

# The Wallington Week

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

Monday 13th January 2025



## Message from the Headteacher

Year 13 continue to work on their mocks, and I am so proud of how they have conducted themselves during this time. All Year 11 have guidance meetings over the next few weeks which should prove really helpful in looking at A Level courses and considering potential courses after Sixth Form. I know that many parents also attend these meetings, if you have not been able to but would like to, please call the school to arrange this.

We have worked with a number of stakeholders to create a new school vision. We aim to be a vibrant, collaborative, learning community that leads in education and empowers all to achieve excellence.

My New Year assemblies have been around this new school vision and how we try to live this through all the work we do and by living our school values of courage, curiosity and compassion each day. I have asked that compassion is something we really focus on as we start the new year. Showing kindness and having empathy for others are both truly wonderful gifts that we can offer to others.



## 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](#).

### Current Vacancies

Click here for a link to our [vacancies page](#)

## Upcoming Events

**W/C 13th January-** Year 10 Academic Review Days

**20th January-** Year 12 Parents Evening

**31st January-** Alumni Event

# Calendar

## Week B

### Monday 13th January

- Year 13 Mock exams (ALL WEEK)
- Y10 Academic Review Week
- Late Detention E06- (15:10-15:30pm)

### Tuesday 14th January

- Late Detention E06- (15:10-15:30pm)

### Wednesday 15th January

- Year 9 PALS Talk - Coulsdon College (Activity Studio 8:30-9am)
- Central Detention E06 – (15:10pm-15:40pm)

### Thursday 16th January

- Student Bulletin entry deadline 14:00pm
- Late Detention E06- (15:10-15:30pm)

### Friday 17th January

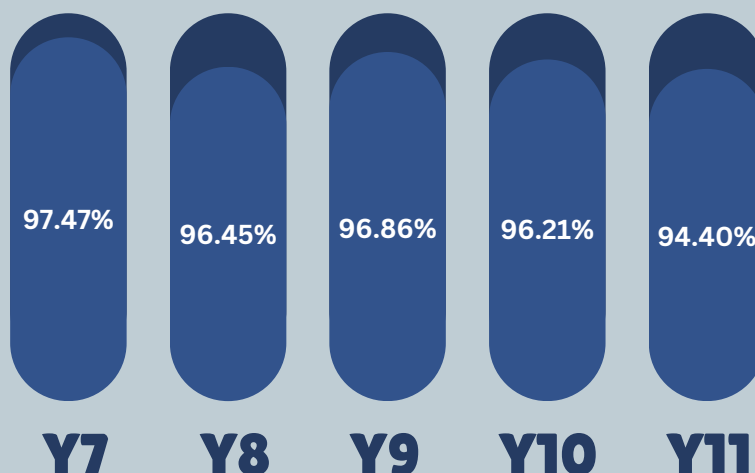
- Central Detention- Ms O'Briens Office (15:10-16:10pm)
- Headteachers Detention- Ms O'Briens Office (15:10-17:10pm)
- Late Detention-(15:10-15:30pm)

### Saturday 18th January

- DofE Training Day – Silver & Bronze (At School all day)

## Attendance Percentages

Between 02/09/24 -  
07/01/25



## DSL Messages

### Improving Attendance - Parent Workshop

Date and time: Tues 14th Jan 2025 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Aniké Clarke (Education Welfare Officer - Cognus)

Location: This is a virtual event - Teams

This workshop will be led by our Education Welfare Officer, Aniké Clarke, who works for Cognus. It is for parents of students whose attendance is below 90% and finding it difficult to attend school on a regular basis. The aim of the workshop is to help parents develop a better understanding of how chronic absence can impact a child's achievement and to explore strategies for improving their child's attendance.

Please see the meeting details below:  
Microsoft Teams Meeting Meeting ID: 344 992 647 318 Passcode: yT6wV3SY

### Social Media & Gaming - What Parents Need to Know – Parent Workshop

Date and time: Thurs 6th Feb 2025, 19.00-20.00

Facilitator: Dr Danielle Shbero - Clinical Psychologist from Sutton CAMHS

Location: This is a virtual event – Eventbrite

This workshop talks through the relationship between mental health and different forms of screentime – some of the myths, science and also tips for how to think about and support your teen around different forms of screentime.

