

The Wallington Week

27th February 2026

Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful half term and welcome back to this short term leading up to Easter.

You will know that we recently held Parent Governor Elections, and I am pleased to share that Mr. Sumit Srivastava has been elected and will now serve on our Local Governing Body, representing the views of parents and families. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Souad Mohamed, who has served on our board for the past five years and has been an invaluable support to the school during this time.

Over the half term, our students had the opportunity to take part in two exciting trips: a ski trip to Austria and a residential visit to Disneyland Paris. Next week, we look forward to Enrichment Day and several MFL residentials, offering further rich learning experiences beyond the classroom.

Before half term, the school underwent a Safeguarding Review conducted by the Local Authority. The review highlighted that our school has embedded a whole-school safeguarding culture that is proactive and relational.

Inspectors noted that leaders demonstrate a clear understanding that prevention starts with strong, respectful relationships, ensuring that pupils feel safe and supported.

Other observations included:

- Students feel listened to, respected, and supported by staff.
- Pupils' suggestions about school life are taken seriously, fostering trust and encouraging them to raise concerns or share ideas.
- As one student summarised, the school views them as "more than our grades."
- Staff and pupils feel comfortable raising safeguarding concerns and confident that appropriate action is taken promptly when necessary.

We are delighted with these findings and proud of the culture our school community has created.

We have many students observing Ramadan, and the main hall is available for prayer. We look forward to our school Iftar on 9th March to celebrate Eid. This event is being entirely organised by the students, which is highly commendable.

We also celebrate students gaining confidence and practical skills through hands-on experiences. Work experience remains a vital part of their development, helping them explore careers and understand the workplace. The Year 11 and 12 Work Experience Initiative has now launched, alongside the Year 9 'Students to Work Day'.

We kindly ask parents and carers to support students in securing meaningful placements, whether through family, friends, or online research. On the next INSET Day, Friday 20th March, students might also consider shadowing a friend or family member or revisiting their former primary school to support younger pupils.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide enriching and inspiring opportunities for all our students.

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I am delighted to share that the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Regional Final will take place next week, Tuesday 3rd March, at Carshalton Boys. We are proud that two of our Year 10 students, Mishka (10SEA) and Senuli (10PAN), will represent the school. Their achievement reflects the confidence and inspiration demonstrated in their speeches throughout the competition. Our students have been overall winners for the last two years - so no pressure!



I visited some of our students working hard on their GCSE food practical this week - what a treat! It was like being at Junior MasterChef. There are some pictures in the newsletter that show how talented these students are. Well done to the whole class.

Finally, we wish Jessie (Year 8) every success as she travels to the United States on 17th April to train with her team for the ICU (International Cheer Union) World Championships, taking place from 22nd-24th April. We are very proud of her and her team and look forward to following their success.



- Ms T O'Brien
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](#)

Upcoming Events

5th March- Enrichment Day

9th March- Iftar Night

10th March- House Music Concert

Important Message

'School wars'

I would like to make you aware of a recent social media trend sometimes referred to as "school wars," which has been circulating among young people across parts of London. These posts encourage students from different schools to arrange to meet after school, sometimes framed as competitions or challenges between schools.

We want to reassure you that we have no evidence of any involvement from our students, but we feel it is important to keep parents informed so that we can continue to work together to keep our young people safe.

As always, we are proud of our students and the way they look out for one another and contribute positively to our school community. However, social media trends can spread quickly, and young people do not always see the potential risks involved in responding to messages or online challenges.

We would be grateful if you could:

- Encourage your daughter to avoid engaging with or sharing posts that promote conflict between schools
- Remind her not to attend any unplanned gatherings arranged through social media
- Talk with her about staying safe online and reporting anything that makes her feel uncomfortable or unsafe

In school, we will continue to reinforce our expectations around kindness, good judgement and personal safety, including how to respond responsibly to online content.

If you have any concerns, or if your child mentions anything that you feel we should be aware of, please do get in touch with us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe and positive.

-Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher

Calendar

Week B



Monday 2nd March

- Author Visit - Emma Swan (Library 12.15pm)
- Eurospace Parent Information Evening (5pm)

Tuesday 3rd March

- Y13 Academic Review Week
- Jack Petchey Final - 6pm, Carshalton Boys
- Year 11 Practice GCSE Drama Exam

Wednesday 4th March

- Y13 Academic Review Week
- Year 10 Normandy Trip
- Year 10 Sevilla Trip
- Year 11 GCSE Drama Exam
- Central Detention (E06) 3.10-4.10pm

Thursday 5th March

- Enrichment Day
- Year 10 Normandy Trip
- Year 10 Sevilla Trip

Friday 6th March

- Year 10 Normandy Trip
- Year 10 Sevilla Trip
- Y13 Academic Review Week
- World Book Day Dress Down
- Football Interhouse (Year 8- 3pm)
- Headteachers Detention 3.10-5.10pm
- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm

Attendance

1st Sept 25-
3rd Feb 26

Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11



German Students Take Part In Sustainability Competition

Over the past few months, students from our Year 11 and Year 12 German classes have been taking part in the Ökoscoop Competition, a sustainability project run by the Goethe-Institut.

