HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

The Wallington Week

3rd November 2026

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and found some time to relax and recharge. It is wonderful to have everyone back in school and, as always, the run-up to Christmas is one of the busiest and most exciting times of the year.

The weeks ahead are packed with opportunities for learning, enrichment and celebration. Alongside the excellent work taking place in classrooms every day, students will be taking part in a wide range of activities, performances, competitions, trips and special events as we move towards the end of the autumn term.

This time of year is always a highlight of the school calendar. It is a chance to celebrate our students' achievements, showcase their talents, and come together as a school community. We are particularly looking forward to the many festive activities planned throughout December, which help make this such a memorable term for our students.

Please keep an eye on our communications for details of upcoming events and key dates. We look forward to sharing these experiences with our students and families and to finishing the term with the energy, enthusiasm and sense of community that make this season so special.

Before half term, we welcomed hundreds of families to our Sixth Form Open Evening. Our thriving Sixth Form is always heavily oversubscribed, and we know that students benefit enormously from remaining with us for these two important years of their educational journey.

Today marks an exciting milestone as we officially welcome Weald of Kent School as the fourth school in our Trust. We are delighted by the opportunities this will create for collaboration, innovation and the sharing of excellent practice across all our schools.

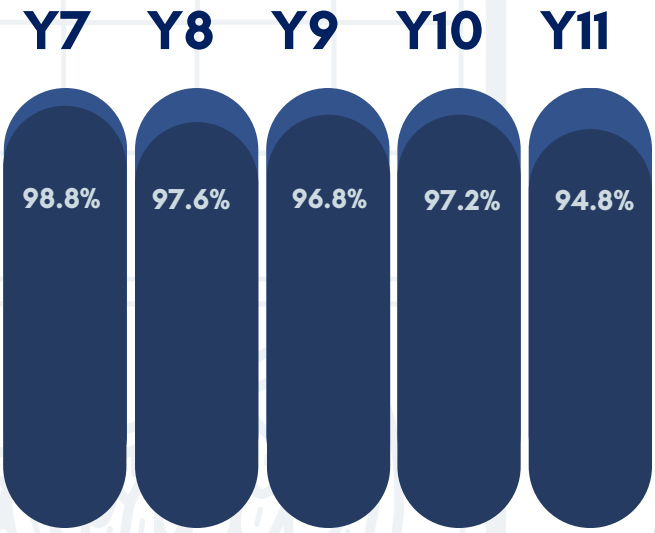
A great deal of work has also taken place across the school site during the break. Significant electrical works have been completed and, most excitingly, your generous contributions through the School Fund have enabled us to create two brand-new science laboratories. I will write to you separately next week to share photographs of these wonderful new facilities, which will further enhance the learning experience for our students.

- Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher



Calendar

Attendance



Week B

Monday 2nd November
- Y11 Mock Exams All Week

Tuesday 3rd November
- Y12 Geography – Battersea Trip
- Y13 MMI - 13:30 - 17:00pm

Wednesday 4th November
- Aesthetica Film Festival Trip
- Central Detention 15.10-16.10pm
- CERN- Parents information evening (online) 5pm

Thursday 5th November
- Aesthetica Film Festival Trip

Friday 6th November
- Aesthetica Film Festival Trip
- Central Detention 15.10-16.10pm

Upcoming Events

3rd Nov- Y13 MMI
12th Nov- Oxbridge Information Evening
18th Nov- Enrichment Day

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

Events

Sixth Form Open Evening Welcomes Hundreds of Prospective Students and Families

On Thursday 15 October, Wallington High School for Girls was delighted to welcome approximately 600 families to our Sixth Form Open Evening. The event provided an opportunity for current Year 11 students, their parents and carers, as well as external applicants, to explore the wide range of subjects, enrichment opportunities and support available within our Sixth Form community.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the Year 11 families who attended. It was wonderful to see so many prospective students and parents engaging with staff and students, asking insightful questions and learning more about the exciting opportunities available in our Sixth Form.

Throughout the evening, visitors had the chance to meet subject teachers, tour departments, attend presentations and hear first-hand about Sixth Form life from current students. Families were able to gain valuable insight into both the academic and wider opportunities that make our Sixth Form such a vibrant and successful community.

A huge thank you goes to all our teaching and support staff for their hard work and dedication in making the evening such a success. We are especially grateful to the departments who showcased their subjects and shared their expertise with prospective students throughout the event.

We would also like to recognise our fantastic Sixth Form student helpers, who were outstanding ambassadors for the school. From guiding visitors around the site and supporting logistics, to answering questions, sharing their experiences and delivering speeches, their enthusiasm and professionalism helped create a welcoming and informative experience for all.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening. We look forward to receiving applications and welcoming the next generation of Sixth Form students to WHSG.







