



Wallington High School *For Girls*

HEIRS OF THE PAST, MAKERS OF THE FUTURE

THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Last week we opened our doors to visitors for several different events. On Wednesday, we welcomed the new Year 7 students who are due to join us in September in for their induction day. Further details can be found later in this newsletter, but I would like to give a special mention to the Year 12 Prefects who came in on a day when Year 12 were working at home to help run the event. Many of our new students and parents then came along to the PFA's New Year 7 Barbeque on Saturday to enjoy burgers and meet up with other new parents. Even though it was raining quite heavily at times it was great to see the new Year 7s talking to the friends they have made at the induction day.

Our students also demonstrated everything it means to be a Wally Girl by giving up their Thursday evening in droves to help with the Open Evening on Thursday. This event saw over 1200 prospective families tour the school and listen to a Headteacher's talk. Visitors commented on how happy our students were at school – they really were a credit to themselves and to the school. Some of our Year 12 students have also recently been to Barrow Hedges Primary School to help with their Sports Day and again the school has commented on how fantastic they were.

Both students and staff have spent the week taking part in our annual 'Race for Life' with some impressive pink fancy dress. We look forward to seeing what Year 12 can do this Wednesday when they all complete their turn. We will publish the final figure of the amount raised once all the contributions have been counted.

The Senior Prefects have an action packed week ahead as part of their 'Raising and Giving' week, and also our second annual Culturefest celebrations. We are looking forward to a Teachers vs Students Quiz and Rounders Match, "Around the World" food stalls and "What does Culture mean to you" non-uniform day and runway.

Have a great week.

- Mrs C Godyn

Open Evening 2023

On Thursday we welcomed over a thousand prospective parents and pupils to school for our annual Open Evening. All departments gave a flavour of what learning is like across school, including live music in the quad, practical science demonstrations, hands-on learning in Design Technology and tasty offerings from food tech. Thanks go to our Prefect team and CCF pupils who helped to organise the flow of visitors, Year 9 and 10 who acted as Tour Guides and to our youngest pupils who volunteered in classrooms. We were blessed with good weather and the event proved a huge success!



Year 7 Induction Day

Our new Year 7 came to visit us on Wednesday and spent the day getting to know us a little better, in readiness for their arrival in September. Activities included a Roam Around School, some taster lessons, a playtime with some of our current year 7 pupils and the all-important first visit to the canteen. Parents joined us in the afternoon and met our new Head Teacher Ms O'Brien. We also gave each visitor a copy of the "Moving Up!" magazine that was created by our current Year 7s. We look forward to seeing the newest members of our school community again after the summer holidays.



Apps to Help Children Get Advice

With the summer break just around the corner it is important that we all get outside and make the most of the good weather. This can be difficult for parents whose children seem super-glued to their devices so Internet Matters have put together a useful advice page with a list of different apps for children of all ages to get them motivated. You can find the advice page by clicking [here](#).

Process for recording student absence

The School's Attendance Officer (Years 7-11) or Sixth Form Administrator (Sixth Form) must be informed on the first day of absence before 8.45am via email from the parent/carer (sent from the same email address currently notified to us on our administrative system), and every subsequent day before 8.45am if the absence continues. If there is no communication from parents/carers, then this will be automatically recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Please contact the School's Attendance Officer (Years 7-11) or Sixth Form Administrator (Sixth Form) using this email address – attendance@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Updating Contact Details

A reminder to please inform the school if your contact details change, e.g. your mobile number changes or you move house. Please email info@wallingtongirls.org.uk with the updated details.

Students' Medication at School

If a student has a condition that requires any medication including Inhalers, Adrenaline autoinjectors (referred to as EpiPen) and/ or Antihistamines can parents/carers please ensure that they provide spare medication to the school.

In light of normal school protocol, it is vital that we have the correct medication on site for students in case of an emergency. We would ask that Parents/Carers send in / replace this medication as soon as possible, any expired medications must be collected where applicable.

We require all medication each to be accompanied by a completed Parental Permission Form, available from the school website by this link:

<https://www.wallingtongirls.org.uk/page/?title=Student+First+Aid+%26amp%3B+Medication+Information&pid=105>

We would also ask that you would provide the school with replacement medication as soon as possible and when the expiry date is reached.

Enrichment activities are coming up next month, spare medications need to be provided before the activities to ensure they are available as some activities may be taking place off site.

Thank you.



Junior Kangaroo

Well done to the following Year 7 and Year 8 students whose impressive performances in the Junior Mathematical Challenge meant they qualified for the Junior Kangaroo...

Isha, Uma, Kanya, Caitlin, Cayley, Harshitha, Rhea, Tharunja, Safiyah, Aksitha, Swathy, Sivani, Vithu, Aishi, Nivitha Sree, Rosalie, Maya, Katherine, Dhruvi, Ihinosen, Aara, Neha, Sebastian, Mugdha, Diya, Pagisha, Ahalya, Candice, Le, Joyce, Enioluwa, Advitha, Safa, Hrudya, Maya, Thammiha, Vasuki, Shajuri and Zeenat

Particular congratulations to Isha, Uma, Kanya, Caitlin, Cayley, Harshitha, Rhea who went onto achieve a Merit Certificate. Isha's brilliant score of 111 was the highest in the school.

