



WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The Wallington Week

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

Monday 11th November 2024

Message from the Headteacher

We now have over 20 groups taking part in the Wings of Hope Achievement Award (WoHAA), so many that the team from WoHAA are coming to see us personally to do some group mentoring. For those students who didn't get the chance to attend the first launch meeting at The London Business School, the team are running this again on Saturday 30th November 1pm – 4pm. The afternoon promises to be packed with entrepreneurial insights, expert guidance, and networking opportunities.

This will be led by the prestigious London Business School volunteer committee, alongside the WOHA Team.



We welcome a new Appointed Governor who will start in the new year. Valerie Todd is a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) with over 35 years of experience as an HR specialist. Since 2001, she has held HR Director roles in both permanent and interim capacities, consistently providing strategic and operational expertise. For a decade, Valerie served as HR Director at Nacro, where she led initiatives in HR, organisational development, and inclusion. Under her guidance, Nacro achieved the top position in the Stonewall Equality Index for two consecutive years and was a recipient of the British Diversity Awards. Above all Valerie is passionate about education and sees it as a tool for achieving social mobility.

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 Showcare

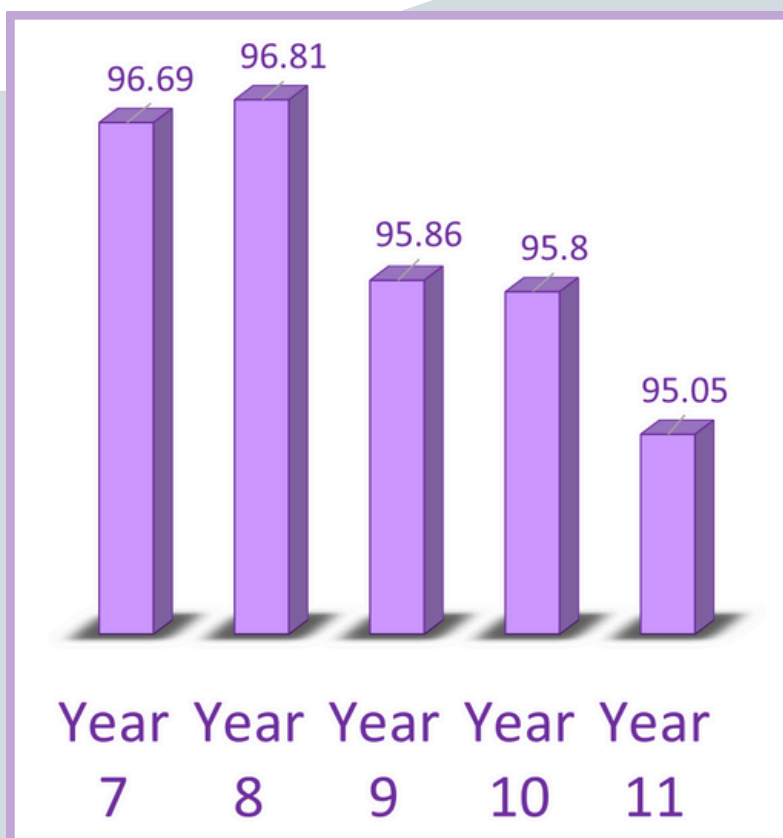
This week I attended two conferences. The first was the Confederation of School Trusts conference in Birmingham. Not only did we listen to an inspirational interview with Mo Farah about his journey and the importance of sports and activity in schools, but we also heard from the Education Secretary Bridgette Phillipson who talked about SEN provision in schools nationally. We pride ourselves on how we support the diverse range of learning differences here at Wallington, though we are always trying to refine our provision. Please take a look at our website: [SEND - Wallington High School for Girls](#). The other conference was a global event with the International Coalition of Girls School. Here, we listened to keynote speeches about the importance of girl's education – we are proud to be leading in this space with the work we do around student empowerment and leadership. We also heard from a team from an investment bank in the City who talked about the increasing number of women in the the financial sector.

This week also brings continued engagement with our fabulous Alumni community. I have an interview with Ashini (following a degree apprenticeship at JP Morgan) who writes a weekly newsletter called True North. I will share this on our LinkedIn page once it's published, and I have a meeting with Daviena (a senior account executive at a pharmaceutical company) to talk about an Edtech app she is developing designed to empower students and teachers with AI powered automated revision resources. We are so proud of all our students and their developing careers and are more than happy to offer ongoing support even after their time here.

-Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher

Attendance Percentages

Between 02/09/24 - 05/11/24



Calendar

Week A

Monday 11th November

Year 11 Mocks
Year 10 Rap Therapy Poetry Day
Late Detention (3.10-3.30pm)
LS3 Music Recital

Tuesday 12th November

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

Wednesday 13th November

Year 11 Mocks
Year 12/13 Art Mock
Faraday Challenge; NHSG (9-3pm)
Central Detention (3:10-3:40pm)

Thursday 14th November

Year 11 Mocks
Year 12/13 Art Mock
Stop Hate Workshop Y7- Main Hall
Late Detention (3.10-3.30pm E06)
Oxbridge Infomation Evening- Main Hall (4-5pm)
Workshop 8: Trauma-informed Practice
(Virtual-Teams 6-7pm)

Friday 15th November

Year 11 Mocks
Late Detention (3:10PM-3:30PM E06)
Central Detention (3:10-4:10pm E06)
Head Teachers Detention (3-5pm TOB Office)



Messages from DSL

Anti-bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect. The theme of Choose Respect has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. We will be marking the week through assemblies and displays around the school.

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

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: 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

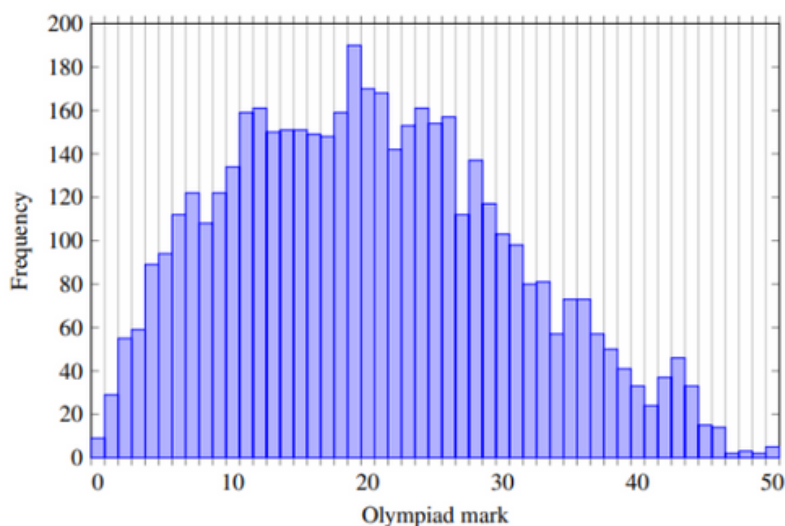
Mrs Bates (Director of Inclusion) and Tracy Matthews (Adapt to Learn ASD Specialist) will be available to speak to parents of those students who have SEN. This will be an informal session where parents can ask questions, share experiences and gather ideas for supporting their child with SEN.

-Mrs M Sundborg
Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Staff Messages

Mathematical Olympiad for Girls

In September thirty students from Year 12 and 13 took part in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls. It is a very challenging competition which involved sitting a 212 hour examination paper. In the whole country only 4749 students sat this paper and this graph shows the distribution of all the students marks – showing how difficult the paper was!



The award thresholds were: 16 for Merit, 28 for Distinction and 46 for a Book Prize.

We are very proud of everyone who took part – impressively all our students either received a Merit or a Distinction. They all took time to complete past papers, which can be found by the following link if you want to have a look and maybe try a few questions (remember they are super challenging but from working through the solutions you can really learn a lot!) <https://bmos.ukmt.org.uk/home/ukmog.shtml>

The following students achieved a Merit

Y12 : Ashviya, Diya, Saanvi, Sujaanie, Mae-Ling, Aarabi, Shruddha, Anika, Ania, Siya, Ria, Nilasha and Sanvi.

Y13 : Kareena, Leenuja, Avni

The following students achieved a Distinction

Y12 : Varsha, Sinyi, Jade, Abbinaya, Macy, Hafsa, Meera, Sandra, Diana, Maheli and Diya

Y13 : Julia, Neha, Aanya

Varsha and Sinyi jointly achieved the highest marks in Year 12 both scoring 38, as did Neha and Aanya in Year 13.

Julia achieved the highest result in the school with an impressive 46 marks. You can see by the graph how these excellent results are among the very best in the whole country.

Well done to everyone!

Thankyou



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Thank you so much!

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Have you been looking after someone else's child for 28 days or more?



If that person is not a close family member, this may be a private fostering arrangement and you must tell the Council.

By telling us you are looking after someone else's child, we can provide support and advice to you, the child or young person and their parents.

Please contact our
Children's First Contact Service:

email:

cfcs@sutton.gov.uk

call:

020 8770 6001

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

Contact Information and emails

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

When replying to any SchoolComms emails, please use info@wallingtongirls.org.uk



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

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.