



End of Term Letter

Headmaster

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Wallington County Grammar School,

We are now approaching the end of what has been another fantastic year for the School, full of memorable moments that will be with our students and staff for the rest of their lives. For me, there have been many highlights this term including our interviews for Captain of School and the Student Leadership Team which were of a particularly high standard. It was a joy to hear about the experiences and ambitions of our excellent Lower Sixth who made it a particularly difficult job to choose which of them should be getting the top roles. Ben French rose to the challenge phenomenally, acquitted himself with vision and integrity and is fully deserving of his position as captain of our students. Sports Day was also a great success this year with students cheering on their House heroes with particular vigour and Woodcote coming out as well deserved victors on a beautifully warm June Day. It was also a great pleasure to once again collaborate with the Rowdown Foundation who work to open up exceptional educational opportunities for disadvantaged primary school children. We hosted a visit for these students and their parents to see what world class education looks like and encourage the sense of ambition and aspiration that are the hallmarks of Wallington students. Another charity that did some fantastic work with our Year 8s was First Give who supported each teaching group to give a presentation on a particularly worthwhile charity that they would like to see £1000 be donated to. The theme this year was gang prevention and it was a delight to hear our students speak so passionately and eloquently about causes they feel so strongly about. Tom Brake MP assisted us in the judging and it was a fantastic afternoon to be a part of.

I of course had my own memorable moment this term, being shaken by the hand and called "Headmaster" for the first time which is both an honour and a privilege. My thanks go to the Local Advisory Board and Folio Education Trust for placing their faith in me and of course to all staff, students and parents who have been incredibly supportive in my first two years as Head of School. This of course means we must look to the future to another exciting year. We will be launching our new core values in September that have been generated by all members of the School community. These are:

Commitment – We aim to always be *determined* to learn and succeed, striving to be both *passionate* and *ambitious* whilst being prepared to accept and respond to *feedback* from whoever we are fortunate enough to receive it from.

Compassion – We aim to always show *respect* and *kindness* to those we meet in life, *supporting* them when they need it and *empathising* to always make sure we make decisions in the interests of others over ourselves. We recognise that we are all part of the Wallington *family* and *community* and will do all we can to further our common cause.

Courage – We strive to always be *resilient*, learning from failure and *seeking support* when we need it. We want to be *adventurous*, constantly seeking out new and exciting opportunities and never being afraid to '*have a go*' if we don't know an answer.

Creativity – We will always be *curious*, *thinking deeply* about concepts and problems and thinking *imaginatively* to generate ideas and solutions. We aim to become *scholars* – never a student of mathematics but a true mathematician, classicist, musician, philosopher or economist.

If all members of the School embody these values there is no question of us fulfilling our motto *Per Ardua ad Suma!* We have also created a School Development Plan that will help us reach these heights still further that includes fulfilling our three year aim to promote Deep Thinking Challenges in all lessons, consulting on the new shape of the School day (still ending at 3.10pm) that includes more time for clubs and societies, delivering the Extended Project Qualification in our Sixth Form and providing new, data rich reports to parents through the SIMs Parent app which will be discussed in more detail during Parent Information Evenings at the start of next year. We will also of course be building our new DT and Music block which the PTFA so generously funded to the tune of £150,000. My thanks go out to them once again for their hard work and kindness.

It remains for me to say farewell and welcome to staff as is usual at this time of year. We have a wonderful team here at Wallington County Grammar School and we will miss all those leaving us very dearly and wish them well in their futures.

Mrs C Brooks

Mrs Brooks joined us in 2001 and has been instrumental in enhancing the quality of pastoral care in the school. She has led on developing the use of pastoral data within the school such as commendations and attendance to enable Year Leaders to track students effectively and intervene when necessary. She has also played a key role in organising a number of whole school events including celebration evenings, school photographs, immunisations and open evenings. She is a key part of our team here and we wish her a very happy retirement and thank her for her long years of service.

**Mr L Howells**

Mr Howells joined us in 2009 as a Teacher of Mathematics and has made an enormous contribution to the department through his teaching and leadership of co-curricular events including Maths Challenges, Olympiads, Cypher Days and numerous other tournaments. He was subsequently promoted to Assistant Subject Leader, leading the Sixth Form mathematics curriculum and overseeing the tracking of progress data. He is taking up the position of Teacher of Mathematics at Surbiton High School.