In the first stage of the project, students completed a series of online modules on environmental issues. They then carried out research into issues impacting our school community, conducting interviews with staff and students, sending out surveys, and even completing a site visit to the local River Wandle. After analysing their findings, the teams were tasked with creating imaginative and engaging digital products. Our Year 11 team created a news-report-style video, while our Year 12 team produced an interactive PowerPoint, as well as an imaginative rap video.

The highlight of the competition was a live press conference, conducted entirely in German, where our students presented their research, findings, products, and solutions, and then answered questions from the judging panel and other participating schools.

Our Year 12 team, die Blätteretter, won the award for Most Innovative Research Method for their creative investigation into paper waste at WHSG, and our Year 11 team, die Flusspflieger, received the award for Outstanding Local Engagement in Sustainability. Both teams were praised for their “strong sense of teamwork”, and the jury said they could “immediately see how well the students supported one another”. The videos our teams created added “a wonderfully witty and creative dimension”, and the jury appreciated the “playful tone and the joy that clearly went into making it”.

Our students should be extremely proud of their efforts. It was a demanding project, requiring a high level of organisation, teamwork and commitment. It was fantastic to see our students engaging so confidently with the German language while tackling important environmental issues.



Trust-Wide Student Leadership Conference

We are excited to share that Carshalton Girls are organising our first trust-wide Student Leadership Conference, which will bring together student leaders from all our schools for a day of inspiration, collaboration, and leadership development.

As part of the event, we are looking to invite engaging and motivational speakers who can inspire our students, share valuable leadership insights, and empower them to make a positive difference within their schools and communities.

If you know of anyone who would be an excellent speaker for this event, we would be grateful for recommendations. Please feel free to contact us at pjones@carshaltongirls.org.uk.

Thank you for your support.

Student Achievements



We are incredibly proud to celebrate Jessie in Year 8, who has earned a place on one of England's youth cheerleading teams heading to the ICU World Championships in the United States this April.

Out of more than 150 young athletes who tried out last year, only 54 were selected—an outstanding achievement and a testament to Jessie's dedication and talent.

Jessie and her team will travel to America on 17th April to prepare for the competition, before taking to the world stage at the ICU World Championships from 22nd-24th April.

We wish Jessie the very best of luck as she represents England at this prestigious international event!

Jack Petchey Final

I am pleased to share that the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Regional Final will take place next week on Tuesday 3rd March at Carshalton Boys, and we are proud to have two of our Year 10 students representing the school at this event – Mishka 10SEA and Senuli 10PAN. This a fantastic achievement and a testament to the moving and inspirational speeches they delivered, as well as the confidence they have shown throughout the competition so far.

Staff, students, parents and carers are very welcome to attend should you wish to come along and support them.

Details are below:

Date: Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Venue: Carshalton Boys Sports College, SM5 1RW

Time: 6pm arrival for a 6:30pm start

Free entry and light refreshments provided

**-Miss Chatfield
Head of Year 10**



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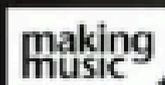
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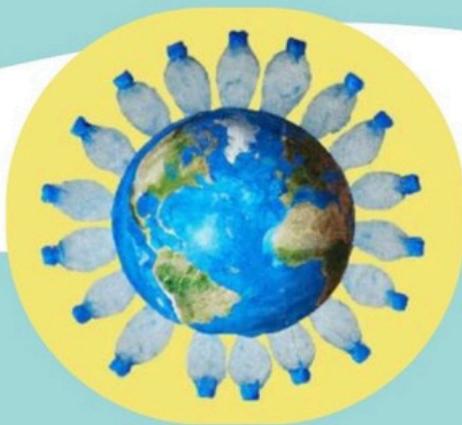


Sustainability



FACTS

- The Global Plastic Treaty is an opportunity for the United Nations and Governmental Organizations to prove the health of the planet and its citizens take priority over an industry threatening the health of every human on Earth.
- Most importantly, though, it is a chance for our world to come together as one, and truly pledge and commit themselves to restoring the planet, following the model of the successful international cooperation found in the Montreal Protocol. It has the potential to end plastic pollution, protect human health, and lead to a waste-free world



TIPS/SOLUTIONS

- Please think about signing the Global Plastic Treaty petition
- Visit [End Plastics | Earth Day](#) to find out more useful information on the subject and how to sign the petition

Last term, a selection of students from Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the Intermediate 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!

The paper was particularly challenging this year and the thresholds for certificates are 61+ gold, 46+ silver, 35+ bronze.

It is a great achievement to have been awarded a certificate and we would like to congratulate and celebrate the success of the following students.