Student Achievements

Sutton Landscape Artist of the Year Winner

Congratulations to Rajshri, who was awarded First Place in the 11-16 category of the Sutton Landscape Artist of the Year competition at The Grove, Carshalton.

The annual competition encourages artists of all ages to explore and capture the beauty of Sutton's local parks, with winning artworks displayed at Sutton Library. Rajshri's success is a fantastic achievement, and we are delighted to celebrate her creativity and dedication.

In Rajshri's Own Words:
"I spent the full three hours working on my painting, as I wasn't very familiar with using watercolour for landscapes. I also used an ink pen to add contrast and detail. Despite the challenges, I was really pleased with the finished piece and was delighted to win first place in my category. As part of the prize, I received a certificate, a £20 art supplies voucher and a calendar painted by the previous year's winner, which they kindly signed for me."





Mathematical Olympiad for Girls Success

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who took part in this year's Mathematical Olympiad for Girls. This challenging competition gives students the opportunity to tackle demanding mathematical problems and demonstrate their problem-solving skills. It also tests their skills at writing thorough solutions to mathematical problems – a step beyond the multiple-choice competitions.
We are delighted to congratulate Grace, who achieved a Distinction, and Tia, Zoe and Shambhavi, who all achieved Merit awards. A fantastic achievement. Well done to all four students!

Isha tops Greater London

A special congratulations goes to Isha in Y10, who achieved an outstanding 1st place in the Greater London region in the UKMT Mathematical Competition for Girls 2026, this is particularly impressive as normally only students in the sixth form take part. This is an exceptional achievement and a wonderful recognition of her mathematical problem-solving ability, hard work and dedication.
Huge congratulations to Isha on this amazing achievement!

Student Achievements

First Give Student Celebration

Aksharaa, 11 Pankhurst, has achieved an outstanding success after winning second place in a national writing competition linked to First Give.

Aksharaa impressed judges with a powerful magazine about her experience of learning about Sutton Food Bank and her form's campaign to encourage the school community to support this charity. When working on the project last year, 11 Pankhurst highlighted the vital role the food bank plays in helping local families and reflected on the importance of taking social action to make a difference.

The competition was organised through First Give, a national programme in which students work in teams to research and advocate for a chosen charity. As part of the project, teams present their case for support, with the winning team receiving a £1,000 grant for their selected charity. - Last year the winning team was Aksharaa's form.

Aksharaa's success is a testament to her thoughtful writing and commitment to raising awareness of an important local cause. She was presented with her award in assembly on Thursday, where her achievement was celebrated by students and staff alike.

Congratulations to Aksharaa on this fantastic accomplishment and for helping to shine a spotlight on the excellent work of Sutton Food Bank.





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

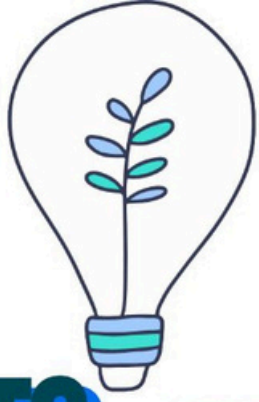
Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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

For more information, please email Mrs. Lisa Parkinson.

Sustainability



FACTS

Unsubscribe from emails you don't want to receive

Every email has carbon emissions of 0.03g (going up to 0.5g if there's an attachment). It doesn't sound like much, but that adds up very quickly. Unsubscribing from emails you're not interested helps clear your inbox (and your head) while reducing emissions at the same time!

Carbon Cost by Email Type



- Spam email (filtered out early): ~0.03g of CO_2e
- Short email (phone-to-phone): ~0.2g of CO_2e
- Short email (laptop-to-laptop): ~0.3g of CO_2e
- Standard/average email: ~4g of CO_2e
- Long email (detailed text): ~17g of CO_2e
- Email with large attachments or images: ~11g to 50g+ of CO_2e
- Mass mailing blast: ~26g+ of CO_2e





TIPS/SOLUTIONS

Ways to Reduce Email Emissions

- Trim attachments: Share files via cloud links instead of large file attachments.
- Limit recipients: Avoid unnecessary "reply-all" chains and mass CC lists.
- Clean your inbox: Periodically delete old, unread emails and spam to reduce long-term server storage. This "dark data" keeps server infrastructure running and drawing power indefinitely.
- Unsubscribe: Leave marketing lists and newsletters you no longer read

Alternative search engine

The search engine Ecosia is free and helps plant trees when you search. It is a green search engine and web browser founded in Berlin, Germany, in 2009 that uses its advertising revenue to fund climate action and global tree-planting projects.

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.