



WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The Wallington Week

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

Monday 18th November 2024

Message from the Headteacher

On Friday of last week, 10 senior cadets from both Wallington Girls and Wilson's attended The Mayor of London's Remembrance Service at City Hall. They acted as ushers before joining the service and were guests of Sadiq Khan at the reception held after the event, meeting the Mayor and Deputy Commander of London District. During Half Term, the Army and RAF ran recruits' camps at Longmoor and RAF Halton, respectively. This saw 150 cadets from both schools away, with the Year 9s passing significant elements of their basic syllabus. Well done to Olusayi, who won Best Recruit for her cheerful and consistent performance.



On Sunday, 21st, cadets provided a Guard of Honour at Croydon Minster before joining another 20 to march through the town to Croydon Cenotaph, where wreaths were laid.

On Monday, the Year 10 cohort were fortunate enough to have a Slam Poetry Day, building up their knowledge of poetry, rhyming, choosing vocabulary, writing their own poems, and performing in a grand finale competition at the end of the day. I thoroughly enjoyed the event, and it looked like many of the students did too.



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

20th Nov- Enrichment Day

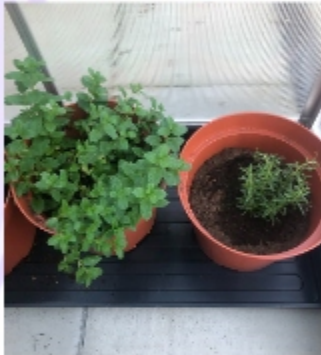
22nd Nov- Fusion Showcase

9th Dec- Year 13 Parents Evening

17th Dec- Christmas Concert



The gardening club was really well attended on Friday, and we planted over 200 spring bulbs!



Enrichment Day is on Wednesday – I hope all the students know what they are doing and where they are going, and I hope they all have a fabulous day doing something a little different and enriching.

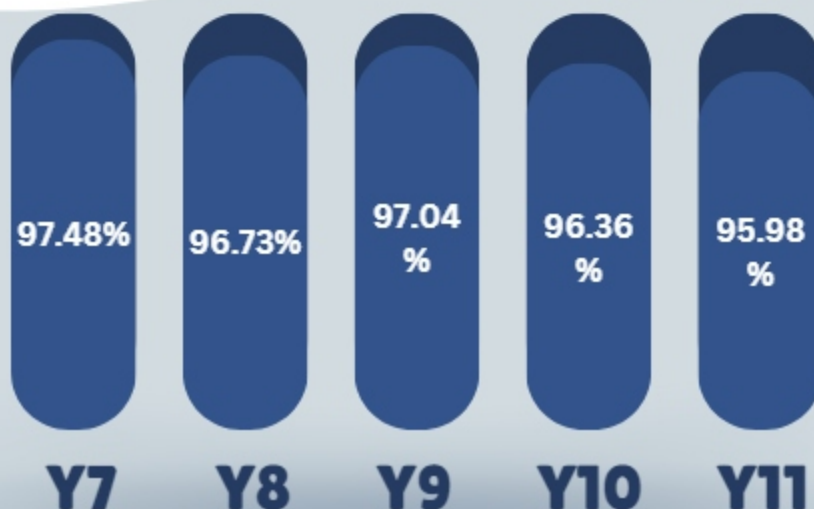
Our Festive Fair will be on Friday, 13th December, and is a student-led event for students and staff. Stalls will be run by groups completing the WoHAA award. The next mentoring session for WoHAA groups is on Wednesday, 20th November, in the gym after school. The CEO may even be coming next week!

There will be a second-hand uniform sale on Friday, 22nd November, straight after school. Cash is preferred, please.

-Ms T O'Brien
Headteacher

Attendance Percentages

Between 02/09/24 - 12/11/24



Calendar

Week B

Monday 18th November

Year 11 Food Practical Mocks
Year 11 Mock Oral Exams
Late Detention- (15.10-15.30pm)

Tuesday 19th November

Year 11 Food Practical Mocks
Year 11 Mock Oral Exams
Late Detention- (15.10-15.30pm)

Wednesday 20th November

Enrichment Day

Thursday 21st November

Year 11 Food Practical Mocks
Year 11 Mock Oral Exams
Late detention- E06 (15:10pm-15:30pm)
Workshop 10: KS5 Study Skills (Years 12 and 13 Parents)
WHSG (18:00-19:00pm)

Friday 22nd November

Year 11 Food Practical Mocks
Year 11 Mock Oral Exams
Late Detention- E06 (15:10pm-15:30pm)
Central Detention- E06 (15:10-16:10pm)
Fusion Showcase (18:00-20:30pm)



Messages from DSL

Deepfakes

A new report from Internet Matters estimates that 13% of teenagers in the UK have had experience with a nude deepfake from either sending or receiving one, encountering a nude deepfake online or using a 'nudifying' app. The two main types of deepfakes are video and audio. Video deepfakes manipulate the appearance of a person while audio deepfakes manipulate their voice. The rise of generative AI tools has significantly increased the ease of producing realistic sexual deepfakes with nude deepfakes making up around 98% of all deepfakes.

Based on a survey of 2,000 parents and 1,000 children, the key findings include:

- Teenage boys are twice as likely as teenage girls to report an experience with a nude deepfake.
- Teenagers see nude deepfake abuse as worse than image abuse featuring real pictures.

For further guidance please click here - [What is undress AI? Guide for parents and carers | Internet Matters](#)

Online Parenting Courses - Family Lives

Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, if interested please follow this link: <https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on 0808 800 2222 for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.

Parent Workshop: KS5 Study Skills (Years 12 and 13 Parents)

Date and time: Thurs 21st Nov 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 12 and Year 13 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.

