

Wallington High School for Girls

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

TUESDAY 21ST MAY 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



We are really looking forward to our Wallington Walk on Friday. The students have already raised over £2000, and I know some students have set up their own **GoFundMe** page to help with the sponsorship.

Last week I attended the GCSE music recital; well done to Shaanu, Alice, Reeva, Angelica, Rose-Erin, Naomi, Chloe, Althea, Aena for their performances, and Delali and Ava for supporting. The performances were of a very high standard and we look forward to the girls achieving excellent marks for this component next year.

Good luck to our Year 7 and 8 students competing at the Sutton District Athletics competition this week, we wish them well. And good luck to Year 7 and 8 who have their exams this week too.

Parent survey – thank you to those of you who have filled this in. Over 500 of you have completed the survey and it has given me a clear understanding of what you think is great about the school, and some areas for us to improve on, or communicate to you more effectively. I will analyse all the findings and share the headlines with you soon.

The Philosophy Department recently ran a Philosophy Scholar Award competition where students had to submit an extended essay answering the question “Am I the same person that I was ten years ago?” exploring the concept of personal identity and consciousness. There were over 50 entries, and the winners were judged by a panel including Dr. Tom Flynn, our COO. I am delighted to announce the winners were Nicole, Year 9, Anushka, Year 9 and Ananya in Year 7. Well done to them all.

Great news! We have been awarded the School Guide Certificate of Excellence. They commend the school and note... ‘This is a strong learning community. Pupils are proud of their school. The broad curriculum and high prior attainment of pupils lead to strong achievement. Pupils enjoy learning. They appreciate the intellectual challenge that the school provides for them. Pupils enjoy coming to school.’ We are delighted with this recognition.

T O'Brien

- Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher

This week: Week A**Monday 20th May -**

Year 10 Residential visit to Nantes
(til Thursday 23rd)
Late detentions (15:10-15:30 –
E06)

Tuesday 21st May -

Borough Athletics
Tutor Meeting 15:10
Late detentions (15:10-15:30 –
E06)

Wednesday 22nd May -

Staff training – 13:15 – 14:00 How
can we bring warmth to cold-call-
ing? In E06
Central detentions (15:10 – 15:40
– E06)
Late detentions (15:10-15:30 –
E06)

Thursday 23rd May -

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

Friday 24th May -

Y12 Philosophy Festival; Hay on
Wye
Sponsored Walk – early finish for
students

Weekend:

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th
DofE Bronze Training Expedition

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May:
HALF TERM

Anti-bullying Policy

We have recently updated our Anti-Bullying Policy and this can be found on our website here – [WHSG Policies](#).

Staff and students at Wallington High School for Girls have a zero tolerance approach to bullying. We use the definition provided by the Anti Bullying Alliance which is as follows: the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online. The school takes a very active approach to the prevention of bullying including addressing the issue through its pastoral curriculum, assemblies and our ambassador network. If parents or students suspect bullying is taking place, they must report it immediately to a member of staff, usually the relevant Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Advice for parents and carers about smartphones

Internet Matters has some great advice for parents/carers about staying on top of their child's smartphone use along with advice, setting up smartphones, handy things to know and more.

You can find the resource here - [Get smart about smartphone safety | Internet Matters](#)

Term Time Holidays

We would like to remind parents/carers that holidays should not be taken in term time and students should be in school until the last day of term.

As per the Government guidance, "Working together to improve school attendance", parents/carers should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable. For more information see the guidance here - Working together to improve school attendance (publishing.service.gov.uk)

- Miss M Gough
Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Wallington Walk - Sponsored Walk 24th May 2024

Please click [here](#) to see the route that we will be following for our upcoming Sponsored Walk (Wallington Walk) taking place on Friday 24th May 2024.

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

Year 11 Prom 2024

Tickets are now available for purchase via ParentPay for the Year 11 Prom. For more information about this event please refer to the communications sent on Friday 26th April 2024.

- Miss T Aldemir
Events and Communications Manager
CCF Coordinator

Oxford Anthea Bell Prize for young translators

MFL are delighted to announce that Onyema in Year 10 has won the Oxford University Anthea Bell Prize in Translation for French for the London area.

Shruddha in Year 11 won a Commendation for Spanish.

Over 16,000 students participated in the prize in 2024 and they judged over 3,600 entries, so this is a fantastic achievement. Well done!

- Mr C Bermudez Caro
Head of Spanish

Place2be

A big well done on raising an amazing £1,049.96 to help more children and young people get the emotional support they need.