To register for this online workshop please click on this link: [Social Media & Gaming - What Parents Need to Know Tickets, Thu 6 Feb 2025 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

-Mrs M Sundborg  
Assistant Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Staff Messages

### SEND Feedback

Robyn Schofield our SEND Local Offer Coordinator would appreciate if any parents/carers could complete the following survey regarding Sutton's Local Offer: [Local Offer Feedback 12/12/2024 - Google Forms](#)

-Mrs K Bates  
Director of Inclusion





# WhatsApp

## safety guide for parents

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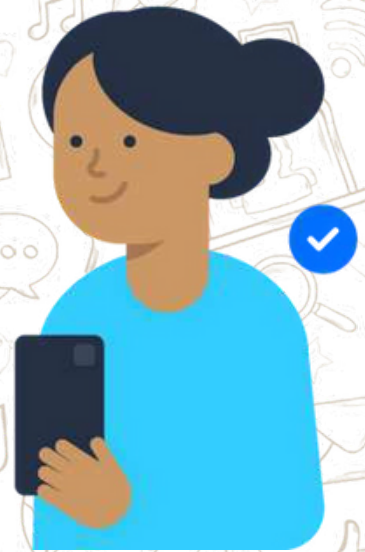
WhatsApp's  
minimum age  
in the UK

**58%**

Kids aged 3-17  
who use  
WhatsApp

**37%**

Kids under 13  
who use  
WhatsApp



## 5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp



**1** **Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.



**2** **Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.



**3** **Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.



**4** **Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.



**5** **Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

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For family or friends who  
step up to raise a child.

# Kinship Roadshow

care, connect and learn together



Wednesday 26 February

9:30am - 2:30pm

Hilton London Croydon, 101 Waddon Way, Purley Way, Croydon, CR9 4HH

**This is a FREE event for all kinship carers, where you'll:**

meet and **share experiences** with other kinship carers - family members and friends like you, raising children when their parents are unable to

visit our **marketplace stalls**, where local community organisations will share resources and guidance related to financial and legal support, physical and mental health, and much more

join **practical workshops** to support you in your caring role like:

- tips for managing contact with family members
- an introduction to trauma and attachment
- supporting your kinship child at school
- understand what other support is available locally

**Free lunch and refreshments will be provided on the day**



Scan the QR code or visit  
[kinship.org.uk/croydon-roadshow](https://kinship.org.uk/croydon-roadshow)  
to find out more and book your place.







# Our other services for kinship carers

We're here, whenever you need support. You can access lots of information, advice or meet other kinship carers through:



**Our Kinship Community** – when you sign up to receive emails from us, we'll keep you up to date with all the details of our support groups, workshops, events, campaigns and more. Visit [kinship.org.uk/community](https://kinship.org.uk/community) to sign up.



**Our free online workshops** - for any kinship carer on topics related to kinship care and your caring role. Book a free workshop: [kinship.org.uk/workshops](https://kinship.org.uk/workshops)



**Our peer support groups** - meet and chat to other kinship carers just like you. Find a support group in your local area or join one of our online support groups: [kinship.org.uk/groups](https://kinship.org.uk/groups)



**Someone Like Me** – our telephone peer support service. Trained kinship carer volunteers will offer you a listening ear, providing you with emotional support from people who understand. Get matched with a volunteer: [kinship.org.uk/someone-like-me](https://kinship.org.uk/someone-like-me)



**Kinship Compass** – [kinship.org.uk/compass](https://kinship.org.uk/compass) - our online information, advice and support hub just for kinship carers. You can also call our **advice line** for specialist support and information – you can call us for free, Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 2pm on **0300 123 7015**.



@Kinshipcarecharity



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## Attendance

Requests for absence, including illness or appointments should be sent to:

[attendance@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto: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:

KS3 and 4 –

[mandrews@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:mandrews@wallingtongirls.org.uk)

KS5 –

[jday@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:jday@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](mailto:info@wallingtongirls.org.uk)



## Parking

**Parking** Please note that parents are unable to park or drive into the school grounds between the hours of 7.30 -4.30 for safeguarding reasons. Families can contact our reception to ask for permission, where the needs arises for a pupil with mobility issues.

[reception@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:reception@wallingtongirls.org.uk)

Please also ensure that when dropping your child at school each day, you are respectful of our local residents by not blocking drives and roads or impacting others safety by parking or dropping off your child(ren) irresponsibly

## Punctuality

**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.

WHSG will issue same day, 20 min detentions for students that are late into school, without a valid reason or persistent lateness to classes. Parents and students will be notified as soon as possible of the detention and the reasoning by email.

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.