



Wallington High School *for Girls*

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE



Hi new Year 7 Seacole student

I'm Lucie and welcome to our amazing school!

Let's be realistic this is a big change for you and it's a big school compared to what you're used to but don't stress or worry - you've got this!

Everyone told us not to worry because we were all in the same position, but to be honest that didn't change my feelings. It was only a year ago that I felt the same, you soon get used to it and if you get lost then just ask someone, we are all quite friendly. Just don't put yourself under too much pressure.

So, Seacole hey? Did you know there are seven houses a WHSG, these are Seacole (woohoo), Sharman, Athena, Bronte, Curie, Pankhurst and Johnson. They are all named after inspirational woman, just as you can become one day.



Now a little bit about our inspirational namesake. Mary Seacole was born in Jamaica in 1805. Her father was a Scottish soldier and her mother a free Jamaican woman. During the Crimean War, Mary travelled to the area and independently set up a Hotel and cared for the sick and injured soldiers. Having been forgotten for almost 100 years, Mary Seacole was recognized for her success as a woman.

What can I say, we are just the best! We started off well when we won the interhouse "Tug of War" at the barbeque last July and we have gone from strength to strength ever since.

We are a friendly, creative and fun house. We look after each other and show kindness and respect. You just need to be yourself and participate in as much as possible. This is the quickest way to get to know the school and make friends.

So, with your house comes your fab form tutor! They will (hopefully) stay with you throughout your journey at Wally girls and they are your first "go-to" person if you have any problems or queries. You also have your two House leaders who organise activities and assemblies etc. and can provide guidance from their own experience. Within your form you can vote for Form Captain, Sports Captain, various monitors, and other roles; these are great ways to participate and promote Seacole house.

Some of the questions I had when I started are listed below and I have also put the answers for you that I found out.

What is the Club Fair? A gathering in the school hall telling you about all the different, extra-curricular Clubs and opportunities at our school. **When will we get our schedule and do P.E.?** On the first day your form tutor will give you your timetable, which tells you when you have all your subjects, including P.E. **Lockers?** You get allocated your locker on your first day, but you need to bring a padlock. Coded ones are best as you don't have to worry about losing your key. **What do we do with our Kit and equipment?** Make sure you have everything you need at school in your locker. Keep your Aprons in your locker too. The best time to go to your locker is at break times. Do not go in between lessons as you won't have enough time.

We are all proud to be in Seacole house and we want you to be too. The best way to do this is to take part in as many opportunities that are put in front of you as possible. Not only does this help you to learn and grow as a person but it also gives you the potential to win House points for yourself and for your house.

So, just remember every great journey starts with a first step. You have some amazing people around you, whether they are your friends, other students, teachers, parents or carers to help you adjust.



Lastly, I will wish you lots of luck and leave you with my favourite quote that comforted me this time last year....

Lucie x

"You're off to great places, today is your day, your mountain is waiting, so get on your way" – Dr Seuss