

The Wallington Week

Friday 30th January 2026

It has been another full and purposeful week at Wallington, with important learning, reflection and community work taking place across the school.

On Holocaust Memorial Day, students took time to reflect on the experiences of those who were persecuted by the Nazi regime. Our Year 13 students heard from Generation 2 Generation, who shared the story of Tobi, a 14 year old Holocaust survivor. Through this personal account, students were reminded of the human impact of this period in history and the importance of challenging prejudice and discrimination in all its forms.

We were also delighted to see Wallington placed 10th among London secondary schools in The Times Parent Power rankings. This reflects the sustained hard work of staff and students over their time in our school.

This week has been our Year 10 Academic Review week, and we would like to thank all parents and carers who attended meetings with their child and form tutor. These conversations play an important role in supporting students' progress and planning their next steps. We were also pleased to see our GCSE Art students visit Tate Britain this week, giving them the opportunity to engage directly with a wide range of artwork to support their coursework and exam preparation.

We also welcomed the police into school to speak with Year 7 students about personal safety. This focused on being aware of their surroundings, travelling sensibly, and avoiding distractions such as mobile phones when out and about.

Looking ahead, Children's Mental Health Week takes place in two weeks' time. We will be running a series of assemblies across the fortnight, led by our student wellbeing mentors, focusing on strategies to support emotional wellbeing and resilience.

Finally, after half term we will be launching Arbor, our new school information system. This will replace a number of existing platforms, including Class Charts, and will ultimately simplify how families interact with the school. Please look out for separate communication coming next week and a reminder that we have an additional INSET Day on Tuesday 24 February to help facilitate this.

– 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](#)

Upcoming Events

- 3rd February- KS3 Music Recital
- 11th February- PFA Y9/10 Disco
- 12th February- Year 9 Parents' Evening (early finish)

Calendar

Week A

Monday 2nd February

- World Hijab Day
- Badminton Interhouse (Y10) 3-4.30pm

Tuesday 3rd February

- Year 9 Parent's Evening appointments- full availability open to Parents - 11am
- LAMDA Showcase (Y7/8)
- KS3 Music Recital (6:30pm, Main Hall)

Wednesday 4th February

- LAMDA Showcase (Y9/10)
- Year 9 Injections
- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm

Thursday 5th February

- Gym & Dance Display Auditions - Dance Auditions 3pm

Friday 6th February

- Historic Docklands Trip Y13
- Football Interhouse (Year 7) - 3pm
- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm

Sunday 8th
February
LAMDA Exams

Attendance

1st Sept 25-
20th Jan
26

Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10 Y11

97.27%

96.44%

95.97%

96.04%

95.40%

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

Parent Workshop: County Lines and Criminal Exploitation

Date and time: Fri 27th March 2026, 1.00-2.30pm

Facilitator: The Ivison Trust

Location: This is a virtual event - Zoom

Join our interactive webinar where we will share what criminal exploitation is, with a focus on county lines. We will explore how to spot signs that it may be happening to your child or a child you know. We cover trends in your local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned.

To book your place follow this link - [Parent webinars - county lines and criminal exploitation - Ivison Trust](#)

-Mrs Sundborg

Assistant Headteacher & DSL

Safer Internet Day 2026

On Tuesday 10th February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2026. This is a good opportunity to remind parents/carers that, as per the Home-School Agreement, parents should "monitor the use of your child's mobile phone, paying particular attention to social media, age appropriate content, age appropriate apps as well as ensuring a healthy phone usage." While we support students during the school day, we cannot monitor or manage issues that occur online or on social media outside of school hours. Matters that happen online at home are the responsibility of families and we encourage parents/carers to guide, supervise and address these issues directly with their children.

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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. The Wellbeing Mentors will be delivering assemblies over the next 2 weeks focusing on this theme.

The Wellbeing Mentors have planned the following lunchtime activities to celebrate the week:

Mon 9th Feb - Wellbeing drop in session - Green Room

Tues 10th Feb - This is My Place: Art Activity - G29

Wed 11th Feb - Yoga/ mindful activities - Dance Studio

Thurs 12th Feb - Crocheting - Sixth Form Hub

Fri 13th Feb - Just Dance - Gym

Finally, on Fri 13th Feb we will be having a non-uniform day to raise money for Place2Be - a children's mental health charity who provide mental health support in schools through one-to-one and group counselling as well as offering expert training and professional qualifications.

**-Mrs Sundborg
Assistant Headteacher & DSL**

Place2Be's

**CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

**9-15
FEB
2026**

Work Experience

Year 11 Work Experience 29th June – 10th July 2026

Year 12 Work Experience 13th – 17th July 2026

Every pupil should have the opportunity to gain first-hand experience of the workplace through work visits, work shadowing and/or work experience. These experiences play a vital role in helping young people explore career options, develop confidence, and build valuable networks. High-quality work experience can make a real difference to students' motivation, attainment and future progression.

We recognise that finding a suitable placement can feel daunting for students, which is why your support is so important. Parents and carers often have access to contacts, knowledge and local insight that can greatly increase the chances of securing a meaningful placement.

We kindly ask Year 11 and Year 12 parents and carers to spend some time discussing options with your child, exploring any contacts they may have, and supporting them to research local companies or organisations that could offer a placement.

Your involvement can have a significant and lasting impact on your child's future choices and opportunities.

