



WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

# The Wallington Week

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

Monday 24th March 2025

## Message from the Headteacher

There were several amazing events last week. Let's start with the Iftar event on Tuesday evening. This was the first Iftar to happen at school and it was a really special event. It was wonderful to see so many of our students and staff come together, many from different religions and cultures, all in one place to break fast together.



Then there was the two-day Ofsted inspection. The final report will be out in 30 working days, but our students and staff did us proud!

And then, the amazing Gym and Dance show! A huge well done to the huge number of students involved and thank you to those of you who came and supported the event, what a tremendous evening it was, with so much talent on display. It is no doubt that this is such a vibrant, busy school, where everything is celebrated! What a week!

On Wednesday 26th March we are holding our annual Makers of the future day. During the afternoon the sports hall is transformed into a buzzing higher education and careers fair. We have over 20 universities attending along with a host of career stalls, and all students from Year 9-13 can attend.

-Ms 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](#).

### Current Vacancies

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

## Upcoming Events

**26th March**- Year 12 Makers of the Future Day

**1st April**- Spring Concert

**23rd April**- Year 8 Parents' Evening & Early Finish for all students

# Calendar

## Week A

### Monday 24th March

- GCSE Music Recording
- Late Detention 15:10-15:30pm
- Student Event; Bingo 15:05-15:45pm

### Tuesday 25th March

- Late Detention 14:10-14:30pm
- Christian Union Spring Night (Activity Studio) 3:30-5pm

### Wednesday 26th March

- Makers of the Future Day - Year 12
- Central Detention (15:10-15:40pm)
- School Council Carshalton High School for Boy (15:30-17:30pm)
- Higher Education Evening - Year 12 (18:00-19:15pm Main Hall )

### Thursday 27th March

- Year 13 Scripted Drama Examination (all day)
- Year 9 Injections (8:15-13:15pm)
- Late Detention (15:10-15:30pm)

### Friday 28th March

- Year 13 Scripted Drama Examination (all day)
- Late Detention (15:10-15:30pm)
- Central Detention (15:10-16:10pm)
- Headteacher Detention- (15:10-17:10pm)
- Student run event: Easter Fair & Easter Egg Hunt (15:15-17:15pm)

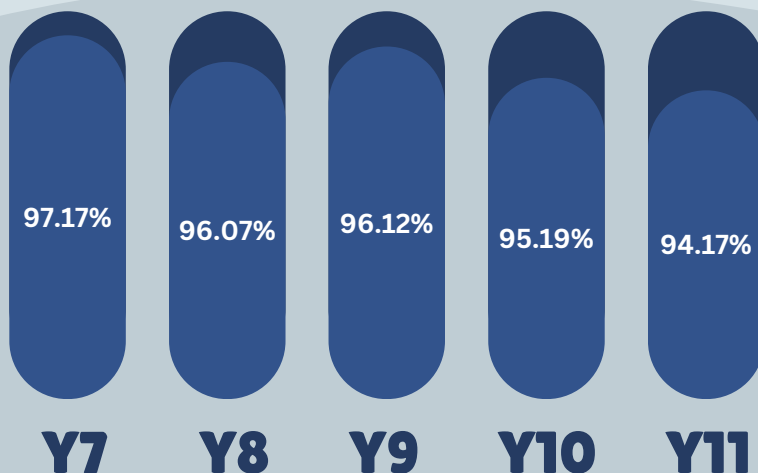
**2025**

## INSET Days

- Monday 16th June
- Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September

## Attendance Percentages

Between 02/09/24 - 19/03/25



## DSL Messages

### TikTok – Parental Supervision

TikTok has released some new features which will help with parental supervision. These new features include Time Away, a feature to decide when it's time for children to take a break and a reoccurring schedule. There's also a feature which allows parents to see who their children are following on TikTok.

More information about these new features can be found [HERE](#) and the full range of TikTok Family Pairing features can be found [HERE](#).

-Mrs M Sundborg  
Assistant Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Lead and Senior  
Mental Health Lead

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

Date and time: **Wed 2nd April 2025, 18.00-19.00**

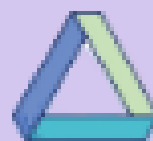
Facilitator: **Mr Donnelly – Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning at WHSG**

Location: **This event will be held at WHSG**

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.

