

# Wallington High School for Girls

## THE WALLINGTON WEEK

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2024



### Message from the Headteacher



The KS3 music concert was another triumph for all those who took part. With a variety of performances, the standard was incredibly high, and I felt privileged to be in the audience of such talented musicians. Well done to all performers. I fully appreciate how much practice goes in to being so good. On that note, we say thank you and goodbye to Mrs. Yard this week, who has been with us covering for a maternity leave. Mrs. Yard has worked exceptionally hard for all our students, and we are incredibly grateful for her dedication. Mrs. Ngobi will be returning soon as the Head of the music department.

As Year 8 students move into Year 9, I would like to remind you that all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 must not have a smartphone in school from September.

We welcome our new parents to our welcome BBQ run by the PFA on Saturday 6th July. I will be in Birmingham with our Gospel Choir but Jennifer Smith, our CEO will be there to say hello to new parents. I know the PFA are hoping for lots of helpers. If you could come along, even if only for an hour to talk to the new parents or help the PFA please let them know by completing this [form](#).

Over the next few weeks, students will see posters advertising the main political parties and the candidates around the school. They will be able to hear from all the candidates in the week beginning the 1st of July to hear their parties' ideas. After that we will have a huge vote as a school and see how our results compare to the national situation! Important points to note: The five parties were chosen as they are the five main parties with the most influence in England. Certain parties, e.g. the SNP, were excluded as they focus on the interests of other nations within the UK, which would likely be less relevant to the school and its students. It's crucial to highlight that the school does not endorse any of these parties and will remain neutral throughout the election period, and that the candidates volunteered for these roles and the parties do not reflect their beliefs.

Twenty-two year 12 humanities students recently attended the 'How the Light Gets in' Philosophy Festival in Hay. The trip provided them with the unique opportunity to engage with leading thinkers, participate in thought provoking discussions and explore a wide range of philosophical and ethical topics. A particular highlight was meeting renowned philosopher Peter Singer, which left the students inspired and with a deeper understanding of contemporary ethical issues. They returned with widened horizons and a renewed passion for learning.

Our first ever Summer Fayre runs on Friday 12th July. As this is the first event of its kind, we are limiting it to a student only event. Please ask if your child is coming and if they have saved up some spending money to enjoy sponging the teachers and other such activities!

This week is CultureFest week where we have a variety of events each day including a variety of workshops, a catwalk and a cultural food festival. This looks to be a great celebration of culture, and very exciting, and I can't wait to see what's on offer.

- Ms T O'Brien  
Headteacher

### 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.

### 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 A****Monday 24th June –**

- Late detention (15:10-15:30)

**Tuesday 25th June -**

- Sixth Form Induction Day
- Late detention (15:10-15:30)
- CCF at Wilson's School (15:30-18:00)
- Summer LAMDA Showcase Y7/8
- (During extended lesson time – 15:05 – 17:20)

**Wednesday 26th June -**

- Y9 Drugs Talk (8:30-9:30 – Main Hall)
- Summer LAMDA Showcase (During extended lesson time – 15:05 – 17:20)
- Late detention (15:10-15:30)
- Central detention (15:10 – 15:40)
- Rhineland Parent Information Meeting (18:00-19:00 – Main Hall)

**Thursday 27th June -**

- Non Uniform Day for School Diversity Week and Pride Month
- Late detention (15:10-15:30)
- Friday 28th June -
- Late detention (15:10-15:30)
- Central detention (15:10 – 16:10)
- Year 11 Prom at Farleigh Golf Club 19:00-22:30

**Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th**

- Sunday 30th: LAMDA Exams

**Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Prizegiving**

- A reminder that the Year 11 Prom is taking place this week on Friday 28th June 2024 between 7-10:30pm at Farleigh Golf Club.
- The Year 13 Prizegiving is taking place next Monday, 1st July. We will welcome all students/parents and carers who have RSVP'd at 1:45pm via the Main Reception.

- Miss T Aldemir  
Events and Communications Manager  
CCF Coordinator

**Volunteers needed: Y7 BBQ Event**

We are hosting a Year 7 BBQ for current Year 6's who will be joining our school in the new academic year. To facilitate this event, we'd appreciate any volunteers who can offer one-off support on Saturday 6th July between 1-4pm. If you are free to help on this day, please fill in the form [here](#).

