

Wallington High School for Girls

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

TUESDAY 11TH JUNE 2024



Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

The highlight of last week has got to be the amazing Art show. There was an incredible range of talent displayed, in all forms. The show was visited by lots of parents, guests and students, and everyone was amazed by the quality of work displayed. Well done to all our students for the work on display. They should be extremely proud of themselves.

Wallington Walk has now raised over 11k, and I know more continues to come in. Please continue to pay in any money, and you can use ParentPay now too.

Our Year 10 GCSE French students visited Nantes last month where they immersed themselves in a range of activities practicing their language skills, and 22 Year 12 students visited Hay on Wye for a Philosophy Festival where they got to engage with a diverse range of philosophers, politicians, and scientists discussing some of life's most profound, puzzling and pressing issues.

We were very proud of our Year 7 students Meryem, Minha and Zeynep in Year 7 who travelled to Norway to compete in the European Lego competition using robots. These students worked extremely hard to get this far and have done exceptionally well on such an international stage.

Last Friday I accompanied the Year 10 Geography students on a fieldwork trip to the London Docklands to investigate the regeneration of the area. It was a fabulous example of how learning outside the classroom brings things alive, and as a Geography teacher, I appreciated the value of this trip even more.

Next week, those students from Year 7 and 8 who did well in the Junior maths challenge last month have qualified for the Maths Kangaroo this week, and those who did exceptionally well have qualified for the maths Olympiad. We wish them well.

On Friday we welcomed two authors of Young Adult fiction (Faridah Abike-Iyimide and Adiba Jaigirdar) to our school. They delivered a brilliant session about their writing careers and the process of getting a book published. They gave away signed copies of their book and signed more copies.

Last week we saw a collision outside school between a parent car and the school bus. I have mentioned it before that some parents park on the yellow lines outside school, which is prohibited and dangerous for our young people, and last week saw the worst of this when the car pulled out in front of the moving school bus. Please do not park there and wait for your children. It is very dangerous.

Thank you.

- 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

June 28th -
Y11 Prom

July 1st -
Year 13 Prizegiving

July 3rd -
Year 7 Induction

July 4th -
Open Evening

July 8th -
Year 9 Celebration
Picnic

July 9th -
Sports Day

July 11th -
Sports Awards
Ceremony

14th - 19th July
CCF Longmoor

July 15th -
Makers of the
Future Day

Well Done
Wallington Awards

July 16th - 18th
WHSG Summer
Enrichment

This week: Week A

Monday 10th June -

Public exams continue
 Year 10 Mock MFL Oral examinations
 Late detention (15:10-15:30)

Tuesday 11th June -

Year 10 Photography Exam
 Junior Kangaroo (TBC)
 Junior Mathematical Olympiad (TBC)
 Late detention (15:10-15:30)
 CCF at Wilson's (15:30-18:00)

Wednesday 12th June -

Year 10 Photography Exam
 Late detention (15:10-15:30)
 Central detention (15:10 – 15:40)

Thursday 13th June -

Late detention (15:10-15:30)

Friday 14th June -

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



**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

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

Open Day:

Tour Guides needed!

We are seeking help from our Year 9 and 10 students to act as Tour Guides on our upcoming Open Day taking place on Thursday 4th July 2024.

This is a great opportunity for students to practice their verbal communication skills and grow in confidence.

As a Tour Guide they will be rewarded with House Points for their participation.

Tour Guides must:

- Follow our uniform guidelines
- Wear a sash
- Maintain a positive demeanor and communicate with confidence and courtesy to the public

To grant your child permission please complete the permission letter sent to you via e-mail earlier this term. Please do so by Friday 15th June.

Thank you.

- Mrs C Kinchington
Headteacher's PA

Speakers for Schools:

Mr David Mansfield

We were delighted to host Mr. David Mansfield, thanks to Speakers for Schools. Despite leaving school at 16, his academic pursuits include a Master's Degree (MA) and a Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA). As a published author of "The Monday Revolution," he shared invaluable insights that the students said they found insightful.

Students feedback following the seminar highlighted the session's engaging and informative nature. They expressed appreciation for the valuable insights shared about the world of work and personal experiences. The presenter also offered practical tips and knowledge regarding key attitudes, as well as hard and soft skills essential for success.

Moreover, students noted the encouragement to remain resilient in the face of challenges.

- Mrs R Whitely-Beckford
Oxbridge Coordinator

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

Wallington Walk

So far we have raised £11k. This is an amazing effort but can we squeeze any more? All money raised will go directly towards the science laboratory refurbishment so every penny counts. Please pay in any donations using the link [here](#).

