



WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The Wallington Week

HIERS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

Monday 30th September 2024

Message from the Headteacher

The Art department was truly grateful to receive funds for a new kiln, an amazing addition to the department and a generous donation from the PFA.

The PFA works so hard to raise money for the school and is desperately seeking new members. It is a great way to meet other parents and join in more of our school events. Please do consider joining the team

<https://www.wallingtongirls.org.uk/school-community/pfa>.



As part of our focused school review and self-evaluation activity, we have recently had two important meetings where we were both challenged and supported to ensure the school runs as effectively as possible. At our Annual School Review meeting, we welcomed Trustees and our Chair of Governors to hear about our school self-evaluation and improvement plans. At our first Local Governing Body (LGB) meeting, we discussed the summer results and our plans to focus on our school priorities. At the LGB meeting, we also welcomed our new CEO, Tom Flynn, and Rachel Green, Chief Infrastructure Officer. We heard an update about the building plans and were excited to talk about the new canteen, library, and sixth form areas, all of which are still on track to be completed by next summer.

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

Oct 1st- GCSE Music Recital

Oct 8th- Whole School Photo

Oct 14th- Y7 Meet the Tutor

Oct 17th- Sixth Form Open Evening

We had to postpone our school photograph due to the rain last week, but we have rescheduled it for Tuesday, 8th October. We will let everyone know closer to the time if it is going ahead.

This week is the first week we will finish school earlier on a Tuesday. Students will have periods 1-4, then lunch until 2 pm as usual, followed by afternoon registration with their tutor, finishing at 2:05 pm. However, all students in the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) (except Year 9 Army) are expected to stay in school after registration. They will participate in organised activities until 2:50 pm and are expected to make their way straight to Wilson's School.

We have a number of cushioned chairs to give away (up to 30). If you are interested in taking them, please email me to arrange a time to come and see if they might be useful.

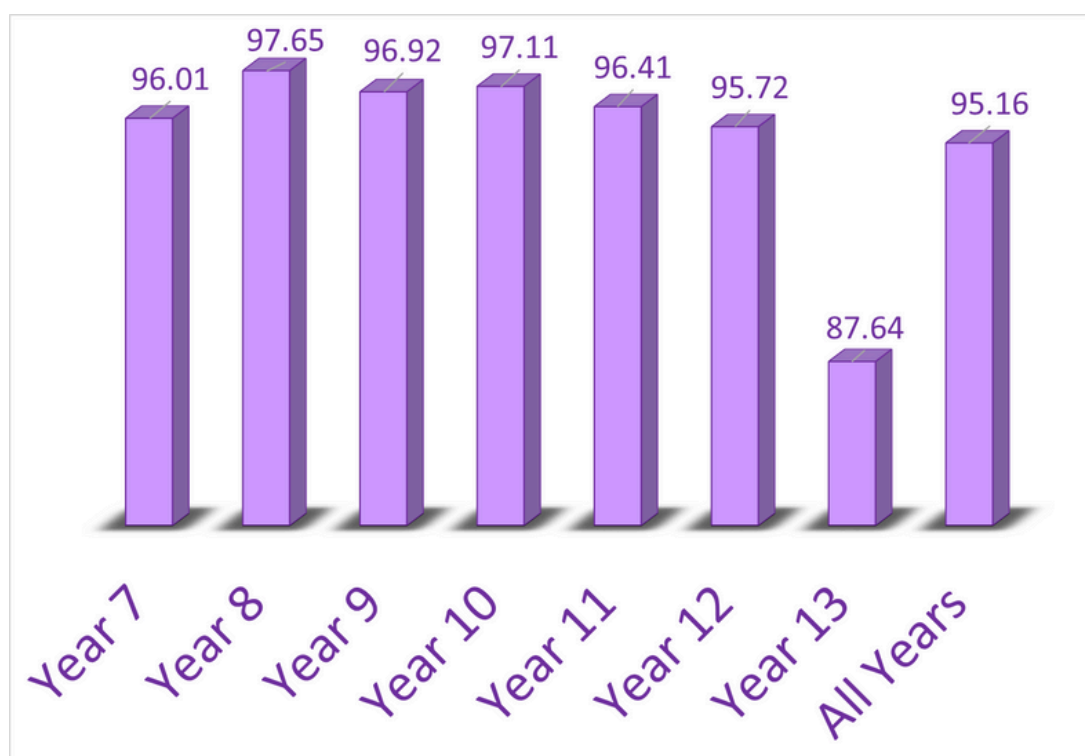
We warmly invite you to our GCSE Music Recital on Tuesday, 1st October, at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided. On Wednesday, we host our Mini Medical Interviews (MMI), and I hope the Geography A-Level students enjoy their week-long field trip to Dorset.