## Staff Messages

### UKMT Team Maths Challenge 2025



## UK Maths Trust

The Team Maths Challenge is a competition that promotes mathematical dexterity, teamwork and communication skills. It also gives students the opportunity to compete against students from other schools in the local area. Last week, four of our students took part in the regional heat of this competition. The students worked really hard and their problem-solving abilities and teamwork skills really stood out on the day – we are so proud of them all. Kanya (9Bro) has written about their experience....

Last Friday, four of us (Aksharaa & Isha in Yr 8 and Vaishaa & Kanya in Yr 9) went to Nonsuch for the whole day to take part in the UKMT Team Maths Challenge inter-school competition. We took part in four different action-packed rounds, including a relay in which we had to run between tables to collect and answer questions, making for a very fun day. It was a great experience, and we came fifth out of around twenty overall.

-Miss S Tucker  
Maths Teacher

## Gym and Dance Display 19th & 20th March 2025



On the 19th and 20th of March, students from all year groups took to the stage for our highly anticipated Gym and Dance Display. The event was a vibrant celebration of skill, dedication, and creativity, with performances ranging from dynamic gymnastics routines to beautifully choreographed dance pieces.

Each individual/group brought something unique, impressing the audience with their energy, teamwork, and technical ability. The event highlighted the hard work students have put in throughout the term and was a fantastic display of the talent within our school.

A huge thank you to all the participants, staff, and supporters who made this event such a success! We look forward to seeing even more incredible performances next year.

## Student Achievements

We are delighted to share the incredible news that one of our students, Sachi (10C), was featured on BBC Radio last week, following her participation in the Rap Therapy session held at our school.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0ks5dw1?partner=uk.co.bbc&origin=share-mobile>

After just one visit to the studio, Sachi was invited to record her first song as the lead chorus singer. She also stars in the main video (coming soon!) and had the amazing opportunity to give her first-ever radio interview. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are so proud to see her stepping into something so meaningful.

Congratulations, Sachi!

RADIO  
LONDON



Jessie (7P) had an outstanding competition, achieving fantastic results across multiple cheerleading teams.

On Saturday 15th, she competed with Lime (Level 2, USA Team U12) and Peach (Level 3, U14). Both teams secured 1st place, with Lime earning the prestigious title of Grand Champions.

On Sunday 16th, Jessie continued her success, competing with Teal (Level 4, U16), where the team also achieved 1st place.

Congratulations to Jessie!

## Careers

### Careers Fair

We are excited to announce that we are holding our annual Careers Fair, on the 26th March.

The purpose of this Careers Fair is to provide students with valuable insights into various career paths and opportunities available to them. Exposure to industry professionals will greatly benefit our students as they explore potential career options and make informed decisions about their futures. If you would like to support our fair by hosting a stall, please email Mrs. Lisa Parkinson at [lparkinson@wallingtongirls.org.uk](mailto:lparkinson@wallingtongirls.org.uk).

-Mrs L Parkinson  
Careers Coordinator

# CAREERS FAIR

# 2025



WEDNESDAY,  
26TH MARCH  
13:15 - 15:15

Wallington High School for Girls  
Woodcote Road  
Wallington  
SM6 0PH



Networking lunch 12:30 - 13:15



# CAREERS NOTICEBOARD

24th March 2025



## Unifrog Webinars

Please find all upcoming webinars [here](#).

- **Study in Belgium** - 25th March
- **Unifrog virtual university fair** - 26th March
- **Virtual Work Experience with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers** - 6th March
- **Artificial intelligence and legal rights: could AI be treated just like you and I?** - 27th March
- **Five things everyone should know about criminology, criminal justice, and policing** - 27th March
- **Psychology taster: the science behind how parents affect their child's development** - 31st March
- **Making iconic brands: product innovation or creative advertising?** 1st April
- **Criminal law taster: how is grievous bodily harm prosecuted?** 1st April



## Lloyds Banking Group Careers Live: Get into Finance - Tuesday 1st April, 5pm - 6pm

Are you curious about a career in Banking and Finance? Join this virtual event designed to give you insights into one of the UK's largest financial institutions and how to make build your career within the industry. This is your chance to learn about the wide range of career opportunities available at Lloyds Banking Group as well as their Easter Work Experience Schemes.

