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THE WALLINGTON WEEK

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

The Department for Education has now published the confirmed and final results showing the overall performances for all secondary schools at the end of Key Stage 4 in 2018; in other words their Progress 8 score. I am very pleased to say that WHSG is the second highest school in Sutton, with a confirmed Progress 8 score of 1.04. This places us in the top forty secondary schools nationally. It is also important to mention that our Progress 8 score for students in receipt of pupil premium was even higher at 1.17. It is important to remember that we are committed to delivering the broadest possible education and so this perhaps makes these results even more impressive given just how many of our students are fully involved in the wider life of the school and the extra-curricular programme.

Unfortunately being able to maintain this quality of education is becoming more and more challenging for schools. Schools are now seeing the impact of the teacher recruitment crisis as well as tighter school budgets. The Sutton Secondary Headteachers are in support of the 'Worth Less' Campaign which has recently launched a petition demanding for greater funding for schools. Please could I encourage everyone to sign this which can be found through the following link:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>

Weather forecasts are currently threatening the possibility of snow this week, so I thought it worth a timely reminder that, on the rare occasion that the decision is made to close the school due to snow, parents will be informed by text and by email at 7.00am or as soon as possible thereafter. A notice will also be posted on the school website.

Finally, The Girls' Learning Trust is seeking an enthusiastic, qualified and experienced Head of Finance. If you are interested, or know of friends and colleagues who might be interested, please have a look at our vacancies page,

<https://wallingtonhighgirls.fluencycms.co.uk/Vacancies>

where we advertise all job opportunities across the Trust.

Richard Booth

100 Club Winners—December and January

Congratulations to Sharong Zhang and Angaiyarkanni Marvthavanan, who were winners of the PFA 100 Club for December and January.

The Week Ahead

Monday 28 January

Year 7 Netball A&B @ St Phils

Tuesday 29 January

Year 10 Netball A&B @ Croydon

Wednesday 30 January

16.00-18.00—Careers Evening 2

Thursday 31 January

18.00-20.00—Year 9 Options Evening

Saturday 2 February

DOE Training Day (9.00 - 17.00 for DIRECT participants, 9.00 to 11.30 for all others)

Sunday 3 February

School Production Rehearsal - Timing TBC

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5 February

School Mentoring Day

Year 11 GCSE Study Day (at home) unless required for Art catch up)

Year 13 Academic Review Day

Wednesday 6 February

13.05-13.50—Speed Dating

Year 7 - Surrey Schools Netball

Thursday 7 February

08.45-13.05—Intermediate Maths Challenge

Year 10 Netball A&B @ Epsom College

Friday 8 February

19.00-22.00—YPFA Disco - Years 7 & 8

Sunday 10 February

Tech / Dress Rehearsal - Hall - Timings TBC

Monday 11 February

School Production Dress-Tech Rehearsal

Tuesday 12 February

School Production Dress-Tech Rehearsal & Matinee

Year 7 - Netball a/b/c/d v Sutton High (H)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

19.00-21.00—School Production Performance—Legally Blonde

Wednesday 13 February

Year 10 Netball A&B @ Sutton High

Friday 15 February—Friday 22 February

Ski visit to Austria—departs 10.15

Tuesday 19—Friday 22 February

STEM Visit to Disneyland Paris

Half Term Break Monday 18—Friday 22 February

Monday 25 February

INSET Day—No students in School



LEGALLY BLONDE

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!
Main Foyer, lunchtime from 1.15pm

£5 a ticket for:
Tuesday 12th February
Wednesday 13th February
Thursday 14th February

KEEP IT POSITIVE



LEGALLY BLONDE

GCSE History revision opportunities for Year 11

Timetabled revision sessions—see the notice on the History notice board and check out Frog.

Drops ins—Wednesday lunchtime F20.

Come with your questions. We will be on hand to help you find the answer.

First Aid Procedures / First Aid Room

We are continuing to see students in the first aid room with the following:-

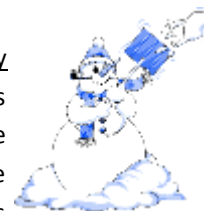
- Period pains—please bear in mind (and remind your daughter) that we do not keep paracetamol in school other than that stored for individual students. The only thing we can offer is a hot water bottle!
- Colds and Coughs—we do not keep any cold or cough medication in the medical room or paracetamol (as mentioned above) so please encourage your daughter not to visit the first aid room with cold symptoms unless she feels she is really too unwell to remain at school.
- Sickness bugs—a reminder that, in order to prevent the spread of infection to both other students and staff, if your daughter has been suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea, she should not come into school for **48 hours** after the last episode.



If your daughter needs to take medication whilst at school, she should hand it in to the first aid room in an envelope marked with her name and form and instructions on dosage. A relevant form must accompany the medication which can be downloaded from our website—School Life, Pastoral, Parental Permission Store and Administer Meds or via the following link:-<http://www.wallingtongirls.sutton.sch.uk/Pastoral-Care>

Do we have your Up to Date Mobile Numbers and Email Addresses?

It has, on occasion, been necessary to close the school, in the past this has happened due to heavy snowfall. However, such events are extremely rare and the school would only be closed reluctantly and as a last resort. Every effort will be made to maintain the continuous operation of the school and the education of its students. Any full or partial closure will be communicated to parents and staff by mobile text and by email around 07.00am. There will also be a message on the school's website if the School is closed.