Mr J Wylde

Mr Wylde joined us in 2011, also as a Teacher of Mathematics, and was also subsequently promoted to Assistant Subject Leader. He has been instrumental in leading the Lower School mathematics curriculum, has mentored numerous teachers new to the profession and set up the highly successful maths peer mentoring scheme. Mr Wylde has also played a key role on the Learning Strategy Team, creating, trialling and supporting whole school initiatives such as Deep Thinking Challenges. We wish him all the best in his move to Alleyn's School.

Mr J Forrest

Mr Forrest joined us as a Rugby Coach and PE Technician in 2016 and has played a key role in organising and improving school sport. He will now take up a teaching post at Ravenswood School having trained with us this year.

Mrs S Smart

Mrs Smart joined the School in 2016 as a Teacher of Design and Technology. She has been very successful in raising standards in our Resistant Materials GCSE and has been a Sixth Form Form Tutor. Mrs Smart is unfortunately leaving us due to ill health and we wish her a full and speedy recovery.

Ms I Boulescu

Ms Boulescu joined us at the start of this year as a Teacher of Mathematics. She has been a key figure in the department teaching all Key Stages and introducing Dr Frost Maths to students. She will be moving to Jersey to take up a position as Teacher of Mathematics in Hautlieu School.

Mr E Hammond

Mr Hammond joined us in 2017 as a Teacher of Economics and Business Studies. We thank him for his hard work in supporting students and wish him well in his new role at Norbury Manor School.

Mr D Holding

Mr Holding joined us this year as Subject Leader of Art covering for Ms Musslebrook whilst she was on maternity leave. He is an Old Boy of the School and Mandeville House, we wish him well as Assistant Head Teacher of Coombe Wood School which is opening with Folio Education Trust this autumn.

Mrs E O'Connor

Mrs O'Connor also joined us this year covering for Mrs Colombo during her maternity leave as well as acting as a Foreign Language Assistant. We wish her well in her role as a teacher of Modern Foreign Languages, also at Coombe Wood School.

Mr J Perkins

Mr Perkins joined us this year as a Physics Cover Teacher. He has performed admirably in this role as he should as an Old Boy of the School! Mr Perkins was also in Mandeville House and is going on to become a Data Scientist with Aviva Insurance.

Ollie Williamson

Ollie is also an Old Boy of Woodcote House and joined us on a one year placement as our Food Technician this year. He has been a great help to Ms Nunes and will be moving on to study English and Film at the University of Kent.



In other news, we were delighted to hear that Mrs Owen is pregnant with her second child and will be leaving us on maternity leave at October Half Term. Mr Jones has therefore been temporarily promoted to Deputy Head Teacher alongside Mr Waters whose role is now permanent along with my own. Miss Farlow has then been promoted to Assistant Head Teacher of Personal Development, Behaviour, Welfare and Key Stage 4 for the time that Mrs Owen is off and she will also retain her SENCO duties. Mr Barwick has a well-deserved promotion to Senior Teacher of the Co-Curriculum and Outreach and he will be focussing on delivering our reformed programme of Clubs and Societies in 2019-20 whilst Dr Meek shifts his focus towards the delivery of the Extended Project Qualification. Mrs Turner will fulfil a Pastoral Development Role in Mrs Owen's absence focussing on anti-bullying, eSafety and student wellbeing and Miss Kahn will temporarily take over from Miss Farlow as Subject Leader of Biology. Miss Pushpanathan has been promoted to Assistant Subject Leader of Mathematics whilst Mrs Martin in Music will also be going on maternity leave and will be replaced as Subject Leader during this time by Ms Williams. I am also pleased to announce that, with Mr Collin's increased focus on his Year Leader duties, Mr Legg will be taking over as Master in Charge of Cricket. A huge congratulations to all who have received promotion this year, it is wonderful to see how so many staff developing in their careers as part of the School. We also wish both new mothers well and look forward to meeting the new members of their families soon.

I would also like to welcome the following staff to the School:

Miss A Baillie was appointed as a Finance Apprentice for the Folio Education Trust in October 2017. She joins us after completing her studies at Glenthorne High School.

Mr J Barnett (Maths) studied Mathematics at University College London before completing his PGCE at Kings College. He lists cycling and travel amongst his interests and is a qualified scuba diver.