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 17th October, and we will have a late start on Friday 18th October. Students will need to be in by 9:30 am for period 2. This day will also be a non-uniform day, during which we will be raising money for the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation, a local drug education charity.

-Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher

Attendance Percentages

Between 02/09/24 - 24/09/24





Calendar

Week A

Monday 30th September

Osmington Bay Geography Residential (all week)
Late Detention (3.10-3.30pm E06)

Tuesday 1st October

Oxbridge Entrance Practise Test
Senior Maths Challenge
Late Detention (2.10-2.30pm E06)
GCSE Music recital- Main Hall (6.30pm-8pm)

Wednesday 2nd October

Central Detention (3:10-3:40pm)

Thursday 3rd October

Year 7 Cross-Country P5 (2-3pm)
Late Detention (3.10-3.30pm E06)

Friday 4th October

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

Messages from DSL

YouTube Tomorrow's Teachings - Parent Warning

Tomorrow's Teachings is a satirical YouTube channel that creates shock value videos which are extremely offensive and inappropriate. We have heard that lots of students are watching this YouTube channel and we would ask that parents/carers check their child's online activity and ensure this channel is blocked.

Google (YouTube) have, in the past, always argued that YouTube is strictly for over 13's, much like most other social platforms. YouTube have parental features, called [Supervised Experience](#), which will allow parents/carers to link their teenagers account to the parent account where parents will have the ability to see some limited information such as number of video uploads, comments etc.

School Boy 9

We have been alerted to someone who may be acting inappropriately online. School Boy 9 is an individual who is masquerading to be a child on social media in order to interact with children. For more information please watch this short video - [Safeguarding Alert- Sept24 INEQE | HubSpot Video](#)

Road Works and Road Closures

We are aware that there are road works and road closures which are causing heavy traffic in the mornings. Please allow extra time for your child's journey to school in the mornings and consider different bus routes.

Parent Workshop: KS4 Study Skills (Years 10 and 11 Parents)

Date and time: Thurs 10th Oct 2024, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Mr Donnelly - Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning at WHSG

Location: This event will be held at WHSG

This workshop is for the parents of Years 10 and Year 11 students. Mr Donnelly will provide parents and carers with tips and techniques to support their child with revision and how to retain more information and knowledge. The session will also look at how we can increase students' chances of becoming expert learners.

Parentsafe

Parentsafe is a website for parents/carers which includes information on how to keep their children safe online. It is a fantastic website full of lots of resources and hints/tips - [Home \(lgfl.net\)](#)



Staff Announcements

Year 7 House X-Country – Tuesday 8th October – PERIOD 5

All 210 students in Year 7 will be taking part in our annual inter-house X-country competition on Tuesday 8th October during their period 5 lesson.

- Year 7 students will need to come to school in their PE kit (Games kit, purple socks and trainers or football boots). Please ensure they have their water bottles and inhalers.
- Students will register with their period 5 teacher at 2pm, they will then be brought out to the school field to begin the race.
- Students will be dismissed at 3pm as usual.
- The cross country course will be approximately 3km long and the aim for student's is to do their best and try to finish as quickly as possible to score maximum points for their tutor group. Positions will be collected and go towards their house final score. The top 8 students across the year group will be picked to go on and represent Wallington Girls at the Sutton schools Borough Cross-Country competition!

Good luck Year 7!

-Mrs K Wadsworth
Head of PE and Dance

Psychologist responsible for post-codes delivers Q+A to Wally Psychologists!