Gold Certificates

Year 8

Tanishqa, Manha, Rachel, Chen Hui, Keira and Yuehan

Year 9

Isha, Ananya, Aksharaa, Aanya, Vanisha, Alice, Jessica, Shriya, Isabella, Corrina, Oviya, Eshika, Vivian, Michelle, Dithusha, Freya, Jessica, Jovien and Ellie

Year 10

Jia Xin, Daniya, Aksitha, Sarah, Aishi, Ahalya, Neha, Benita, Aarna, Mugdha, Vithu, Cayley, Swathy, Isha, Mrudani, Teni, Roha, Amber, Abiraa, Zara, Yasmin, Akshita, Mishka, Sofia, Silja, Vasuki, Safiya, Ashve, Tharunja, Anamika, Advitha, Arshiya, Sumayya and Nasita

Year 11

Katrina, Grace, Caitlin, Mira, Maya, Uma, Melody, Advika, Aarna, Thammiha, Tia, Ruby, Akshayani, Maisie, Aysha, Esmari, Ching Sum, Gavija, Iasna, Sivani, Le, Shambhavi, Serah, Hrudya, Lakshmi, Sasha, Grace, Ihinosen, Emily, Harshitha, Pagisha, Ashvina, Maraky, Josie and Vithurshana

Silver Certificates

Year 8

Zlata, Sahana, Beth, Anaya and Saanvi

Year 9

Katelyn, Sarah, Victoria, Livia, Harsika, Prisha, Emisha, Monica, Raisa, Vibha, Tanvi, Aswathy, Gobika, Meryem, Leah, Thuvaraka, Abigail, Vanya, Si Xuan Celine, Shermin, Anaisa, Mahi, Harine, Iris, Yogitha, Keeley, Rida, Sharlene, Hershna, Bea and Aleena

Year 10

Maliha, Reya, Shambavi, Zoe, Mahika, Valerie, Yusra, Angela, Sia, Sasha, Sahana, Myra, Kiki, Kanya, Urvi, Jiya, Bana, Zaynah, Lina, Prajna, Thasvini, Sreshta, Ondine, Bhavana, Prabha, Hafsa, Sarah, Amelie, Alana, Ella, Ashita, Angel, Devipriya, Hannah, Zeenat, Khadija, Miska, Laura, Anna, Sampritha, Adeena, Isabel, Rosalie, Aimie-Jane, Shwetika Sai, Ayomikun, Louise, Mariam, Vaishaa, Kashvi, Ayesha, Tamara, Anchen, Shajuri and Serena

Year 11

Naimah, Jasna, Anushka, Kelly, Mahishaa, Aizah, Cara, Ozcar, Hiba, Saraki, Mihika, Safiya, J'Nai, Aqsa, Safa, Anna, Estela, Nivitha Sree, Enioluwa, Viviana, Nivedya Sunil Kumar, Oline, Zoe, Manha, Libby, Aara, Katerina, Shreeya, Aanchal, Sukayna, Yathumitha, Tanishkaa, Taruni, Laila, Grace, Safiyyah, Saphir, Rakshitha, Emily, Kimberley, Diya, Kulsum, Shivanie, Devika, Christine, Manahil, Asvika, Hayley, Janany and Shirley

Bronze Certificates

Year 9

Josie, Ritika, Aashi, Minha, Kodia, Sahana, Ella, Eunice, Aarya and Aisha

Year 10

Aamina, Binte, Lini, Areeba, Anushka, Abisana, Amaira, Yahvie, Grace, Aarushi, Alyssia, Tharsiga, Jessica, Anna, Shafiya, Kavya, Jezreel, Aashka, Lakshana, Adelah, Areen, Amina, Papisha, Elsie, Mahnoor, Candice, Eloise, Ishika, Joyce, Jeevika, Ladshana, Tanya, Aimen, Tianna, Eloise, Giovanna, Georgia and Kaumudi

Year 11

Kayla, Sayulhet, Estella, Elise, Ananya, Gabriella, Yashika, Maya, Advika, Maia, Tasfia, Radha, Shekinah, Maya, Aishah, Nora, Michelle, Isha, Ganishkka, Aahana, Zainab, Gua Gua, Nada, Arisha, Dhisha, Anushka, Nawaal, Kirsty, Joviya, Nicole, Swetha, Sakina, Khadeejah, Tharshana, Aleena, Omua, Sofia, Maysa, Akshara, Lois, Ilakkiya and Maya

The following students have qualified for a follow-on round...

Cayley Olympiad

Isha, Ananya, Aksharaa and Tanishqa

Grey Kangaroo

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

Pink Kangaroo

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



Best of luck to all the students who are taking part in one of the follow-on rounds on Thursday 19th March - line up at 8.45am for a 9am start in the hall!

Particular congratulations go to Tanishqa (Y8), Isha (Y9) Jia Xin (Y10) and Katrina (Y11) for achieving the best results in their Year groups and to Isha (Y9) as her incredibly impressive score of 109 is the best result of the whole school!

We are very proud of all the students who took part and hope they enjoyed the experience.

**-Miss Tucker
Mathematics Teacher**



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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.

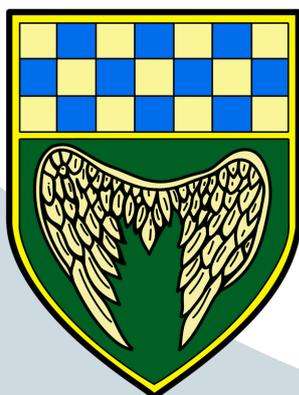
To notify WHSG of a leave of absence, please complete this [form](#) and return to the email above.

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:

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.