

# Wallington High School for Girls

# THE WALLINGTON WEEK

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE  
WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE 2024



## Useful links

### Co-Curricular Activities

[SOCs](#), the school's new 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.

## Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Wallington Walk** - what a fantastic day. All the students looked amazing, especially those who had gone the extra mile in their outfits. It was so lovely to see all the students participate in this House event and I hope you have sent in any monies raised. I know of at least one student who has raised over £800!!! We have raised over 10K already and hope more will come in. Those science labs are going to really appreciate this!

**Parent survey** – I have been through this and will share my analysis with you in the next edition. It was great to see so much positive feedback, but I am also mindful of where we could do better.

**Exam season continues** – the students are doing so well, and I am really proud of them all.

- Ms T O'Brien  
Headteacher

## Upcoming events

**June 25th -**  
Sixth Form  
Induction

**July 9th -**  
Sports Day

**June 28th –**  
Y11 Prom

**July 11th -**  
Sports Awards  
Ceremony

**July 1st -**  
Year 13 Prizegiving

**14th - 19th July**  
CCF Longmoor

**July 3rd -**  
Year 7 Induction

**July 15th -**  
Makers of the  
Future Day

**July 4th -**  
Open Evening

Well Done  
Wallington Awards

**July 8th -**  
Year 9 Celebration  
Picnic

**July 16th - 18th**  
WHSG Summer  
Enrichment

**This week: Week B**

**Monday 3rd June -**

Public Exams

GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition (Main Hall)

Y10 Practical Food Exam (Mon – Thu in G28)

Late detentions (15:10-15:30 – E06)

**Tuesday 4th June -**

Late detentions (15:10-15:30 – E06)

Middle Leaders 15:10 – 16:10 in E06

**Wednesday 5th June -**

Central detention (15:10 – 15:40 – E06)

Late detentions (15:10-15:30 – E06)

**Thursday 6th June -**

Late detentions (15:10-15:30 – E06)

**Friday 7th June -**

Event with Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé (Year 7 and 8) at lunch in the Library

Year 10 Geog trip to London Docklands

Central detention (15:10 – 16:10 – E06)

Late detention (15:10 – 15:30 – E06)



**Primary  
Open Morning**



**Thursday 13th June 2024**

**9am - 10.30am**

A great opportunity to come along tomorrow and talk to us about how you can train to teach with an Ofsted outstanding provider.



Book your place by emailing: [info@suttonscitt.org.uk](mailto:info@suttonscitt.org.uk)

**Train to Teach**



**Webinar**

Thursday 13th June 2024  
5-6 pm

Find out about our training programme, and how to apply to start in September



To book a free place email [RFA@glenthorne.sutton.sch.uk](mailto:RFA@glenthorne.sutton.sch.uk)

## Carers Week (10-16th June)

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who don't think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support. This year the theme is 'Putting Carers on the Map' highlighting the invaluable contributions of carers across the UK and ensuring their voices are heard loud and clear. For more information please visit this website - [About Carers Week | Carers Week](#)

- Miss M Gough  
Assistant Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Parents & Carers Kooth Info Sessions: A message from Cassim

My name is Cassim and I'm the South West London engagement lead for Kooth, covering Wandsworth, Croydon, Sutton, Merton, Kingston and Richmond. Kooth is commissioned by NHS. I will be running a number of parent and carer virtual sessions in June and we'd love to invite as many parents as possible to find out how the school and Kooth are working together to support your young person's mental health and wellbeing.

As you may already know, at Kooth, we offer free support with no waiting lists. Kooth is a safe and anonymous space for young people to talk about their wellbeing without the fear of judgement. We have clinical practitioners on hand to offer one-to-one support through text-based counselling, operating after school hours, on weekends, and during school holidays. Your child or young person can access the immediate help they need without a formal referral.

If you'd like to attend one of the sessions please complete this [form](#). I understand the limits that parents/carers have in attending work day sessions, so I have organised the sessions to be in the evening and on a Sunday too.

Thank you.

