

The Wallington Week

6th July 2026

Another week has flown by, and with it comes another opportunity to celebrate the many wonderful things happening here at Wallington.

This week, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 6 students, who will be joining us as Year 7 in September, along with their parents and carers. The students enjoyed meeting their form tutors, exploring the school and taking part in a range of taster lessons. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and excitement as they began the next stage of their educational journey. I had the pleasure of speaking to both students and parents about our core values, the many opportunities available at Wallington, and how we work together to ensure every student is challenged, supported and encouraged to thrive. It was also lovely to meet many of our new families at the PFA BBQ on Saturday. Thank you to our fantastic PFA for organising such a welcoming event, and we look forward to seeing all of our new Year 7 students again in September.

Sports Day was another highlight of the week, and we were incredibly fortunate with the weather. It was fantastic to see students of all ages participating with such determination and team spirit, while cheering one another on throughout the day. There were some outstanding performances across both track and field events, and the day ended with the staff inflatable race, where Mr. Parkinson, dressed as a shark, raced to victory! The students were outstanding throughout, competing with enthusiasm, resilience and great sportsmanship, and the standard of performance was incredibly high, with an impressive 11 school records broken over the course of the day. The battle for house points created plenty of excitement and, after a closely contested competition, Athena were crowned Overall Sports Day Champions. It was also lovely to welcome parents who came along to support and encourage their children. My thanks go to our exceptional PE team for organising another memorable Sports Day. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success – it was a memorable event from start to finish and a real celebration of our school community.

Today, some of our students are attending our first Cross-Trust Student Leadership Conference at Carshalton High School for Girls. The conference brings together students from across the Girls' Learning Trust for a day of inspirational speakers, workshops and collaborative activities, all designed to develop leadership skills and encourage our young people to become confident, compassionate leaders in their schools and communities.

A reminder that our Open Evening takes place next week. To support the event, school will finish early on **Tuesday at 13.00pm** and students should arrive later than usual on **Wednesday at 9.20am**. Thank you in advance for your support with these arrangements.

We also look forward to our annual Sports Awards Evening on Thursday, which is always a wonderful occasion to celebrate the sporting achievements, commitment and success of our students throughout the year.

Finally, our Summer Fair takes place after school on Friday from **3.00–4.00pm**. This is a student-only event, organised and led by our students, and promises to be a fun way to end the week. There will be a variety of stalls, refreshments and, of course, the ever-popular opportunity to sponge some of our teachers! Please do check with your child whether they plan to attend, as it is always a well-supported and enjoyable event.

**- Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher**



Calendar

Attendance

Y7 Y8 Y9 Y10

97.5% 96.7% 96.3% 95.8%

Week A

Monday 6th July

- Y11 WEX- all week
- KS3 House Music

Tuesday 7th July

- Early Finish for Students 13.00pm
- Open Evening 16:00 - 20:30pm

Wednesday 8th July

- Late Start - 9.20am
- House Quiz
- House Drama (Main Hall 3pm)
- Headteachers Detention 3.10-5.10pm
- Central Detention 3.10-4.10pm

Thursday 9th July

- Sports Awards Ceremony (18:00pm)

Friday 10th July

- Year 9 Celebration Picnic (lunch-p5)
- Student only Summer Fair (3pm)
- Central Detention- 3.10-4.10pm

Upcoming Events

7th July- Open Evening
9th July- Sports Awards
14th July- Makers of the Future
Day
15th-16th July- Enrichment Days
17th July- End of Term

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](#)



Staff Message

Important Notice: Students' Medication at School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare for upcoming enrichment activities and Trips, we want to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students. If your child requires any medications – such as EpiPen's, antihistamines, inhalers, or other essential medications – please ensure these are supplied to the school as soon as possible.

Students must also carry their own first-response EpiPen and/or inhaler daily and during all enrichment activities. This is essential to ensure immediate access in case of an emergency

- A spare set of the same medication must also be provided to the school to be stored in the First Aid Room.

Please note that students will not be able to participate in any enrichment activities if their required spare medications have not been provided or if they are not carrying their own personal emergency medication. (both sets are required)

Please check that:

- Medications are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- All medication is in-date and in its original shatterproof non-glass packaging.
- You have completed and submitted any relevant medical forms for each medication to the school office/ First aid room. This form is available:
 - On the WHSG website – under School Life > Pastoral Care, or
 - Directly via this link: <https://www.wallingtongirls.sutton.sch.uk/page/?title=Student+First+Aid+%26amp%3B+Medication+Information&pid=105>
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Please ensure that replacement medication is provided when expiry dates are reached. Regular checks of your child's medication are essential, as it is the parent's/carer's responsibility to ensure the medication is correct and in date.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep every student safe and supported.