Recently, the Psychology A-level and GCSE students were fortunate to have a virtual meeting with renown psychologist Alan Baddeley. Baddeley is famous for his studies into memory and his Working Memory Model, a more in-depth insight into short term memory. As he is in both the A-level and GCSE Psychology specification, it was unreal to be sat in a room talking to him; it was like meeting a celebrity! Before the meeting, Miss Clayton got everyone to submit any questions they wanted to ask, ranging from Baddeley's research to how he got interested in psychology in the first place. As the meeting progressed, Baddeley answered every question in a humorous and clear manner receiving many laughs and smiles. It was truly fascinating to hear his perspective on his work and it was inspirational to see the passion he had for the subject. Overall, it was an amazing experience and one which we would love to have again!

Written by: Connie Rogers 13SBE



-Mrs H Clayton

Staff Announcements

Parent Focus Group

Wallington High School for Girls is committed to strengthening our relationship with parents and involving them in our continued development as a school. As part of this we are looking to recruit for our 2024-25 Parent Focus Group; a consultative group which plays an important role in supporting the school in implementing and evaluating procedures and new initiatives.

The principle aim of the Parent Focus Group is to provide feedback and opinion on key issues or initiatives in the school such as curriculum provision, reporting or communication with parents. This group will meet once every half-term online or at the school, and meetings will follow an agreed agenda. Meetings will be scheduled for 6.00pm on a weekday night.

We are looking for parents to join this group who have:

- A desire to continue to improve school in a positive and productive forum,
- An ability to consider all students and whole school issues, and
- A willingness to attend a meeting once every half term per school year.

We are planning on holding the first meeting of this academic year in the first week after Autumn half-term break. Please note that this group is not a forum for parents to raise any individual concerns; this should be done through the usual channels.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this group, please [click here](#) and complete the form by Wednesday 9th October. As it is important to keep the group to a manageable size as we may not be able to accommodate everyone that is interested in joining.

If you were a member of the 2023-2024 group, many thanks for your support and please feel free to apply again.

-Mr J Donnelly
Assistant Headteacher
Wallington High School for Girls

Staff Announcements

Is University right for me?

We are excited to invite you, your students and their parents to a unique and informative event hosted by the Psychology Department at Royal Holloway University of London.

Event: Is University Right for Me?

Date: Thursday 17th October 2024

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Signup Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/is-university-right-for-me-tickets-1014445723467?aff=oddtcreator>

Location: Royal Holloway University of London Shilling Building. For Directions, see attached map and instructions

The Psychology department at Royal Holloway recognises the intense pressure A-level students have to make important decisions at such a young age. We know that given this pressure, many will be asking themselves 'Is University right for me?'. This event is specifically designed for students aged 16-18 who are contemplating their future educational paths. Our aim is to provide a comprehensive understanding of what university life entails and to help students make informed decisions about their next steps. The event will have a focus on psychology undergraduate degrees, but we encourage all students to attend, as the advice will be transferable. **Tickets are free and you can sign up following the [Eventbrite link above](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/is-university-right-for-me-tickets-1014445723467?aff=oddtcreator). If you have any questions, please email Matt.Talbot@rhul.ac.uk**

Highlights of the Event:

- **Main Talk by Dr. Matthew Talbot:** Dr. Talbot, a Forensic Psychology researcher and Teaching Fellow at Royal Holloway, will offer a thought-provoking presentation on the realities of university life. He will tackle prevalent misconceptions, explore the genuine nature of the university experience, and emphasize the importance of early career planning. Dr. Talbot will provide a nuanced perspective on how university differs from school and will provide an honest and reflective discussion on the pitfalls that can arise whilst future planning in your late teens/early 20s. Additionally, he will address when university might not be the best fit, helping students to make well-informed decisions about their future.
- **Roundtable Discussion:** Hear directly from current university psychology undergraduates as they share their experiences around adjusting to university life, gaining work experience and any benefits/ regrets that have arisen from their choices. This session will include an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.
- **Snacks and Socialising:** Join us for a relaxed socialising session after the talks, with non-alcoholic refreshments and snacks. This is a great chance for students and their families to speak informally with current students and university staff, gaining personalized advice and answers to any questions about university life.

For a map/directions please contact Ms Clayton (hclayton@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

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



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.