- Mr J Parkinson
Assistant Headteacher
Academic and Co-Curricular Support



After the discussion, students eagerly engaged in direct conversations with Mr. Mansfield, keen to delve deeper into his path to success.

Exploding Ketchup: The Exciting Trip to Norway

We are thrilled to announce that in the Open European Championship in Bodø, we came 11th overall! Our team worked exceptionally well since September to win the regionals, nationals, and an opportunity to represent the UK internationally! Our team—Exploding Ketchup – consists of Meryem, Minha and Zeynep in Year 7, see photo on right. And three other team members from another school.

In the First Lego League competition, teams create a programmed robot that completes missions on a board. These involve pushing objects, delivering LEGO figurines to specific areas and much more, all under timed conditions. Furthermore, teams must think of an innovative solution to identify and solve real-world problems based on this year's theme: art.

In April, after over half a year of programming, refining our robot, and developing our innovative idea, we participated in the long-awaited nationals in Harrogate. We competed against 74 other teams from all over the UK: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, including the reigning champions from last year. We won against all these teams making us the best of 1700 teams in the nation! This means we had the opportunity to represent the UK in the Open European Championship in May at Bodø, Norway!

50 other teams participated from all around the globe from Australia and Taiwan to Moldova and Italy. We had pit areas so we could go to other teams' stalls and get souvenirs or understand their innovation project. All the teams were determined to win but the winning team were from Slovakia and competed exceptionally well. As well as coding and building, there were also fun activities like an opening parade, delicious Norwegian meals, and an entertaining closing ceremony.

During this time, we have learned new skills in coding (considering the 3 of us have never coded in Python) and will implement these skills in the future.

- Minha, Year 7



Team Exploding Ketchup!

Authors Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé and Adiba Jaigirdar Discuss Their New Inclusive Romance Novel "Four Eids & a Funeral"

Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé returns with her best friend and co-writer Adiba Jaigirdar to talk about their newly published book *Four Eids & a Funeral*.

The book follows an enemies to lovers trope between Said Hossain and Tiwa Olatunji, in which they must work together to save their Islamic Centre from demolition, rekindling their relationship in the process. The writers talked us through their creative processes and how they came up with the story – the journey began when Àbíké-Íyímídé was on her study year abroad in Amsterdam, and both authors gathered lots of inspiration from books and television but made it more inclusive and representative of diverse cultures and experiences. It was exciting to hear about both authors' writing journeys and how the publishing system works, even showing videos of the physical book copies being printed, which was fascinating to see. Faridah and Adiba gave useful tips on becoming an author and about the process taken when writing a book, as well as other opportunities such as book tours, signings, and mentoring upcoming authors. Finally, the two authors gave away a couple of American versions of *Four Eids & a Funeral* to some lucky students. So, if you're looking for a feel-good romance story to get hooked on, *Four Eids & a Funeral* is worth checking out!

- Inesa and Oliwia, Year 12

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.



DISCOUNT CODE:

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SUMMER OF DESIGN

FOR BUDDING GRAPHIC DESIGNERS

Calling all 10-17 year olds...

Have you ever wanted to know more about graphic design and the possibility of a career in design?

Please join me, Faye Brown, as I introduce you to many aspects of design over 6 weeks including:



- Ideas and Inspiration
- Typography
- Colour Palettes
- Hieroglyphics to Emojis
- Logo Design
- Composition



The course is broken down into 6 weeks / modules. You will get instant access to all the mini masterclasses that are between 15-35 minutes long so you can easily fit them around vacations or visiting friends and family. (Your parents will need to sign up with their name and their email addresses due to various rules please!)

“The perfect introduction to graphic design!
The masterclasses are inspiring and fun.”

Louise R

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For more information and to sign up, please visit:

www.summerofdesign.co.uk



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Newsletter



The CPD Standards Office
CPD PROVIDER: 22640
2024-2025
www.cpdstandards.com

ADHD course for Teachers, Parents and Related Professionals
Now available as distance learning...

Complete in your own time!

All sessions booked & delivered online via facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Tuesday
11 June

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Introduction to OCD
ObsessiveCompulsive Disorder
Looking at the complexity of this serious condition.

Monday
17 June

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Improving Family Communication
How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

Thursday
20 June

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereo types and explaining how this condition impacts on the child and giving ideas on how we can support them.

Thursday
27 June

19:00 - 21:00
FREE



Supporting Healthy Sleep
Coping with insomnia, screen damage, neurodiversity dysregulation.