

The Wallington Week

9th March 2026

World Book Day

What a fantastic World Book Day celebration we had in school! Thank you to all the students who took part and dressed up - we're looking forward to sharing some of the wonderful photographs with you soon. A special thank you also goes to Frema from the Sixth Form prefect team for helping to organise the event.

International Women's Day - 8th March

As we marked International Women's Day, we encouraged students to continue supporting and uplifting one another. The reminder that someone has your back can make a real difference, and it's something we value strongly within our school community.

Enrichment Day

We were very lucky with the weather for our recent Enrichment Day. Students had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities, and we hope they enjoyed the experiences that were organised for them.

Environmental Updates

Students will have noticed the clearer labelling on our recycling and waste bins around the school. We are encouraging everyone to make thoughtful choices when disposing of waste.

We are also reminding students to close external doors behind them, particularly during colder weather. In addition, we have some exciting environmental improvements underway. New benches for the quad have been ordered and should arrive in the coming weeks. Following a recommendation from Katrina, our Environment Prefect, we have also ordered swift and swallow nesting boxes to support local wildlife. Finally, a large number of solar panels on the roof of E Block have recently been repaired to help improve our sustainability efforts.

Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

Congratulations to Senuli in Year 10, who won the regional final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. I had said there was no pressure to win the regional finals again this year - but our students did it! Both Senuli and Mishka represented the school brilliantly and made us incredibly proud.

Upcoming Events

We have several events coming up next week:

- Iftar evening on Monday - we are very much looking forward to sharing this special event with members of our community. I apologise that last week I said this event was to celebrate Eid; I meant that it is an opportunity to come together to break the daily fast during Ramadan.
- House Music on Tuesday evening, which promises to be a fantastic showcase of student talent.
- Year 10 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday.
- A second-hand uniform sale will be held after school on Friday.

Arbor Parent Portal - please look out for school communication about this later in the week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**- Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher**



Upcoming Events

10th March- House Music Concert

12th March- Y10 Parents' Evening

18th-19th March- Gym & Dance

Display

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](#)

Calendar

Week A

Monday 9th March

- Dance Technical Rehearsal (gym & dance display) 3-5pm
- Iftar Night- 5-7.30pm

Tuesday 10th March

- House Music/ Spring Concert Rehearsals
- House Music Concert (Main Hall 6.30pm)

Wednesday 11th March

- Cybercrime Workshops - Year 9-13
- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm
- LAMDA Showcase (Yr11/12/) (Drama Studio, 4pm)

Thursday 12th March

- Y10 Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00pm (online)

Friday 13th March

- PFA Uniform Sale (Main Hall) 3pm
- Central Detention-3.10-4.10pm



Attendance

Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11



Children and Phone Safety - NSPCC

The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety is a useful resource for parents/carers. The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls, and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use. Including or signposting this resource in a parent newsletter can help reinforce consistent messages between home and school, reduce anxiety, and support a shared approach to online safety. Here is the guidance - [Children, phones and online safety | NSPCC](#)

Parent Workshop: KS3 Study Skills (Years 7, 8 and 9 Parents)

Date and time: Tues 14th April 2026, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Mr Donnelly - Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning at WHSG

Location: This event will be held at Wallington High School for Girls

This workshop is for the parents of Years 7, Year 8 and 9 students. Mr Donnelly will provide parents and carers with tips and techniques to support their child with revision and how to retain more information and knowledge. The session will also look at how we can increase students' chances of becoming expert learners.

"Kids Online Safety" Campaign

The UK government has launched the 'Kids Online Safety' campaign to help parents and carers support their children to navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

The campaign brings together practical, trusted guidance on how to start meaningful conversations about online life, understand the types of content children may encounter, and build critical thinking skills so young people can question what they see and make safer choices.

It also offers advice on using tools such as parental controls, recognising potential risks, and knowing where to seek help or report concerns. The overall aim is to make online safety an ongoing, open dialogue within families rather than a one-off conversation, helping children feel supported as they explore apps, games and social media. You can find the resources here: <https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

-Mrs Sundborg
Assistant Headteacher & DSL

Jack Petchey Final

I am absolutely delighted to share the wonderful news that Senuli (10PAN) won the Sutton regional final of the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge! This is an exceptional achievement and a testament to her talent, dedication, and confidence. Her speech on the voice of self-doubt was thoughtful, inspiring, and delivered with real impact. This year, the Grand Final will be held on 6th July 2026 at the Cambridge Theatre in the heart of London's West End. 15 Regional/Digital Champions, selected at the Semi Final, will take to the stage to share their speeches in front of an audience of 1000 people. Watch this space for more news soon!

We are incredibly proud that two of our students represented our school at the regional final this year - Mishka (10SEA) and Senuli (10PAN). To reach this stage of the competition is a remarkable accomplishment in itself, and both students performed with confidence, passion, and professionalism.

A special mention to the MC for the evening who was last year's winner - Estela Joseph. She did an incredible job introducing each speaker to the stage.

Wallington Girls have now won the Sutton regional final for the last 3 years, what an incredible achievement!

A huge congratulations to all for their hard work and for representing our school so superbly. They have truly done us proud.

-Miss Chatfield
Head of Y10



International Youth Math Challenge

Congratulations to Aarna (10Joh) for her success in the International Youth Math Challenge competition. She had to compete in three different rounds, passing the first two in order to qualify for the final. The final was a supervised competition and Aarna achieved a Bronze Honour - a very impressive achievement!

Aarna has written about her experiences completing the Challenge...

"The International Youth Maths Challenge is an educational mathematics competition open to students worldwide, allowing students up to the age of 25 to showcase their problem-solving skills and expand their knowledge.

I found it very enjoyable, though at times difficult as I progressed through the three rounds. I highly recommend it to anyone who has interest in Maths as taking part will immensely benefit you!"

We are very proud of Aarna's achievements in this international competition!

-Miss Tucker (Maths Dept)

SEND



Please join us for our free, relaxed coffee morning!

Venue: Wallington High School for Girls, E-block: E6

Date: Friday 17-April between 10-11.30am

This is an opportunity to meet parents and carers from our community over coffee and biscuits.

Hosted by the WHSG SEND Team with presentations from:

Rachel Rebello, Educational Psychologist, Cognus

Tracy Matthews, Autism Specialist, Adapt to Learn

Sustainability



FACTS

- While the population of all species has declined over the last few decades, the dramatic drop in the population of bees has increasingly been of concern because of the important role they play as pollinators. Without bees, many of the world's most important crops would fail and directly affect the food supply of humans and countless other species.
- Bees are in trouble, with around 13 of the UK's bee species now extinct and 35 others under threat of extinction.



TIPS/SOLUTIONS

- Plant bee friendly plants such as lavender and honeysuckle
- Cutting the grass less often gives pollinators shelter and a place to feed
- Build a bee hotel
- Visit the Friends of the Earth website for more info



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.

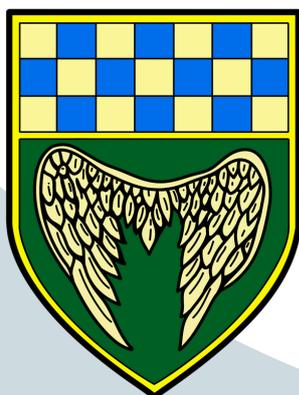
To notify WHSG of a leave of absence, please complete this [form](#) and return to the email above.

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:

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.