25-
20th Jan

26

Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11

97.20%

96.30%

95.78%

96.00%

95.43%

Staff Messages

Parent Workshop: E-Safety

Date and time: Mon 9th Feb 2026, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Steve Welding - Education E-safety Adviser from Cognus

Location: This is a virtual event - Teams

Steve Welding is an online safety specialist who wishes to educate all parents on how they can support their children to make the correct choices online. As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. This workshop will provide you with advice and resources to help you in supporting your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Please see the meeting details below:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 328 317 871 653 4

Passcode: 2qr6gX3M

-Mrs Sundborg

Assistant Headteacher & DSL

Early Finish- Thursday 12th February

Due to the Year 9 Parents' Evening taking place on Thursday 12th February from 2.00-5.30pm, there will be an early finish for all students.

Year 9 students will finish at 1.05pm and all other students will finish at 1.15pm.

A letter with further details will be sent out next week.

-Mr Parkinson

Assistant Headteacher

Sutton Parenting Offer and Coffee and Information sessions for 2026

Please find below links to the most up to date Parenting Support sessions and Coffee Mornings being offered by the London Borough of Sutton Family Hubs.

2026 Parent Coffee Information Sessions

Parenting Support Offer from London Borough of Sutton Family Hubs

-Mrs Sundborg

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Children's Mental Health Week 2026

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place from 9th - 15th February 2026. This year the theme is "This is My Place" and their aim is to support the systems around children and young people to help them feel they belong.

Last year, more than 800 schools (including WHSG) and 40,000 adults took part, reaching over 285,000 children and young people across the UK. Our Student Wellbeing Mentors are busy organising lots of exciting events to celebrate this week so look out for more information coming soon.

-Mrs Sundborg

Assistant Headteacher & DSL



Sustainability



FACTS

- Using recycled material reduces the need to extract, refine, and process oil, a key ingredient in creating new plastic products
- When rivers and seas are polluted with plastic. Many fish and other sea life are hurt or killed every year because they get caught up in plastic bags and wrapping, or they choke from trying to eat them. Fish that eat tiny plastic particles end up with toxins in their bodies, which are then passed on to the animals or humans that eat them



TIPS/SOLUTIONS

- Recycling a single plastic bottle will save enough energy to power a lightbulb for three hours or more.
- It takes 75% less energy to make a plastic bottle using recycled plastic compared to newly made plastic.



online talk by Jane Keyworth



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

3rd February 10-11:30am

3rd March 7-8:30pm



Book online

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

£24 or Free with a school
membership code





Sutton Neurodevelopmental Needs One Stop Shop

Support and advice for families with neurodevelopmental (ND) related needs like social skills, concentration levels or coping with change.

A new drop-in service for Sutton families of children and young people aged between 5-18, with challenges which may be related to a neurodevelopmental presentation (Autism or ADHD). This could include emotional difficulties, behavioural challenges, problems with sleep, friendship issues, sensory difficulties, attention and concentration difficulties, and hyperactivity and impulsivity. Our health and care professionals can provide information, advice and signposting, and help you access services.

- Drop-in service - no need to book
- Supportive and friendly environment.
- Attend as a family, on your own or with other people who care for the young person (young people must be accompanied)
- All families from Sutton are welcome, whether or not you are on a waiting list
- No diagnosis needed
- Attending will not change your position on any waiting list

The Sutton ND Needs One Stop Shop will be held at:

Sutton Carers Centre
Sutton Gate, 1st floor
1 Carshalton Road
Sutton, SM1 4LE

Opening hours:

- 12 January 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 26 January 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 09 February 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 23 February 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 09 March 2026, 13:00-16:00
- 23 March 2026, 13:00-16:00



For more information contact
needsbasedneuro@swlsth.nhs.uk



FACE

FEBRUARY 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Autism - Improving Communication	2 Feb 10am
Improving Family Communication	2 Feb 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	3 Feb 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Feb 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Feb 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Feb 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Feb 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Feb 10am
Introduction to OCD	17 Feb 7pm
FREE - Reducing the Harm from Screens	19 Feb 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	23 Feb 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Feb 7pm
Decreasing Depression	24 Feb 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Feb 7pm
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm

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 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

KS5 –

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



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

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

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.