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Online Parenting Courses - Family Lives

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: Kooth – Supporting your child’s mental health

Date and time: Thurs 5th Dec 2024, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Cassim Kaweesa - Kooth Engagement Lead

Location: This is a virtual event - Zoom

Many parents and carers of children and young people are worried or concerned about their child’s mental wellbeing. It can be difficult to know where to turn, or what services are available to support your child. Kooth is a safe online space offering NHS-commissioned mental health support for children and young people. In this session, Cassim (Kooth Engagement Lead) will talk us through how Kooth works and the support available.

Please see the meeting details below:

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 81600879402

Passcode: u*@6Wkf1

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://kooth.zoom.us/j/81600879402?pwd=zXOX7ucB0dJFdwMdViVul9ggMZexTM.1>

-Mrs M Sundborg
Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Event

On Monday 11th November, students from years 7, 8 and 9 came together to perform their solo pieces to each other in the KS3 Music recital. I am always impressed by the courage shown by students to perform and we were treated to some wonderful performances. Zara performed on the violin and said "It was fun to watch how talented everyone was, and it was a thrilling experience to play my musical instrument. I am really looking forward to performing in the next one." Well done to everyone involved! Please do save the date for the Winter Concert on 17th December, which features our school choirs and ensembles.

-Mrs M Ngobi
Head of Music



Event

You Are Invited To
Wallington High
School for Girls

*Winter
Concert*



Tuesday 17th December

6:30PM

Main Hall

Featuring performances from school choirs,
orchestra, Indian ensemble and soloists.

Tickets: Adults - £4, Children - free

Details to follow.



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University Taster Event



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26th & 27th November 2024

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Tuesday 26th November

7pm	Biochemical Engineering and Vaccine Manufacture
7pm	Bubble, bubble, are vapes trouble?
7pm	Discover Business Analytics: Turning Data into Insight (Finance)
7pm	Children's literature for today's child
7pm	How does psychology help us understand (im)moral behaviour?
7pm	Introduction to Midwifery
7pm	Where does the Roman alphabet come from? (Greek and Latin)
7pm	'Giving voice' - Speech and language therapists make the difference
7pm	Modern Languages: 9 out of 10 employers prefer them
7pm	Electronic Engineering - Supporting a cleaner, healthier and interconnected world
8pm	The Wonderful World of Materials (Science & Engineering)
8pm	How Anthropology Tackles Critical Questions
8pm	Combining Humanities & STEM - Going Interdisciplinary
8pm	Digital Identities: Presentation of Self on Social Media
8pm	Human Energy Homeostasis (Nutrition and Human Health, Life Sciences)
8pm	The Sceptical Paradox (Philosophy)
8pm	Communication and Compassion in Nursing
8pm	Using science to tackle unsolved problems
8pm	The Power of Physiotherapy: Diverse Specialities, Impact for Every Patient
8pm	Planet Under Pressure: Navigating the Challenges of a changing Planet (Geography & Environmental Science)

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7pm	Biochemical Engineering and Vaccine Manufacture
7pm	Unlock the power of forecasting : risk management, banking and financial modelling
7pm	Moi, président[e], je... (Modern Languages: French)
7pm	Crow vs taxi? The mathematics of metrics
7pm	Southern Belles and Redneck Women: Gender and Race in the US South (History)
7pm	EmpowerHer: Sport Management & Leadership Unlocked
7pm	Geography Insights: Sustainability, mobility, and identify
7pm	Problems in Contemporary Philosophy
7pm	Mental Wellbeing
7pm	You "doth protest too much, methinks" - at what point does protest overlap with criminality (Law)
7pm	Explaining Biomedical Science
8pm	Mind the (narrowing) Gap: How artificial intelligence, gig economy and hybrid work are redefining gender equality
8pm	Solving Complex Challenges: How Science and Engineering Drive Social Change
8pm	Chemical Engineering for a Sustainable 21st Century
8pm	Medicine - The Heart
8pm	The Bible Versus the Witch: The (mis) use of Scripture during the early modern witch-hunts
8pm	How the law protects the private lives of celebrities
8pm	The Meaning of Life
8pm	Polymers, their properties & how to control them - a taster of University Chemistry
8pm	Homes for bees, empowering amputees, automating surgeries and other engineering stories

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Universities Attending:

- **Imperial College, London**
- **UCL**
- **St Georges, University of London**
- **City, University of London**
- **Durham University**
- **University of Warwick**
- **University of Nottingham**
- **University of Southampton**
- **University of Manchester**
- **University of Birmingham**
- **Leicester University**
- **University of Northampton**
- **University of Surrey**
- **University of East Anglia**
- **University of Lancaster**
- **University of Kent**
- **University of Huddersfield**
- **University of Swansea**
- **University of Suffolk**

[Click here to sign up to taster lectures](#)

Taller en línea

UNA INTRODUCCIÓN A LA SALUD MENTAL DE LOS NIÑOS DE PRIMARIA

Este taller introductorio ayudará a padres y cuidadores a reconocer señales tempranas de ansiedad, estrés y problemas de comportamiento en los primeros años de primaria. Los participantes aprenderán a reconocer y diferenciar entre comportamientos normales y aquellos que pueden necesitar apoyo adicional, además de conocer los recursos disponibles para ayudar a los niños en su bienestar emocional y social.



NHS
South West London and
St George's Mental Health
NHS Trust

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Service

FECHA Y HORA

Martes 26th Noviembre
1.00-2.00 pm / 7.00-8.00 pm

UBICACIÓN:

En línea a través de Microsoft Teams

“Regístrate para este evento de forma gratuita en Eventbrite escaneando el código QR o siguiendo el enlace a continuación:”

[Haz clic aquí para reservar](#)



wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.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

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.