Please ensure that the school is kept informed of up to date mobile numbers and email addresses. Please email the following members of staff with any changes to your contact details.

Years 7-11

mandrews@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Years 12 & 13

smccormack@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Gym & Dance 2019

Key Dates:

Gym & Dance Show Nights: Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March (6.45pm)
Tickets on Sale: TUESDAY 26TH FEB onwards (Lunch times at the PE office)

Auditions— Year 7 Inter House Dance: Thursday 28th Feb (3-4.30pm)
Auditions—Dance: Monday 4th March (3-5pm)
Auditions—Gym: Tuesday 5th March (3-4.30pm)

Dance Technical Rehearsal: Monday 18th March (3-5pm)
Gym Technical Rehearsal: Tuesday 19th March (3-4.30pm)
Full Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday 20th March (Gym P1/2, Dance P3/4, Dance Yr 7 P5)

Holocaust Educational Trust

Our Ambassadors for the Holocaust Educational Trust, Harriet (13 FWS) and Anya (13 CGY) spoke at City Hall and had the opportunity to meet Sadiq Khan, the London Mayor.



What is going on in the Library?

Board Games Club

Every Thursday Lunchtime (short games)



After School (Hogwarts Battle)



Do you love writing stories and poetry?

Then join Creative Writing Club

Starting Tuesday 28 Jan

After School The Library



Maker Space

Starting Wednesday 30 Jan Lunch

In the library

Please sign up with Mrs Murphy if you are interested



Come and celebrate

Harry Potter Book Night

The Library 2.50pm-4pm

Thursday 7 Feb

£2 a ticket includes a chocolate frog and a

S.P.E.W badge

Tickets available from the library

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

JOIN US TO DEBATE REAL GLOBAL ISSUES AND DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN POLITICS

EVERY MONDAY LUNCHTIME
1.10 - 1.45
12.1

Years 9 - 13

If you want to take part in mock UN conferences, improve your public speaking skills, become more aware about international relations and actively discuss the world around us - MUN is the club for you!

Grace and Romya (Year 12) would love to see you there!

Monday 28th January

This week's issue for debate:
Gender Pay Gap

Come with your own views as well as an idea of opposing arguments!

Year 10 Netball Interhouse

Where: Courts

When: Wednesday 6 February 2019

3-4.15

Who: Team of 9



Year 7 5-a-side Football Interhouse

Where: Bottom field

When: Thursday 31 January—3-4.15

Who: Team of 7

Year 11 Chemistry Revision Sessions

Date	Content Covered
29th Jan	C3-Ionic Bonding
12th Feb	C3-Covalent Bonding
FEBRUARY HALF TERM	
26th Feb	C3- Metallic Bonding
5th March	C4- Mass and Moles
12th March	C4-Titration Calculations
19th March	C5- Making Salts, Strong and Weak Acids and pH
26th March	C6- Electrolysis
2nd April	C7- Energy Changes
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
23rd April	C8- Rates of Reaction and Equilibrium
20th April	C9- Hydrocarbons
8th May	C10- Alcohols, Carboxylic Acids and Esters

All Sessions will start at **1.10 in F14**

Inspiring Engineers Scheme

As part of the Inspiring Engineers Scheme elective 23 of our Year 12 students and five mentors from Mott MacDonald went to Imperial College last Thursday. We experienced a highly inspiring and informative day lead by the Civil Engineering department's outreach officer Anna Mijic and her PHD student Georgia Bateman. We had a tour of the Civil Engineering labs and saw a presentation about the undergraduate course at Imperial College. The highlight was a team engineering challenge to design a new airport in the Thames Estuary.

Well done to team *Arriba* whose design won the challenge.



Mrs Caspary

*Our trip to Imperial was not only insightful and interesting, but meeting engineers who work in different fields gave us a clear idea as to what our future could look like. **We learnt that engineering is not only a career but a way of thinking**, and that anyone can obtain that mind-set with a positive attitude. One of the main reasons it was inspiring to see engineers talking about their work was because they were changing the world; whether it was preventing coastal erosion from rising sea levels caused by humankind or the amount of thought that went into building a single road. It was moving to see people dedicate their lives to help future generations. From that day we realised that engineers really are the futures heroes.*

By Janavi

On the 10th of January, we visited the Imperial College of London as part of our Inspiring Engineers Scheme. We spent the day listening to lectures entailing civil engineering as a career option and proceeding to design an airport. This is meant to solve the problem of the rising demand for air travel. My team, Arriba, came first and it was an honour to take part and experience what working as an engineer meant and the different sectors needed to make a project come to life. I feel so much more informed due to this trip and will use this experience to venture further into the engineering field!



By Yuktha

The inspiring engineers program took us to Imperial College where we received a tour of the civil engineering department. We also did a workshop where we designed a new London airport with the help of our mentors from Mott MacDonald and some of Imperial staff and students.

Our group won the competition with our plans to build an airport in the Thames Estuary. To incorporate British history, our proposed terminals were shaped like a white and red rose to represent the War of the Roses.

It was a great experience as we got a feel for what it would be like to work or study in a university engineering department. We also saw the amount of work and consideration that has to go into such a large scale project as each team member focussed on one part of the design which contributes to the end product.

By Beatrice