CARERS' COFFEE AND LEARNING - AUTUMN TERM

Welcoming Sutton carers of
Children in Care | Previously Looked-After | Special
Guardianship | Adopters | Kinship Care

Join us for a themed discussion and get advice about the children you care for. Meet other carers and have some time to ask questions. Education and therapeutic specialists will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice.

14/10/24 - 10:30-12:30pm

Supporting school attendance -
led by an Attendance Specialist

Where: The Cabin, Sutton Family
Centre, SM1 2SD

06/11/24 - 1.30-2.15pm

Foster Carer Focus - PEPs -
led by Sutton Virtual School Advisor

Where: Virtual - link provided on
sign up

18/11/24 - 10.30-11.30am Post 16
Education and Career Choices -
led by Sutton Virtual School Advisor

Where: Virtual - link provided on
sign up



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to sign up
to these events

Any questions please contact Hannah Miles - Extended Duties Education
advisor - hannah.miles@cognus.org.uk

CARERS' COFFEE AND LEARNING SPRING TERM

Welcoming Sutton carers of
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Join us for a themed discussion and get advice about the children you care for. Meet other carers and have some time to ask questions. Education and therapeutic specialists will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice.

30/01/25 - 10:30-12:30pm

Supporting young people who have anxiety, PDA or neurodivergence - *led by Therapeutic Specialist*

Where: The Cabin, Sutton Family Centre, SM1 2SD

25/02/25 - 1.00 - 1:45pm

Early Years and Primary: Promoting life skills and learning at home - *led by Sutton Virtual School Advisor*

Where: Virtual session - link provided on sign up

25/02/25 - 2.00 - 2:45pm

Secondary: Promoting life skills and learning at home - *led by Sutton Virtual School Advisor*

Where: Virtual session - link provided on sign up

20/03/25 - 10.30 - 11.45am

Foster Carers' session on behaviour, helping to regulate and manage emotions - *led by Therapeutic Specialists*

Where: The Cabin, Sutton Family Centre, SM1 2SD

20/03/25 - 12 - 1.15pm

All other Carers' session on behaviour, helping to regulate and manage emotions - *led by Therapeutic Specialists*

Where: The Cabin, Sutton Family Centre, SM1 2SD



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CARERS' COFFEE AND LEARNING SUMMER TERM

Welcoming Sutton carers of
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Join us for a themed discussion and get advice about the children you care for. Meet other carers and have some time to ask questions. Education and therapeutic specialists will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice.

17/06/25 - 1.30-2.30pm

Supporting young people with transitions with school and placements- *led by Sutton Virtual School Advisor*

Where: Virtual Session - link provided on sign up

04/06/25 - 10.30 - 12.30pm

Promoting Cultural Differences / Life story work - *led by Therapeutic specialists*

Where: The Cabin, Sutton Life Centre, SM1 2SD



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to sign up to these events

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Education advisor - hannah.miles@cognus.org.uk

CARERS' COFFEE AND LEARNING LOCATION

Some of our events are in person at:
**The Cabin, Sutton family Centre,
SM1 2SD**

**ADDRESS: THERAPY HUB, SUTTON
FAMILY CENTRE, SUTTON WEST CENTRE,
ROBIN HOOD LANE, SUTTON, SURREY,
SM1 2SD**



**THE THERAPY HUB IS A PORTACABIN ON
THE GROUNDS OF THE SUTTON FAMILY
CENTRE SITE.**

**THE SUTTON FAMILY CENTRE IS
LOCATED NEXT TO LIMES COLLEGE,
JUST OFF OF ROBIN HOOD LANE IN
SUTTON.**

**PARKING: THERE IS NO PARKING
AVAILABLE ON-SITE**

To the left hand side of the Sutton Youth Centre is a Green sign, directing you to walk down the road to access three buildings: The Limes, Behaviour Support and Sutton Family Centre. Please walk down the side-road

On the right hand side is a large railing, through which you can see a large green space and a single storey building. That is the Sutton Family Centre, and the Therapy Hub is the portacabin on the right hand-side of the grass.

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Walk to the gate on the far left hand side of the garden and press the buzzer. You will then be let on to the Family Centre site.

Please then follow the signs for the Therapeutic Hub/ Therapy Hub