- Mrs H McGullion
Receptionist

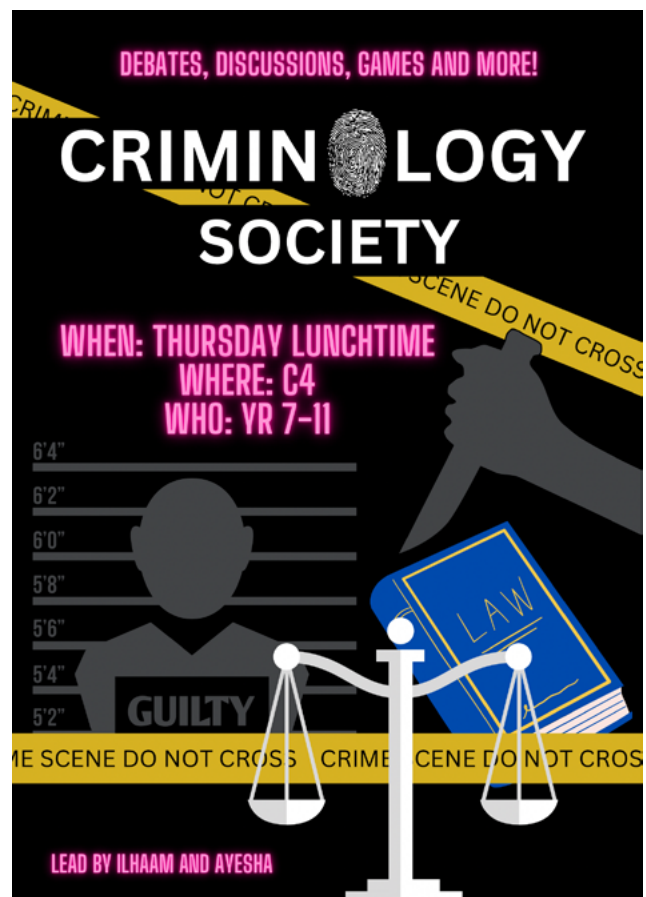
Lost property at the end of term

As we are rapidly approaching the end of this half term, we would like to encourage all students to check the lost property for their belongings.

Lost property is located under the covered walkway by the canteen. More valuable items are stored with reception.

Any items left in lost property at the end of term will be donated to charity or reasonable pieces of uniform will be recycled to our PFA.

- Mrs C Kinchington
Headteacher's PA



Criminology Society relaunch!

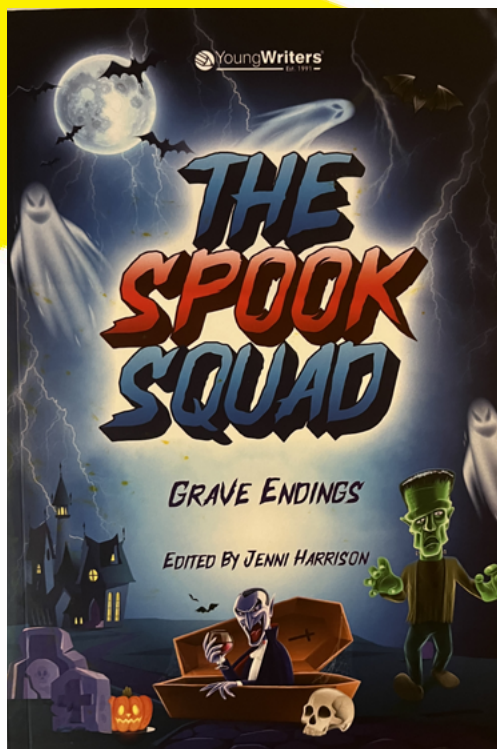
Criminology society will be starting again Thursday 24th May and will run every Thursday lunchtime until end of term.

- Mrs L Hackin
Head of Sociology

Young Writers

Well done to Ashna in Year 7 who has her story published in 'The Spook Squad: Grave Endings'

- Miss H Clayton
Head of Psychology



MY UNINVITED GUEST

I was home alone, nuzzled underneath my blanket on a cold autumn night. The television remote slipped out of my hand and startled me with a loud shattering. As I picked it up, I saw her... A blinding white face with lips that were as deep red as blood. Her ghostly claws were pressed against the French windows. She gave me a piercing glare with her cold blue eyes as if she was looking straight through me. She smiled. A threatening, teeth-baring grin that brought the corners of her lips to her ears. It brought her pleasure to see my petrified stare. I silently prayed, my hands trembling. I desperately tugged the blanket over my head and lay motionless, trying to control the shivering. It was an eternity before I thought it was safe to emerge. I gingerly pulled my head out from under the covers and to my great relief nobody was there. She must have been a figure of my imagination. I was just about to lie back down when suddenly something grabbed my shoulders, its long, razor-sharp claws digging into my skin.

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THE SPOOK SQUAD - GRAVE ENDINGS

My screams were muffled against its chalk-white hands. She was back. She laughed; a manic, shrieking cackle that revealed her glimmering, pointed fangs. You could have heard her chuckling from a mile away. But no one heard. Then there was the sound of keys jangling in the door. Someone was home. And my uninvited guest had left.

Ashna Gopee (11)

Congratulations to Mudgha

Congratulations to Mudgha in Year 8, whose poem has been published in the

Winter Wonderland: Icy Whispers poetry anthology!

- Mrs K Reilly
School Librarian



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.



WHSG Open Evening 2024

Thursday 4th July 4pm to 8.30pm

Open Evening is on Thursday 4th 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 13th June.



Open Evening is on Thursday 4th July, and we need your help!

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

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WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

GCSE Art and Photography, ALEVEL Art
Exhibition Thursday 6th June, School hall
4.00 -7.30

