



WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The Wallington Week

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

Tuesday 5th November 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to all families for supporting the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation on the last day of half term, we raised £855 for this local charity.



Good luck to all our Year 11 students starting their mock examinations this week, we wish them all the best!

There are lots of events taking place this half term including:

- KS3 Music Recital 11/11/24
- Oxbridge Information Evening 14/11/24
- Year 13 Parents Evening (virtual) 09/12/24
- Fusion Showcase 22/11/24
- Christmas Concert 17/12/24

Please do come and support where you can!

Our sixth form open event was very well attended with over 600 guests, all enjoying a good look around our school and speaking with the teachers about possible A level courses.



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

11th Nov- KS3 Music Recital

14th Nov- Oxbridge Information Evening

20th Nov- Enrichment Day

22nd Nov- Fusion Showcase

A few of our CCF cadets have been invited to attend the Mayor of London's Remembrance Service at City Hall on Friday 8th November. This is a great event, with significant dignitaries in attendance. It will give our students a chance to meet the Mayor and Senior Officers such as The General Officer Commanding London District.

Our school was chosen to represent London Grammar schools for Education Choices Magazine which has been published this month. I had the honour of talking on a podcast about how amazing Wallington Girls is and why it is such a popular choice with families. I was very proud to talk about our whole school community.

-Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher

Calendar

Week B

Monday 4th November

Year 11 Mocks
Late Detention (3.10-3.30pm)

Tuesday 5th November

Year 11 Mocks
Late Detention (3.10-3.30pm E06)
Study in the USA- Main hall (16:00pm-17:00pm)

Wednesday 6th November

Year 11 Mocks
Year 10 & 12 Photography Visit (all day)- London.
Central Detention (3:10-3:40pm)
Workshop 7: Understanding and supporting teen sleep and self-care - Zoom (19.00-20:00pm)

Thursday 7th November

Year 11 Mocks
Late Detention (3.10-3.30pm E06)

Friday 8th November

Late Detention (3:10PM-3:30PM E06)
Central Detention (3:10-4:10pm E06)

Weekend

Sunday 10th November

- CCF/RAF Remembrance Parade (Year 10/11/12/13) Croydon

Messages from DSL

Flu Vaccinations for Years 7-11

On Thursday 28th November the Sutton Immunisation Team will be coming into school to administer the flu vaccines to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please use the link provided to access the electronic consent form:

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2024/sutton>

The deadline for submitting your e-consent form is Wednesday 20th November.

Parent Workshop: Understanding and Supporting Teen Sleep and Self-Care

Date and time: Wed 6th Nov 2024, 19.00-20.00

Facilitator: Dr Danielle Shbero - Clinical Psychologist from Sutton CAMHS

Location: This is a virtual event – Eventbrite

There can be many challenges with teen sleep - difficulties with regular routine, intrusion of social media and technology, poor sleep hygiene, sleep disruption and reversed sleep cycles. These cycles can also become worse over holiday periods for some. This session looks at some of the research and science around sleep hygiene, teenage sleep. thinking together about the challenges - and some options for supporting from the perspective of parents. The second part shares up-to-date resources for supporting self-care and positive mental health and wellbeing.

To register for this online workshop please click on this link:

[Understanding and Supporting Teen Sleep & Self-Care Tickets, Wed 6 Nov 2024 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Special Educational Needs Drop In

Date and time: Mon 18th Nov 2024, 17.30-18.30

Facilitator: Mrs Bates (Director of Inclusion) and Tracy Matthews (Adapt to Learn ASD Specialist)

Location: This event will be held at WHSG

Mrs Bates (Director of Inclusion) and Tracy Matthews (Adapt to Learn ASD Specialist) will be available to speak to parents of those students who have SEN. This will be an informal session where parents can ask questions, share experiences and gather ideas for supporting their child with SEN.

Parent Workshop: Trauma-informed Practice and Self-Care

Date and time: Thurs 14th Nov 2024, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Rachel Rebello - Educational & Child Psychologist

Location: This is a virtual event - Teams

This webinar will look at equipping parents and carers with the skills and strategies to support children who exhibit behavioural or regulation difficulties. By promoting trauma-informed and attachment-aware practice, parents and carers will develop an improved knowledge and understanding of how to support children who have experienced trauma.

Please see the meeting details below:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 392 115 029 550

Passcode: 68h9a4

-Mrs M Sundborg
Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Staff Announcements

Year 8 PSHCE - Friendships

Year 8 have been thinking about friendship in PSHCE this term. They have written some haikus which celebrate friendship. Here are some of their fantastic poems:

The friend you hold dear
Who is there through highs and lows
Thank them while you can.

Corrina 8 Johnson

All friendships are gems
Of truth, trust and loyalty.
Let them always shine.

Isha 8 Pankhurst

When the world breaks down
You build it back up for me,
Again and again.

Harine 8 Bronte

One day I met you
And the saplings of friendship
Bloomed so great with love.

By Rhea 8 Bronte

Friends bring trust and joy
Support you at your lowest
Bring your spirits up.

Sheznin 8 Pankhurst

Lean on my shoulder,
And I can lean on yours too.
Friendship forever.