-Ms Newell
First Aid Officer

Event

SEND Wellbeing Celebration

On the afternoon of 3rd July, students enjoyed a special SEND Wellbeing Celebration with a visit from a variety of friendly animals. The experience provided a wonderful opportunity for students to interact with and learn about different species in a calm and supportive environment.

Students were able to hold, stroke, feed and groom a range of animals, including a hedgehog, tortoise, ducks, guinea pigs, rabbit, goats, a lizard and a pony. The animal encounter was a fantastic success, bringing smiles, excitement and plenty of memorable moments.



Achievements

London Youth Games Swimming Success

Congratulations to Emily (Year 12), who represented Croydon at the London Youth Games Swimming Championships last week.

Emily competed in the 50m Breaststroke event and also swam the breaststroke leg in the Senior Girls' 4 x 50m Medley Relay, helping the team secure an impressive silver medal.

Emily's performances contributed to an outstanding overall result for the Croydon girls' swimming team, who were crowned London Youth Games champions, finishing 1st out of all London boroughs.

This is a fantastic achievement for Emily and her teammates, and we are delighted to celebrate her success on the London sporting stage. Well done Emily!



Trips & Achievements

As politics students, we had the once in a lifetime opportunity with our teacher Mr Lawrence to attend the Team Global Members Day. The day commenced in a fashionable manner in the Europe House with a wide range of lectures presented by different political experts. We learnt about how leaving the EU affected our country and also had the opportunity to ask various questions, I particularly enjoyed listening to Lord Kirkhope talk about his own experiences and political views. After a lengthy lunch consisting of networking and sausage rolls, we went on a 10 minute walk to Westminster Palace for tea in the Cholmondeley Room— a key highlight of the day! We were spoken to by an esteemed young member of the House of Lords- Baroness Smith of Llanfaes. It was inspiring to see a woman in this position considering the current diversity of the House of Lords. Following this, we had a chance to take pictures on the terrace admiring the views of the city skyline. Overall, it was an enriching trip which we managed to take a lot away from.



On behalf of everyone at Wings of Hope, I would like to congratulate Team Six of Hearts on being named Runners Up in the Most Entrepreneurial category, and Team Winx of Hope on being named Winners in the Most Awareness Raised category at the WOHA 2025/26 Grand Finals, held at London Business School on Saturday, 27th June. The awards were presented by Professor Simona Botti, London Business School Professor of Marketing and Kapila Ireland, Editor at DFNI Frontier.

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the team's hard work, creativity, and commitment throughout the WOHA programme. Over the past months, the students have demonstrated outstanding entrepreneurship, teamwork, and dedication to making a positive impact in their community. We hope they are incredibly proud of what they have accomplished.



**-Mrs. Rajni Sriram, FRSA
CEO & Co founder
The Wings of Hope Children's Charity**

Junior Mathematical Olympiad Success

Following their success in the Junior Mathematical Challenge, four Year 8 students were invited to take part in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad (JMO), one of the UK Mathematics Trust's most prestigious competitions.

The JMO is designed to challenge the most able young mathematicians. Unlike the Junior Mathematical Challenge, which is a multiple-choice competition, the Olympiad requires students to tackle six demanding problems and present clear, rigorous mathematical arguments and proofs. Competitors must justify their reasoning fully, demonstrating creativity, logical thinking and excellent communication of mathematical ideas.

We are delighted to congratulate Rachel (8Sea), Manha (8Cur), Chen Hui (8Sea) and Tanishqa (8Sha) on their achievements in this year's competition. Rachel was awarded a Merit Certificate, Chen Hui achieved a Merit Certificate, and Tanishqa earned an impressive Best in School Merit award with a score of 23 marks, making her the highest-scoring student in the school. Manha Fahad received a Qualification Certificate in recognition of a commendable performance in an exceptionally challenging paper.

This year's Olympiad paper included problems involving geometry, number patterns, logical reasoning and proof. Success required not only finding the correct answers but also explaining solutions with the precision and depth expected of mathematicians.

Congratulations to all four students on this excellent achievement. We are incredibly proud of their dedication, perseverance and mathematical talent, and of all students who participated in the Junior Mathematical Challenge and follow-on competitions this year.

Can you solve the first problem from this year's Junior Mathematical Olympiad? Remember that Olympiad solutions require full mathematical justification, not just the final answer!

1. In the following sum, the letters Y , U , M and S stand for single digits.

(a) Find one possibility for the values of Y , U , M and S . Only the answer is required.

(b) Prove that this is the only possible solution. A full explanation is required.

$$\begin{array}{r} Y \ U \ M \ S \\ + \ Y \ U \ M \\ \hline 2 \ 0 \ 2 \ 6 \end{array}$$

Parallel Success at Wallington Girls



This year, students from Years 7–11 have been taking part in Parallelograms, the weekly mathematics challenge created by the Parallel Project, founded by bestselling author and mathematician Simon Singh.