## Warning about the Likee app

With over 100+ million users around the world the Likee app is gaining popularity in the UK and Ireland. Likee is a short-video creation and sharing app, available for iOS and Android operating systems. The Likee app is free to download and is rated as 12+ in the app store, however when signing up to the app there is no age verification in place. This in itself, like other platforms, presents a concern. For example, a user who is under 13 can register as an over 18 user without any problem. Even more worryingly, the same can be done for an opportunistic adult user who wants to create an account on the platform as a 13-year-old to meet other 13-year-olds. It's important for parents and carers to note that much of the video content on this app including the live content is incredibly suggestive. We feel it's very important for parents and carers to be aware of this app and the associated risks. A good way to prevent this app from being downloaded onto your child's device is to set up the parental controls on devices and turn on the 'ask to buy'.

- Miss M Gough  
Assistant Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse. As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss Gough) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. A poster published by Operation Encompass can be found [here](#).

- Miss M Gough  
Assistant Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Torch of Remembrance

On Tuesday of last week seven senior cadets from Wilson's School CCF (including two from WHSG) attended the ceremony to start the relay of The Torch of Remembrance. The torch was lit and handed by PM Rishi Sunak to Naval Veteran Peter Kent who handed it on to a chain of military personnel, cadets and other young people including Company Sergeant Major Wijendra from Wilson's. The event was covered live on BBC Breakfast with CSM Wijendra centre stage and the remainder of the WSCCF Cadets providing a Guard of Honour. Subsequently the event was covered by all the mainstream news channels.

A big well done to those involved from Contingent Commander Burton at Wilson's, and the CCF Coordinator's at Wallington; 2LT Chatfield and PI Aldemir.

## Young Reporter Winning Student!

Big congratulations to Zara in Year 12 who has won an award with Young Reporter for her excellent writing of news articles! Young Reporter is a scheme run by the local news organisation Newsquest and gives students the opportunity to submit real stories to a local news website. Zara worked incredibly hard in the Journalism Elective this year, embraced the Young Reporter scheme, and submitted articles in the news, interview and event categories. She won the opportunity to attend a university day at Kingston University, where she was shown how to use their software to create the student magazine and she will be invited to attend the Young Reporter Award Ceremony in June. Well done Zara!

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Safeerah and Arabi in Year 12 who also worked really hard in the Journalism Elective; they submitted excellent articles and met every single deadline set, meaning they will receive letters of recognition from the Young Reporter scheme.

To read This Is Local London's article on this please click [here](#).

- Miss W Williams  
Head of KS3 English

## PRIME MINISTER RISHI SUNAK AND ARMY CADETS JOIN FORCES TO LIGHT D-DAY TORCH OF REMEMBRANCE

The D-Day Torch Event took place on the 14th of May at The Tilt Yard at Horse Guards in Whitehall. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, other distinguished participants, and Cadet CSM Aaron Wijendra from Wilson's School CCF were honoured to take part in the ceremony.



Shoutout to FSgt Michiva pictured in uniform to the right.

## Young Writer's Winter Wonderland Poetry Competition Poem

My poem (Winter Tapestry) was selected to be published for the Young Writers' Frosty Wonders anthology.

- Eshika (Year 7)

## Winning Young Reporters experience newsroom realities

Kingston University hosted the Young Reporter Scheme winners' day on Saturday 18 May. If you were involved, you might be featured in this article [here](#)!

Well done to everyone who participated.

- Miss W Williams  
Head of KS3 English

## 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.

## Changes in contact information

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)

## 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 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.

## Back-to-school advice

Click [here](#) for essential information provided by the GovUK website.

## 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.



# WHSG Open Evening 2024

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 4pm to 8.30pm

Open Evening is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July , and we need your help!

### Year 7 and 8 students

We are looking year 7 and 8 pupils to act as department helpers in various subject rooms; helping run activities for visitors or answering queries on the curriculum.

As a helper, you will need to:

- look very smart in your uniform
- be informed and interested in the subject you have volunteered to help
- be cheerful and communicate confidently and politely with the general public

We will reward you with House Points.

A permission letter has been sent to your parents –please do sign up and help us out – you are our Ambassadors and our biggest asset and we want to show you off to the public!

Permission must be given by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June.



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### Year 9 and 10 students

We are looking for lots of Year 9 and 10 pupils to act as Tour Guides to accompany visitors around the school and show them everything that is going on.

As a Tour Guide you will need to:

- look very smart in your uniform
- wear a Tour Guide sash so people identify you as someone who offers information
- be cheerful and communicate confidently and politely with the general public

We will reward you with House Points.

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