After achieving the highest result in the school for the Junior Mathematical Challenge, Jia Xin Xie went on to also achieve a Merit certificate in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad. What a brilliant result!

Well done to everyone who took part.

Parallel Online Maths Club



Students from Year 7 to Year 12 have chosen to take part in an online Maths Club. It involves learning new skills and solving problems each week with fun activities and videos to watch.

The following students are being awarded house-points for their excellent efforts...

Megan (9Sea), Iasna (8Pan), Aarna (8Bro), Devika (8Bro), Lois (8Bro), Anjali (8Bro), Ana (7Pan) and Aswathy (9Joh).

Particular congratulations to Megan (9Sea), Devika (8Bro), Aarna (8Bro) and Lois (8Bro) who have managed to complete work over a significant number of weeks.

Aarna (8Bro), Devika (8Bro) and Lois (8Bro) have also been awarded their second certificate by the organisers for achieving 4000 points at level three.

Here is an example of a recent question...

5.1. The sculpture 'Cubo Vacado' (Emptied Cube) by the Brazilian artist Fernando Weissmann is formed by removing cubical blocks from a solid cube to leave the symmetrical shape shown.

If all the edges have length 1, 2 or 3, what is the volume of the sculpture?

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We are really proud of all the students who have taken part! We hope that you continue to enjoy the resources. It's not too late to join in!



Oxbridge

On Friday June 29th 2023 a group of 22 students journeyed to Oxford University with Mrs Whitely-Beckford and Mr Pattison for Open Day.

Open Days are the perfect opportunity for prospective undergraduate students to get a feel of Oxford university and to meet our tutors and students. They are designed to give you information about the courses, colleges and the wider University, helping them to make a choice of where to study and which course to choose. There were some parents who attended with their daughters as well; thank you.

The students had a great time interacting with present and past students and they had opportunities to explore the campus and departments of interests. Students watched mock interviews, several demonstrations, spoke to lecturers and got a feel of the tutorial system in which they will be taught. One of the most interesting part of the day was being able to access directly current research and meet several professors whose research we explore in our Oxbridge programme at school.

Several students will be off to Cambridge University Open Days this week July 6th & 7th 2023.



Psychology

Royal Holloway University National Psychology Competition was held on June 28th 2023. Our school was represented by Y12 students enabling them to pit their Psychology skills against pupils from across the UK. The students represented WHSG well in a group poster debate on the topic 'How can psychology be used to understand the misinformation epidemic?'. The feedback from the judges on their presentation was commendable. Whilst students did not win, they gained valuable skills such as public speaking, team work and had the opportunity to interact with Professors and Senior Lecturers in Psychology who shared their research findings.

Well done to the students!



SPORTS NOTICES



Y7, 8 & 9 Cricket Interhouse Results 2023

A huge well done and thank you to all the students that participated in the competition! The games were fantastic and it was lovely to see some many great cricket players! Thank you to the sports leaders and helpers who made the competition possible. Points have been awarded for the overall house cup!

Y7 Competition:

- 1st – Curie
- 2nd – Johnson
- 3rd – Sharman
- 4th – Bronte & Athena
- 5th – Pankhurst & Seacole

Y8 Competition:

- 1st – Johnson
- 2nd – Sharman
- 3rd – Bronte
- 4th – Seacole & Athena
- 5th – Pankhurst
- 6th – Curie

Y9 Competition:

- 1st – Seacole
- 2nd – Athena
- 3rd – Johnson, Pankhurst,
Bronte, Sharman





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Y7&8 Tennis Interhouse Results 2023



A huge well done and thank you to all the students that participated in the competition! The games were fantastic and it was lovely to see some many great tennis players! Thank you to the sports leaders and helpers who made the competition possible. Points have been awarded for the overall house cup!

Y7 Competition:

Y8 Competition:



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| 1 st – Bronte | 1 st – Johnson |
| 2 nd – Sharman | 2 nd – Athena & Pankhurst |
| 3 rd – Athena & Seacole | 3 rd – Curie |
| 4 th – Curie | 4 th – Bronte |
| 5 th – Johnson | 5 th – Sharman |
| 6 th – Pankhurst | 6 th – Seacole |





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PE Sporting Stars of the Half-term

The following students have been awarded sporting star of the half-term by their PE teachers:

Mrs Collins	Lucy	10
Miss Lake	Sophia	9
Mrs Bates	Bethany	10
Mrs Parkinson	Esmari	8
Mrs Waight	Maisy	11
Mrs Wadsworth	Emily	10
Mrs Woodvine	Jayani	8
Miss Gough	Saima	9

well done

