

Wallington High School for Girls

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

TUESDAY 2ND JULY 2024



Message from the Headteacher



On Tuesday evening I visited our **Combined Cadet Force (CCF)** at Wilsons. I spent time with both the army and air force cadets and saw them engaged in various activities on the field – ambush, attack and harbour. I also saw our students on flight simulators and on the climbing wall. Our students looked amazing, they are a huge credit to the school, and I felt very proud of them all. I hope that the younger students sign up for this opportunity when they can. I have spoken to the cadets who say they really enjoy going on Tuesday evenings, attending all the camps and have formed lifelong friendships too.

We have had 62 Students sign up for **The National Citizen Service (NCS)** this summer. NCS is a voluntary personal and social development program for 16–17-year-olds in England.

Culturefest has been awesome this week, apparently the best and biggest celebration so far. I enjoyed amazing food from around the world, I saw students in wonderful cultural dress, and I felt the whole school engaged fully in this wonderful celebration of all our cultures.

Well done to Year 10 who finished their exams last week, and to all Year 11 and 13 whose exams are finally over! Now we excitedly await results days in August!

Last Friday was the **Year 11 prom**. The students looked fabulous in all their finery! Much fun was had singing and dancing, taking endless photos in the golf course grounds and in the photo booth. I think there were several lost voices and sore feet by the end of the night, and the students were very grateful for the slippers their Heads of year had bought for them for the end of the night.

We now look forward to our Year 13 Prize Giving celebration, Year 7 induction and our open evening this week.

- 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

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

July 9th -
Sports Day

July 11th -
Sports Awards
Ceremony

14th - 19th July
CCF Longmoor

This week: Week B**Monday 1st July -**

Year 13 Prizegiving (14:00-17:00 –
Main Hall and Gym for refreshments)
Late detention (15:10-15:30 - E06)

Tuesday 2nd July -

Late detention (15:10-15:30 - E06)
CCF at Wilson's School (15:30-18:00)

Wednesday 3rd July -

Late detention (15:10-15:30 - E06)
Central detention (15:10 – 15:40 – E06)

Thursday 4th July -

Late detention moved to Friday 5th
July
Early finish for students (13:00)
Open Day event (16:00-20:30)

Friday 5th July -

Late detention (15:10-15:30 - E06)
Central detention (15:10 – 16:10 – E06)

Saturday 6th July -

Year 7 BBQ (Sign up to volunteer!)

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

Summer Fayre 2024

The spectacular Wallington High School for Girls Summer Fayre is fast approaching. This is one of the final events of the year which will bring you enjoyment and excitement and is without any hesitation an event that just cannot be missed. We have a range of different fayre attractions ranging from 'Sponge Mr Pattison, or should I say 'Sponge the Teacher, to a 'Tombola, to 'Splat the Rat' to seeing a another breath-taking round of the famous Mr Carter motivating the tug of war teams to compete against each other in this mouth-watering event, together with many other student fayre favourites which go back to 1867 with the 'Coconut Shy'.

Please go ahead at purchase your ticket in advance of the day in the school foyer at lunchtimes from Friday of this week.

We are looking forward to you all attending.

- Mr H Bouri-Ward
Head of Business and Economics
and
Mr C Thorp
Teacher of Biology

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

Sports Awards Appeal

Sports Awards appeal to parents/carers

One of the most prestigious awards of the evening is our sports personality of the year award. We have already sent a first draft of short listed students out for this award however we are appealing to parents to contact us if they would wish for their child to be considered. The criteria for this award is that the student should be competing at a very high level outside of school (not with a school team) and has a long and vigorous commitment to training for that sport/sports. For example competing or performing at County/Regional/National level.

Please do contact me if you wish for your child to be considered: scollins@wallingtongirls.org.uk

- Mrs S Collins
Director of Sport and Art
Higher Education Coordinator

Library Opening Hours - End of Term

Due to changes in the building works schedule, the Library will now be open for the last two weeks of term. However, there will be no after school provision in the final week.

- Mrs K Reilly
School Librarian

General updates

Spanish food in the Classroom



In our A-level Spanish class, we each cooked and brought in a traditional Spanish dish, to fully engage with the current topic of gastronomy in the Hispanic World. The dishes included gazpacho, croquettes, tortilla, churros and a traditional Spanish salad. This was a fantastic way to understand the cultural significance of each dish. We enjoyed sharing the dishes in class and discussed how we prepared them in Spanish!"

- Miriam, Year 12

University of Southampton's Junior Mathematical Challenge

Last term some of our students entered the University of Southampton's Mathematics Challenges for students up to Year 10.

They receive over 1000 entries from as many as 80 schools across the South of England and beyond. We are delighted to announce that Alice (Year 7) and Kanya (Year 8) were both awarded a Merit. They were invited to a ceremony in Southampton to celebrate their achievements, Alice has written about her experiences...

- Miss S Tucker
Head of KS5 Mathematics

On the 9th of May, I received an offer to attend the prize giving ceremony at Southampton university, due to take place a month later on the 5th of June. In order to achieve this, I had to complete a challenge that consisted of 7 maths problems, each complex but interesting in its own way. Attending this prestigious event would also mean that I had to leave school early and endure a two-and-a-half-hour train journey to Southampton and then take the taxi. But it was definitely worth it!!!

When my family and I arrived at our destination, Avenue Campus, the tour of it had just finished, and it was time for the buffet! We had a hearty meal with pizza, chicken goujons, potato wedges, doughnuts and a variety of refreshing drinks. If you finished early, there were: solutions to the challenges, maths games and puzzles.

At 7:30 the ceremony commenced. The winners and I assembled in the corridor awaiting our turn... After what seemed like eternity, my name was called, and I entered the hall. There were many people, and the room was so big! I walked over to the man that was holding my certificate and I smiled for the camera. Everyone clapped and I joyfully sat down beside my parents. Later, I realised that the man who called my name was called Dr Sunny Yu, and the man that gave me the certificate and took the photo with me was called Professor James Anderson.

Once everyone had sat down, Professor James Anderson gave us a "lecture". We were investigating perfect numbers and I listened in awe to every word he was saying. Time went by very quickly and at 8:30, I was surprised at how fast the evening had been-except for when I was waiting for my prize.

Overall, I enjoyed the event very much and hope that next year, I will be able to complete the challenge again and enjoy the memorable prize giving evening once more.

- Alice, Year 7



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.

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

KS5 – 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

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.