Eunice 8 Pankhurst

-Mrs A Griffin
Humanities Teacher
Head of PSHCE

Junior Mathematical Olympiad

At the end of the summer term, after their success in the Junior Mathematical Challenge a number of students were invited to compete in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad. This is a very prestigious competition which involves sitting a 2-hour examination and writing some very formal mathematical solutions to challenging problems.

This was sat by five students including Zoe, Kanya and Jia Xin (in year 9 now) and Aksharaa and Isha from (in Year 8 now). Jia Xin and Aksharaa both achieved a merit certificate and Isha achieved a highly impressive Distinction and Best In School Award. As part of her prize, Isha received a Silver Medal and a copy of "Progress to Advanced Mathematics". This is a very special achievement!

Well done to everyone for taking part in the JMC, the Junior Kangaroo and the Junior Challenge – we are so proud of you!

-Ms S Tucker
Mathematics Teacher

Staff Announcements

Hans Woyda Mathematics Competition

On Thursday 3rd October a group of four students, Julia (Y13), Ashviya (Y12), Amelia (Y11) and Mugdha (Y9), represented Wallington in the first round of the Hans Woyda Mathematics Competition. This is a London-wide competition in which schools compete directly against each other, answering maths questions in a very short time. We played against Wallington County Grammar School and it was an exceptionally close match. We were leading for most of the contest and won by 1 mark! Both teams played exceptionally well and our other team members who were present Louisa (Y11) and Jia Xin (Y9) gave some excellent insights into some of the questions we faced. The students were given just 45s to answer the starter questions – could you have answered these?

Year

- 13 1) Find how many zeros there are at the end of the number obtained by working out $10!$.

- 12 2) Calculate $\frac{41!}{39!}$.

- 10-11 3) Evaluate 0.375×96 .

- 7-9 4) If the mean of three numbers is 6, and the mean of six other numbers is 3, find the mean of all nine numbers together.

- 13 5) Find a value of n , greater than 2, for which $(n! + 7)$ is *not* prime.

- 12 6) Find a value of n less than 100 for which n , $n + 1$, $n + 2$, $n + 3$ and $n + 4$ are *all* not prime.

- 10-11 7) Express 65 as the sum of the squares of three integers.
(i.e. find three integers a , b and c such that $65 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$.)

- 7-9 8) Find a number, greater than 1, which leaves a remainder of 1 when it is divided by each of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

-Ms S Tucker
Mathematics Teacher

Events

Year 9 PSHCE - Visit from Bobby Dean

In our recent PSHCE session, we had the pleasure of welcoming Bobby Dean, a candidate for the Carshalton and Wallington constituency, who shared his journey and experiences in politics. Bobby started his involvement in local politics early, running for council more than 10 years ago. Since then, he has worked in various sectors, including international development and poverty relief, both in the UK and abroad, which has shaped his perspective on community issues and governance.

Students had the opportunity to ask a range of questions, which Bobby answered thoroughly. He spoke about his plans for Carshalton and Wallington, including proposals for new community initiatives and ways to support local businesses. He also touched on the general election process, explaining how candidates are shortlisted and how they go through interviews and community discussions before making it onto the ballot.

One of the key topics of interest was the future of St. Helier Hospital. Bobby explained the ongoing discussions about its status and potential changes, such as the proposal for a new unit in the region, and how such decisions could impact healthcare access for residents.

The session with Bobby Dean was insightful, offering students a deeper understanding of how political representatives work to address the issues facing our communities. It also shed light on the practical side, running for office, the responsibilities of a candidate, and the challenges of campaigning. By sharing his experiences, Bobby Dean encouraged us to think about the role we can play in shaping the future of our community.

-Daniya and Vaishaa- 9 Seacole



Events

Sixth Form Open Evening Photos 17th October 2024



Mathematical Enrichment Opportunities for Students in Years 7 to 11



Dear Students,

The author, Simon Singh, who has written books including “Fermat’s Last Theorem” and “The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets” has set up a website offering weekly online maths puzzle sheets to stretch the keenest maths students. There are six new sheets each week, one each for Year 6 through to Year 11. They are made more enjoyable by featuring great videos, songs and clips from famous films. So far this year there have been sessions about topics such as The Mathematics of Cake, the School of Rock and the Wizard of Oz.



The puzzles are posted on Thursdays at 3pm and you are advised to submit your solutions by Sunday evening. It’s a great way to develop your problem-solving skills, enrich your maths knowledge and have fun. It really doesn’t matter what score you get, because the main thing is that you think hard about the problems... and then look at the solution sheet to see where you might have made mistakes, and learn and apply new knowledge next time.

If you would like to join in, here’s what to do:

- Go to the website <https://parallel.org.uk/>
- Create a student account, entering the teacher code n33uc4 when prompted
- Make sure you select your Year group when creating an account
- You will be emailed a link to the new Parallelogram each Thursday at 3pm – if you don’t receive the email you should be able to find it by logging in.
You should try and complete your solutions by Sunday evening but you can submit later and try the earlier questions if you like.

I think this is a great opportunity and I hope that it is something that you will explore.

-Ms S Tucker
Mathematics Teacher

Parking

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 needs 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

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 –

Info@wallingtongirls.org.uk

KS5 – jday@wallingtongirls.org.uk



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

Punctuality

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.