Register to attend [here](#).

## Gain Real-World Experience with KPMG - Monday 14th April 10am - 3pm

This one-day virtual experience is designed to give students valuable exposure to the world of professional services, helping them build confidence, develop key skills, and gain an understanding of career opportunities at KPMG.

Register to attend [here](#).

## Epsom & St Helier Explore NHS Careers Virtual Insight Day

Epsom and St Helier are organising a virtual programme for anyone aged 14 years and above who may be looking for an insight into NHS careers. This online experience allows students to gain an early understanding of some of the various career opportunities in healthcare.

The programme arrangements are still ongoing, but we are proposing to deliver over one or two days during the week of the 7 – 11 April 2025.

To register, apply [here](#). The deadline to apply is [30th March 2025](#)

## Creative Careers

There's a career for you in the creative industries. Visit [Creative Careers](#) to discover a range of job profiles across the creative industries, featuring careers information from industry partners.



Browse the latest edition of Careermag which includes guides to computer science, aerospace and engineering construction.



**University of London Taster Courses** are short courses at participating universities in and around London, such as King's, UCL and Queen Mary. They are one day or half day courses (some run slightly longer) and they give you the opportunity to try out a variety of subjects.

To see what's available, click [here](#)

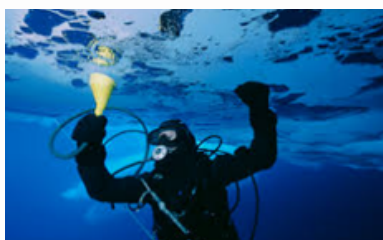


**Video Library**  
Speakers for Schools runs a regular series of inspirational and informative talks with industry leaders. Browse the recordings [here](#)



**Gresham College Lectures**  
Gresham College has offered free lectures for over 300 years, covering a range of topics. You can browse the recordings of previous lectures [here](#) and sign up to watch upcoming lectures live [here](#)

## CAREER INSIGHT - Oceanographer



Oceanographers use science and mathematics to study and explain the complex interactions between seawater, fresh water, polar ice caps, the atmosphere and the biosphere.

You'll usually need a degree in a subject such as oceanography, ocean science, geology, biology, chemistry, environmental science, marine sciences, geography, maths or physics. There are many postgraduate courses to choose from, and courses cover physical, chemical and biological oceanography as well as areas such as computing, mathematical modelling and remote sensing.

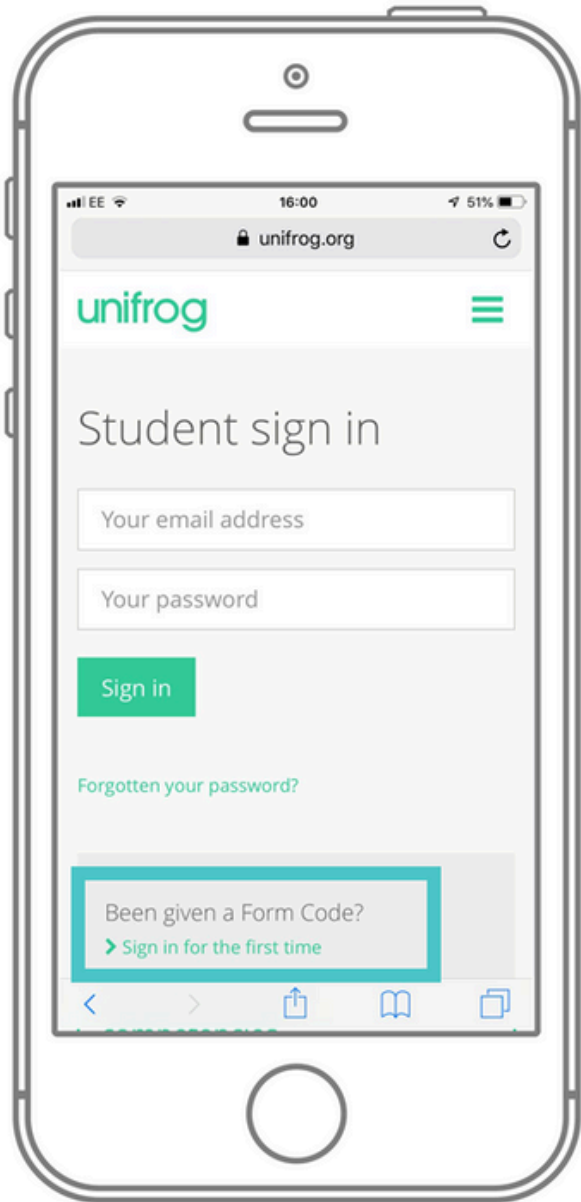
Typical employers include private industry, research institutes, universities, government research laboratories, the armed services, charities and pressure groups.