Each Thursday at 3pm, students receive a new Parallelogram packed with puzzles, videos, mathematical curiosities and problem-solving challenges. The tasks are designed not only to develop mathematical thinking but also to show how fascinating, surprising and enjoyable mathematics can be.

One recent challenge, "*Nice Dice*", explored some remarkable properties of dice. Students investigated a seemingly impossible mind-reading trick involving stacked dice, discovered why opposite faces on a standard die always add to seven, and even explored a set of unusual dice



where choosing the "best" die is much trickier than it first appears. Another puzzle involved working out how many socks must be taken from a dark drawer to guarantee a matching pair without holes – a perfect example of logical reasoning in action.

Throughout the year, students have encountered a huge variety of mathematical ideas, including:

- Mathematical magic tricks
- Probability and games of chance
- Logic puzzles and strategic thinking
- Geometry and visual reasoning
- Mathematical patterns hidden in everyday life
- Famous mathematical problems and paradoxes

The beauty of Parallelograms is that success is not measured purely by scores. The real challenge is to think deeply, persevere when problems are difficult, and learn from the detailed solutions provided each week. Many students discover entirely new areas of mathematics and develop confidence in tackling unfamiliar problems.

Special Recognition

We would like to congratulate all students who have participated this year. In particular, we would like to recognise those who have shown outstanding commitment by completing large numbers of weekly challenges.

Aksharaa (9Ath) and Isha (9Pan) have completed every Parallelogram possible (over 40) and have been awarded a certificate from Parallel.

Completed 30+ Parallelograms

Saanvi (8Cur), Manha (8Cur), Eshika (9Cur) and Krithi (8Joh)

Completed 15 or more Parallelograms

Chen Hui (8Sea), Yogitha (9Ath) and Isabella (9Ath)

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and curiosity shown by all of these students. Taking on a voluntary mathematical challenge week after week demonstrates a genuine love of learning and a willingness to embrace difficult problems.

How to Join Parallelograms

If you enjoy maths and would like to challenge yourself with fun puzzles each week, signing up is easy!

1. Go to the **Parallel** website: [Parallel Maths](https://parallel.maths.org.uk) and create a free student account. [\[parallel.org.uk\]](https://parallel.org.uk)

2. When asked for a **Teacher Code**, enter: **n33uc4**

This will link your account to Wallington Girls' School.

3. Select your current school year when creating your account.

4. Every Thursday at **3:00pm**, you will be emailed a link to the latest Parallelogram challenge. If you do not receive the email, simply log in to your account and access it from there. [\[parallel.org.uk\]](https://parallel.org.uk)

5. Complete the challenge and press **Submit** by **Sunday evening**. Even if you miss the deadline, you can still complete previous Parallelograms later and earn points and badges. [\[parallel.org.uk\]](https://parallel.org.uk)

Why Take Part?

- ☒ Develop your problem-solving skills
- ☒ Explore exciting mathematics beyond the classroom
- ☒ Learn from detailed solutions each week
- ☒ Earn points, badges and certificates
- ☒ Join a community of keen young mathematicians around the world

Looking Ahead – Parallel Circles

Students who enjoy Parallelograms may also be interested in Parallel Circles, a series of live online mathematical events run by the Parallel Project.

These sessions feature Simon Singh, former Countdown champion Junaid Mubeen, and a range of guest speakers who share fascinating mathematical ideas, puzzles and discoveries. The talks are designed for keen young mathematicians and provide an excellent opportunity to explore mathematics beyond the school curriculum.

Students can find out more by visiting the Parallel Circles section of the Parallel website and are encouraged to attend any sessions that interest them.

Whether you completed one challenge or forty-one, congratulations on being part of our growing community of mathematicians. We hope to see even more students taking part next year!

Sustainability



FACTS

- Extreme heat occurs when high temperatures and other environmental conditions create elevated risks for human health, ecosystems, infrastructure and livelihoods. Often experienced as intense heatwaves or persistent heat and humidity that place stress on the human body, it is one of the deadliest weather and climate hazards worldwide.
- England saw the most significant new national record for June daily maximum temperature. A provisional high of 37.7°C was recorded at Lingwood, Strumpshaw Hill on 26 June, surpassing the previous record of 35.6°C set at Southampton in June 1976.



TIPS/SOLUTIONS

To make your home cooler:

- Close windows and curtains during the day to keep heat out
- Use a fan. Due to their low energy use, fans have minimal CO₂ emissions. The coolest air in your house is at ground floor level. Position your fan on the floor pointing upwards and towards an opposite wall – this will bounce cooler air off the wall and back into the room
- Limit using ovens or appliances that give off heat
- Turn your hot water bottle into an ice pack by filling it half way with water and freezing a few hours before bed
- Adding solar film to your windows will help reduce the heating effect of sunlight shining through the glass

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.