Thank you.

- WHSG PFA

**Upcoming event: Y9 Picnic**

- Miss E Cooper  
Head of Year 9

## WhatsApp Safety Guide

With over 2.7 billion monthly users, WhatsApp is one of the most used messaging apps. Find out what features you can use to help keep your child's personal information private. Please see this [guide](#).

## Reducing your child's screen time

[Here](#) are some tips to help parents/carers begin the journey to less screen time with the children and young people in your care.

## Parent Workshop: Transition from Primary to Secondary School

**Date and time:** Wed 3rd July 2024, 18.30-20.00

**Facilitator:** Hayley Cameron (Education Safeguarding Manager - Cognus), Steve Welding (Education E-safety Adviser - Cognus) and Aniké Clarke (Education Welfare Officer - Cognus)

**Location:** This is a virtual event – Teams

Hayley Cameron and Steve Welding from Cognus will be providing parents/carers with helpful hints and tips on how to support their child as they transition from Primary to Secondary school. The Education Welfare Officer will also be on hand to provide guidance on attendance and the legal framework around school absence.

The link is here for this online workshop:

### Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Meeting ID:** 381 809 182 145

**Passcode:** 2MeGto

- Miss M Gough  
Assistant Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Year 11 Uniform Donations

As year 11 have now finished their exams, if you have any items of school uniform you wish to donate to the PFA for our pre-loved uniform sales, please do drop these washed items into reception before the end of term.

Reception is open from 8am to 4pm and any donations are gratefully received.

- Mrs C Kinchington  
Headteacher's PA

## International Day of Women's Engineering

Sunday 23rd June 2024 is The International Day of Women in Engineering. Every field of Engineering offers a creative and diverse career opportunities.

We have sent a PowerPoint to all students in our Student Bulletin for anyone who may be interested. If your child is interested in becoming an engineer or wants to find out more about this field please remind them about this opportunity.

- Mrs C Gallagher  
Teacher of DT

## National Theatre: Connections 2024

Connections is an annual, nationwide youth theatre festival. The programme has been established for 30 years with a celebrated history of championing the talent of young people from across the UK.

Every year, we commission ten new plays for young people to perform, bringing together some of the UK's most exciting writers with the theatre-makers of tomorrow.

If this of interest to any of our families, tickets for each show can be found [here](#) and are sold for a small fee of £5 per ticket.

- Miss T Aldemir  
Events and Communications Manager  
CCF Coordinator

## Thailand Showcase 2024

Between 28th and 30th June there will be a [Thailand Showcase at King's Cross Coal Drops Yard](#). This is a free event and families can enjoy street food, Thai crafts, traditional dance and music performances over this coming weekend.

- Miss T Aldemir  
Events and Communications Manager  
CCF Coordinator

## Health Psychology Lecture

The Year 12s were treated to a mini-lecture by my old lecturer, Professor Jane Ogden. She praised the students and has said she would return next year so future Psychologists please keep an eye out! Here are Khadijah's thoughts about the lecture: "The health psychology lecture was an insightful talk surrounding a vast range of topics. Some examples of the topics discussed are eating habits and behaviours, communication in consultations, and the real-life applications of this research in helping people struggling with obesity or eating disorders. Professor Ogden started the lecture by introducing health psychology and the biopsychosocial model it follows. It was particularly fascinating hearing her discuss research conducted that explored eating behaviours in different circumstances, which found that we tend to overeat or eat more when watching TV as our mind is not consciously aware of the calories being consumed (as the TV offers a distraction), and this subsequently makes us feel full slower. This is particularly pertinent in helping professionals support people who suffer from eating disorders. This could even be applied to parenting techniques! Professor Ogden also covered communication, citing studies which showed patients feeling much more relaxed in a medical setting when the doctor matches their level of language, and refrains from using medical jargon. This could in turn encourage people to visit the doctors when ill, as they will be less fearful. Overall, I feel the talk was incredibly thoughtful, and made us all think about psychology in a wider setting outside the classroom, and it explored an area of psychology not many people offer much thought to. If there was one thing to remember from the talk, it is that health psychology is NOT the same as clinical psychology! They both explore very different areas, but there can be some overlap in terms of using findings in clinical settings."

## Junior Kangaroo

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Well done to the following Year 7 and Year 8 students whose impressive performances in the Junior Mathematical Challenge meant they qualified for the Junior Kangaroo...