Find out more: <https://www.imarest.org/> <https://sut.org/> [Deep Dive into Oceanography](#).



# unifrog

## Parents & Carers, get signed up!



In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next steps after school, we use Unifrog; an award-winning, online destinations platform.

And you can also have your own Unifrog account!

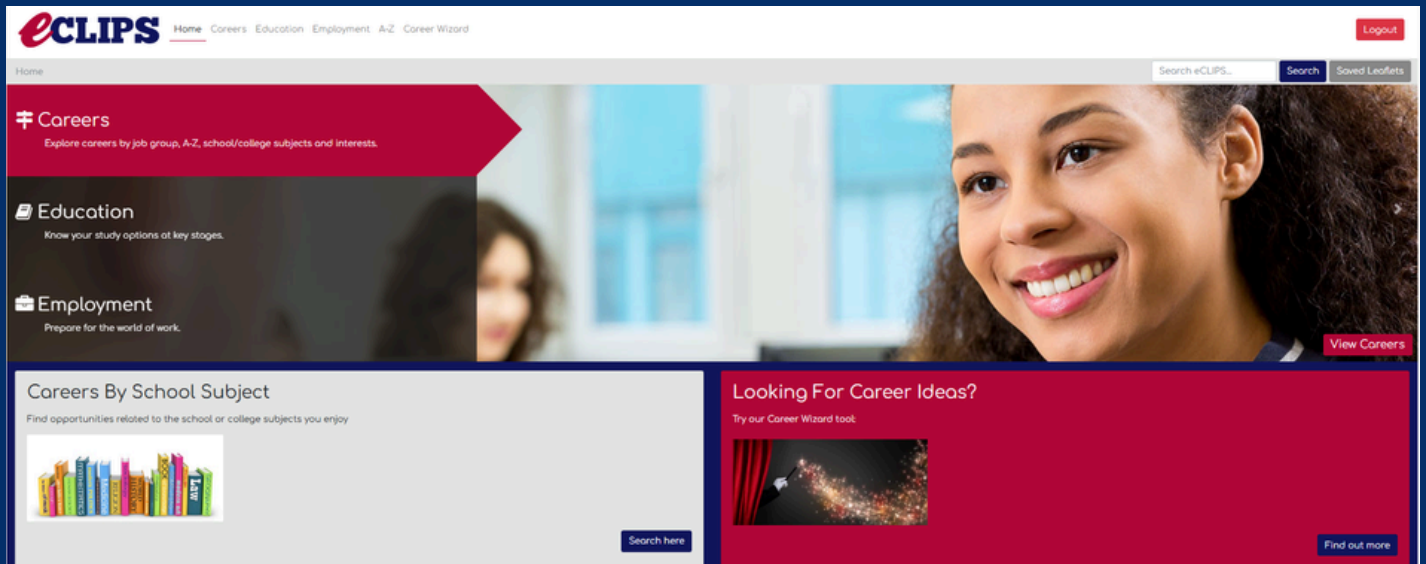
You can;

- Research careers
- Attend webinars delivered by employers and universities to learn more about their opportunities
- Sign-up to their newsletter to get expert advice and guidance on supporting your child with their next steps.

Scan this QR code or go to [www.unifrog.org/student](http://www.unifrog.org/student) and click 'Sign in for the first time'



Here you'll be asked for some details and a Sign up Code: WHSGPARENTS



## eCLIPS makes careers exploration simple!

It offers accurate, impartial information on over 1400 careers, plus a wealth of advice and information on education and employment choices.

Search for careers by job group, A-Z, school subject or use the Careers Wizard tool.

Find information on all the different education pathways and advice to help you prepare for your future career.

