



WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

The Wallington Week

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

Monday 3rd February 2025

Message from the Headteacher

The highlight of last week was our first Alumni Reception. We were not sure how many ex-students would attend and were delighted when we had over 150 Wallingtonians arrive. Our choir started the evening with our new school song, our Head Girls then gave a speech about their experiences at our school today, we had old and new whole school photographs and year books, and our Sixth Formers ran tours around the school. Several attendees took turns on the roaming mic reminiscing on their favourite school stories. Our amazing PFA were on hand with refreshments, and everyone had a fantastic time. Photographs to follow.



A few reminders – our Whole School Production runs this week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Year 9 options evening is on Wednesday 12th February. Students will be allowed to wear their own clothes on Friday 14th February, raising money for Place2Be - a children's mental health charity who provide mental health support in schools and our Spring Fair is on 28th Feb from 3.30-6pm.

Each year the Government publishes a document called the Inspection Data Summary Report (IDSR). This document lays out how the school is doing across a range of metrics. In summary the report shows:

- Progress 8 (GCSE): Our Progress 8 score of 0.9 indicates that, on average, our students achieve a grade higher than their peers of similar ability in other schools. This places us in the 97th percentile nationally.

Useful Links

Co-Curricular Activities

SOCs, the school's 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

4th/5th/6th- School Production Performances 7pm

12th February- Y9 Options Evening

27th February- Y9 Parents Evening

A-Level Performance: With an Average Point Score in the 97th percentile, our A-Level results are significantly above the national average.

▪ **Attendance:** The school's absence rate is just 4.7%, placing us in the lowest 20% of similar schools.

Finally, this is a reminder about Year 11 work experience – it really is a good idea to secure this as soon as possible.



**-Ms O'Brien
Headteacher**

Calendar

Week A

Monday 3rd February

- Year 11 Guidance Meetings- (ALL WEEK)
- Children's Mental Health Week
- Late Detention- (15.10-15.30pm)
- Disney Parent Information Evening (Gym 18:00-19:00pm)

Tuesday 4th February

- School Production Matinee to Local Primary Schools (11am)
- Year 10 - English Assessment 3
- Late Detention- (14.10-14.30pm)
- Evening School Production Performance (19:00pm)

Wednesday 5th February

- Y11 Options Deadline
- Central Detention – (15:10pm-16:10pm)
- Evening School Production Performance (19:00pm)

Thursday 6th February

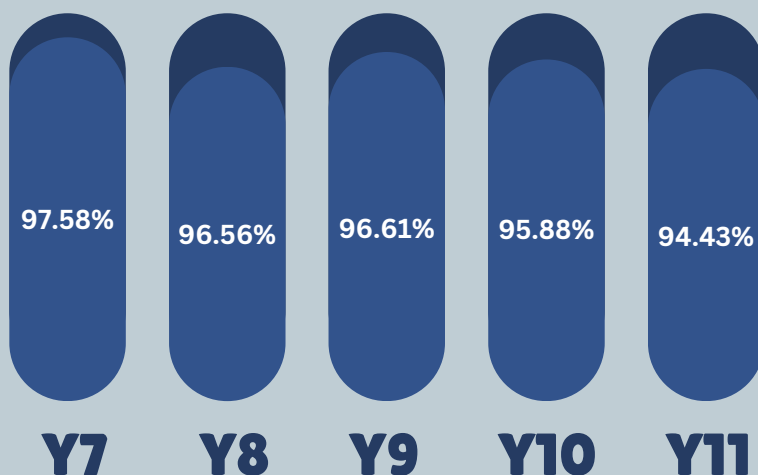
- Joe Pardoe Visit - Student Motivation
- Late Detention- (15:10-15:30pm)
- Evening School Production Performance (19:00pm)
- Workshop 13: Social Media & Gaming - What Parents Need to Know (virtual event – Eventbrite, 19:00pm)

Friday 7th February

- Central Detention- (15:10-16:10pm)
- Headteacher Detention- (15:10-17:10pm)
- Late Detention- (15:10-15:30pm)

Attendance Percentages

Between 02/09/24 - 28/01/25



DSL Messages

Safer Internet Day 2025

Safer Internet Day is taking place on Tuesday 11th February. This year the theme is “Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.” Safer Internet Day is the UK’s biggest celebration of online safety. This Safer Internet Day we are starting a conversation about how to spot, respond to and report all types of scams online. Scams can take many forms and may target anyone, including young people. Use these top tips to keep you and your loved ones safe online - [Tips for Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

The logo for Safer Internet Day 2025, featuring the text 'Safer Internet Day 2025' in blue and orange, followed by 'Tuesday 11 February' in orange. A vertical line separates the date from the main text.

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

E-Safety Parent Workshop

Date and time: Thurs 6th Feb 2025, 19.00-20.00

Facilitator: Dr Danielle Shbero - Clinical Psychologist from Sutton CAMHS

Location: This is a virtual event – Eventbrite

This workshop talks through the relationship between mental health and different forms of screentime – some of the myths, science and also tips for how to think about and support your teen around different forms of screentime.

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

[Social Media & Gaming - What Parents Need to Know Tickets, Thu 6 Feb 2025 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

E-Safety – Parent Workshop - CANCELLED

Unfortunately, the facilitator is unwell so we have had to cancel this parent workshop (13th Feb). We will let you know once we have a new date.

-Mrs M Sundborg
Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Parent Talk



Free and confidential online parenting support in Sutton

Find answers to parenting questions in our advice articles.
Use our webchat or WhatsApp to talk to a local parenting coach
about anything that's worrying you.

We're here for you when you need us. No topic is too big,
small, or embarrassing.

Get support with:

- mental health
- school and education
- child development
- additional needs
- family relationships
- behaviour

We can support you in the language you prefer.

parent-talk.org.uk/sutton



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 the individual contact email provided and for general enquiries 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.