#### Year 8

Ashve, Swathy, Mugdha, Mahika, Giovanna, Rhia, Zeenat, Neha, Isha, Shajuri, Sarah, Vithu, Serena, Shirin, Tharunja, Angel, Vaishaa, Jessica, Aksitha, Elsie, Tianna, Daniya, Urja, Lakshana, Prapha, Benita, Lina, Advitha, Vasuki, Louise, Lishvittha, Jeevika, Sofia, Sia, Safiya, Abiraa and Zaynah

#### Year 7

Harsika, Aanya, Anaisa, Shriya, Srisakthi, Emisha, Corrina, Ananya, Eshika, Tanjum, Emma, Alice, Harine, Abigail, Rida, Jotheega, Freya, Avni, Sreemaa, Isabella, Hershna, Livia, Rhea, Dithusha and Issy

We have received the results this week and everyone has done really well. Particular congratulations to the following students who achieved Merit Certificates...

#### Year 8

Mugdha, Mahika, Neha, Benita, Aksitha, Vasuki, Vithu, Safiya, and Serena.

#### Year 7

Aanya, Emisha, Alice, Corrina and Dithusha.

There were some very impressive scores with Alice, Corrina and Neha scoring 112 and Dithusha and Aksitha both achieving the top score in our school with 118.

Well done to everyone who took part!

- Miss S Tucker  
Head of KS5 Mathematics

## Swimming Success: Anna's Progress Update



Since the last update before the Surrey County Championships in January, Anna has made significant strides in her swimming journey.

Anna qualified for 7 races this year, the most she has ever achieved in her age group: 50 m breaststroke and fly, 100 m breaststroke, 200 m breaststroke and IM, 400 IM, and 800 free. She reached the finals in the 50 and 100 breaststroke, finishing 6th and 7th, respectively, in a highly competitive field.

In March, Anna competed in two Level 1 galas in Wycombe and Winchester, marking her first time at such a high level outside of Surrey and regional meets. She set several personal bests (PBs), won a bronze medal in the 50m breaststroke at Winchester, and qualified for the regionals in the 50m and 100m breaststroke. She also represented her club in the 400m medley relay at the regionals.

Despite her efforts, Anna did not make the 50m final at the regionals, although she achieved a 3-second PB in the 100 breaststroke relay, which unfortunately didn't count towards national qualifications. In May, she competed in the Romford Level 1 Last Chance National Qualifier, setting a 1-second PB in the 100 breaststroke, ranking her around 100 nationally—a notable achievement. She also won the 50m breaststroke.

At a recent Level 3 gala, Anna achieved PBs in the 100 IM and 100m free, winning gold in the 50 and 100 breaststroke and the 100 IM, plus a bronze in the 100 free.

Anna is now training hard for the final meet in July, aiming for more qualifications for next year's Surrey championships, having already secured times for the 50, 100, and 200 breaststroke.

Despite struggling with her mental health this year, Anna is in a better place now and continues to need support. Her determination and hard work are commendable, and she remains optimistic about qualifying for the Nationals next year.

Swimming remains her main source of relaxation and joy.

Attached is a photo of Anna with her gold medal after the Romford gala in May. We are hopeful she will continue to thrive in swimming.

## Gospel Choir Highlights

Over the past year, our school's gospel choir, composed of students from years 8-13, has had many exciting opportunities to perform and represent our school.

Our first performance was at the 2nd annual Fusion Showcase, featuring a vibrant mix of dance, music, and cultural performances. The atmosphere was incredible, with strong support from students and parents.

We also performed at the school's winter and spring concerts, showcasing our hard work and improving our skills. Additionally, we performed outside the school, including at the Surrey Schools' Concert in Reigate in January, supporting the Children's Trust.

Recently, we had the amazing opportunity to perform at the Music for Youth Regional Festival in Sutton, competing for a spot at the National Festival in Birmingham. After intense rehearsals, we were thrilled to qualify for the National Festival in July. We are now rehearsing diligently, incorporating judges' feedback.

Although our beloved choir leader, Mrs J Yard, is leaving, we will continue to work hard and strive to make her proud. Thank you, Mrs. Yard, for your dedication and support. We will miss you and wish you the best for the future.

- Ozcar, Year 9



## 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.