If anyone is able to offer a work experience placement to a WHSG student for the above dates, please contact Mrs Lisa Parkinson (lparkinsonewallingtongirls.org.uk)

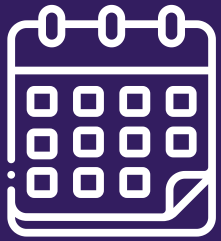
Supporting Year 9 Students to Work Initiative

Careers and work-related learning are an important part of your child's education at WHSG. As part of our Students to Work initiative, we invite Year 9 students to gain their first experience of the workplace with the support of a parent, carer, or responsible adult. Workplace experience can take place during the school holidays or on an INSET days (Monday 23rd February, Friday 20th March, Friday 19th June 2026)

Students are encouraged to complete two days of experience, which may be taken consecutively or separately. Your involvement in organising and supporting this opportunity is invaluable in helping your child explore potential career pathways and understand the skills valued in the workplace.

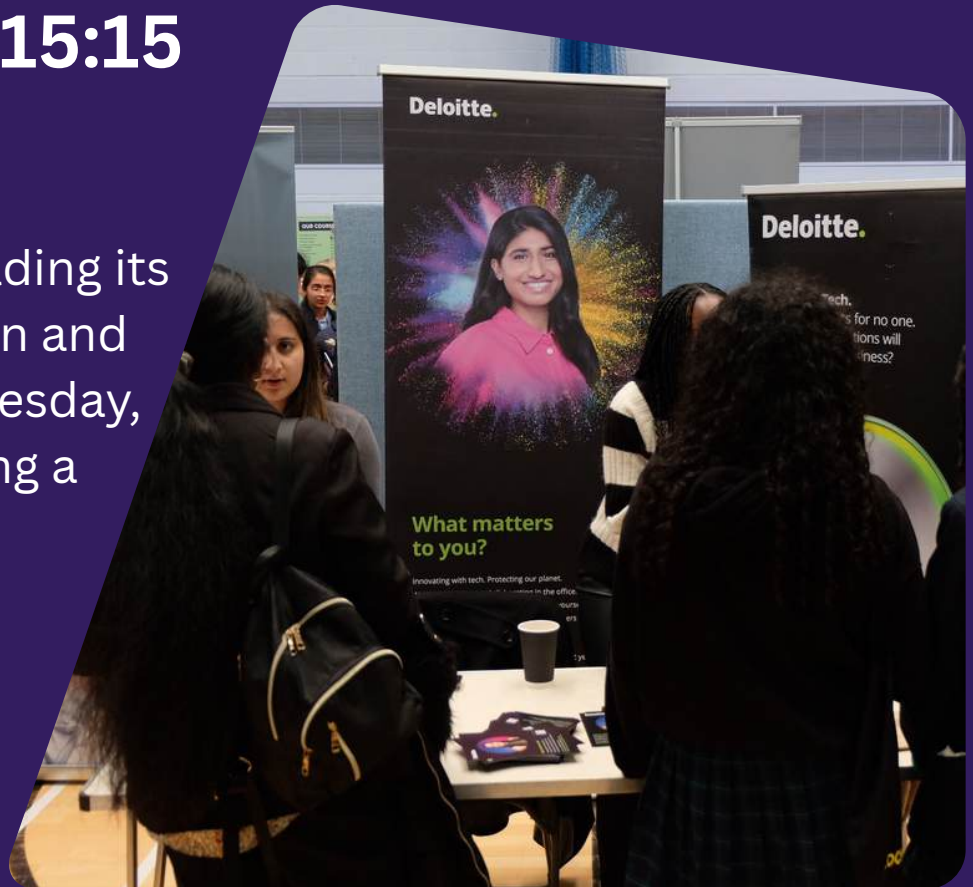
If you would like to participate in this opportunity we kindly ask that you complete this [online form](#).

CAREERS FAIR 2026



WEDNESDAY, 25TH MARCH
12:30 - 15:15

The school will be holding its third Higher Education and Careers Fair on Wednesday, 25th March, showcasing a range of careers & opportunities.



The fair will provide an excellent opportunity for students to explore a variety of career paths and engage with members of our school community about their professional experiences.

**IF ANY PARENTS WOULD LIKE TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE FAIR BY HAVING A
STAND, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM.**

Sustainability



FACTS

- Over 99% of Sweden's household waste is recycled or converted into energy. Only a tiny fraction ends up in landfills
- A recycling boost came with the 'producer responsibility' implemented in 1994. This requires businesses that manufacture, import or sell products to manage and finance the entire lifecycle, collection and recycling of packaging, electronics, batteries and tyres.



TIPS/SOLUTIONS

- **Importing Waste:** Because they are so efficient, Sweden imports millions of tons of waste from other countries (like the UK, Italy and Norway) to fuel energy plants. Much of the imported waste is burned in high-efficiency Waste-to-Energy incineration plants generating electricity and district heating for hundreds and thousands of homes.



Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Spring Term 2026

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.

**4TH FEB 26
12.30 PM - 2 PM**

Healthy Habits in
Teenagers with
Autism

**9TH FEB 26
7 PM - 8.30 PM**

Supporting Siblings
of Children with
SEND

**10TH FEB 26
1.30 PM - 3 PM**

To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection.

[Click here](#)



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**16TH FEB 26
7 PM - 8 PM**

Supporting your
teenager with Exam
Stress (Years 11-13)

**17TH FEB 26
1 PM - 2 PM**

**9TH MAR 26
1 PM - 2 PM**

Conflict,
Communication
and Compromise -
the teen years

**12TH MAR 26
7 PM - 8 PM**

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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 needs arise 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.