### Research

- 1400+ careers
- Labour market information
- Live vacancies
- Careers by school subjects
- Study options
- Employment choices
- Apprenticeships
- Career matching tool

**Login to:**

[www.eclips-online.co.uk](http://www.eclips-online.co.uk)

**Password: coepsa90**



## Politics Conference Trip

On Monday, myself and lots of other Politics students got the chance to attend the Polecon Student Conference in Westminster. The subject line of the conference read “The State of the State,” and even with this warning, this event certainly managed to highlight just how divided the UK political spectrum has become. This conference could not have come at a more tumultuous yet relevant time. With world order in disarray and right-wing populism reaching ever greater heights, it's fair to say there was much to discuss. We heard from many voices across the landscape of UK politics, bringing to life the figures of our textbooks and giving us the unprecedented chance to engage with a vast array of opinions. Each speaker gave a 15-minute speech and then opened the floor to questions. With around 2,000 students in attendance and only 4 microphones, this quickly became a rather lively affair.

First to speak was the infamous Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg, the former Conservative MP, who impressed us all with his eloquent yet argumentative style of address. While his opinions, particularly on abortion and gay marriage, were largely ill-received by the rowdy audience, it is undeniable that he exuded political skill in every regard. This was followed by Richard Tice, former leader of Reform UK, another controversial figure. His grand, sweeping (rather hopeful) proclamations about the future of his party were much of the same Reform UK rhetoric we have become well acquainted with in recent months. Then we were graced with the presence of three notable women from the left-wing of our political spectrum. While Sian Berry (Green Party MP) and Daisy Cooper (Deputy Leader of the Lib Dems) offered perspectives from the smaller parties, which have been growing in popularity in recent years, Emily Thornberry (current Labour MP, serving as Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee) gave us insight into the workings of the current government and their attempts to deal with the turbulent international circumstances created by the Trump administration and its evident affinity for the Kremlin.

This was succeeded by an address from the inspirational Lord Dubs. Many among us were deeply moved by his thoughtful and emotive discussion on the rights of asylum seekers, his passion for the subject sparked by his survival of the Holocaust. He fled Germany at 6 years old in 1939 on a Kindertransport train, leaving many of us to deeply reflect upon our privilege and the ever-present evils of fascism. A few speakers, such as SNP's Stephen Flynn, passed without consequence, but then it was time for the big event. The event every devout Politics student had been waiting for. The man that made the room hum with anticipation from the moment he entered – Alastair Campbell. He has achieved celebrity status among politically engaged circles, not simply for his significant involvement in Tony Blair's 'New Labour' government, but also for his very successful podcast, The Rest Is Politics, which he hosts alongside Rory Stewart. With his days of active politics behind him, he was free to offer honest and candid views on the “state of the State.” He capitalized on this frequently, offering candidly pessimistic views on the new US presidency.

On this note, the conference was brought to a close, but we weren't done just yet. We attended Campbell's book signing and even got the chance to meet him, or in Mr. Carter's case, shake his hand. As you can see by his face in the picture, this excited him immensely. Overall, this conference was an interesting and invaluable experience, and I am sure all the Year 12s are looking forward to attending next academic year.



Layla (12ZKM)

# Child Criminal Exploitation

Children may not realise they are being exploited.

- ▶ Unexplained cash, clothes, mobile phones.
- ▶ Missing from home and education.
- ▶ Being arrested for drug-related or weapon offences.



## Think...

What is the child's behaviour trying to tell you?



[safeguarding.network/exploitation](https://safeguarding.network/exploitation)



Local contact details:





# Arguing Better

**A course to help parents communicate better with each other**

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Would you like to learn healthy ways to deal with stress and conflict?

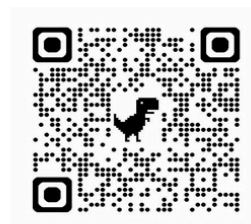
If yes please come and join us at:

Carshalton Family Hub & Children's Centre  
 Tweeddale Road, SM5 1SQ  
 Tuesday 29th April 2025  
 Start at 9.30am  
 Finish 12.30pm

### Parents only

Must have a child under 19 years or 25 years with SEN living at home and be a resident of Sutton.

### To book your space please?



## 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 7.30am-4.30pm for safeguarding reasons.

Families can contact our reception to ask for permission, where the need 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.