Mr D Cameron (DT) studied Furniture Design and Technology at London Guildhall University before completing his PGCE at the University of Strathclyde. Mr Cameron joins us from Bromley High School. In his free time he enjoys trekking and cycling and designing and making stringed musical instruments.

Miss S Cha (Chemistry) studied for her BSc Chemistry in Korea before completing her PGCE at the Institute for Education (UCL). In her leisure time Miss Cha enjoys classical music and is an avid cellist.

Mrs Michelle Cook was appointed as a Finance Officer for the Folio Education Trust in June 2018.

Mr B Flook (Economics) gained his degree from the University of Cambridge before venturing into the world of politics. Now embarking on a career in teaching he is looking forward to the transition from the offices of Westminster to the classrooms of WCCGS. A keen cricketer, Mr Flook has previously represented the county of Norfolk.

Mr B Hennah has been appointed as **PE Technician**. A keen sportsman, Mr Hennah has played semi-professional rugby and will be joining Richmond Rugby Club for their 2018/19 season.

Mr D Housden (Maths) has been appointed Assistant Subject Leader of Maths. After gaining his degree in Maths from the University of Kent he completed his PGCE at Canterbury Christ Church. Mr Housden joins us from St. Simon Stock Catholic School in Kent. Mr Housden is an accomplished pianist and previously competed in Ballroom and Latin dancing whilst at university.

Mr A John (Music) returns to WCCGS during Mrs Martin's maternity leave having previously taught here in 2015.

Mr M Kendja joined the Chemistry Department as a **Science Technician** in April. Mr Kendja gained a BSc Chemistry and an MSc Analytical Chemistry from Birkbeck, University of London. He joined WCCGS from Southborough High School.

Miss H Khan has been appointed as the **Food Technology Technician** for 2018/19. A former sixth form student of WCCGS, Miss Khan will be working during her gap year before embarking on a university course.

Mr N Legg has been appointed as the **Master in Charge of Cricket** having provided cricket coaching for WCCGS students since 2015, following his retirement from the Metropolitan Police. Mr Legg brings a wealth of experience in cricket both in coaching and safeguarding and is currently a Safeguarding Trainer for the English Cricket Board.

Mrs R Marvin (Computer Science) completed her MBA at the Schiller International University before completing her GTP with the University of Sussex. Mrs Marvin is joining WCCGS whilst continuing to work at Archbishop Tenisons. She plays both guitar and piano and has extensive experience in creative writing having written several novels.



Mrs S Mills (Geography) completed her BSc Environmental Science and her MSc at the University of Greenwich before undertaking her GTP. Recently returned from Singapore, Mrs Mills will be stepping in as Subject Leader of Geography during Mrs Evans maternity leave. She counts Yoga amongst her interests.

Mrs R Ramanathan (Maths) studied for her BA Architecture at the University of Westminster before completing her PGCE in Mathematics at the University of Roehampton. She joins us from Greenshaw High School. In her spare time Mrs Ramanathan teaches dance to children in her local community.

Mrs R Rennie (Chemistry) will be completing her teacher training at WCGS during the 2018/19 academic year. Mrs Rennie gained her degree in Applied Science at the London South Bank University. She has decided to join the teaching profession having previous work experience in such roles as Senior Science Technician and Learning Support Assistant.

Ms M Rodriguez has been appointed as a Spanish Foreign Languages Assistant. Following a career in business Ms Rodriguez is keen to move into education. As well as an avid reader she like to cook and bake in her free time.

Mrs G Sparks has been appointed to join our Exams and Data Department as the **Registrar & Cover Officer**. Mrs Sparks has previously worked in Cover for St. Philomena's School. She counts history and archaeology amongst her interests.

Mr T Walsh (Physics) studied for his MPhys Physics and PGCE at the University of Sussex. He joins WCGS have completed his final placement at Langley Park School for Boys. From a love of travel and flying, Mr Walsh is currently undertaking pilot training.

We would also like to welcome the following new members of our Examinations Invigilation team:

Miss S Crump, Mr R Cummins, Mrs J Gardiner, Mrs S Lakhi, Mrs M Ravithasan and Mrs G Velagapudi.

It has been a fantastic year and I very much look forward to seeing our Year 11 and Upper Sixth reach the heights this summer.

Yours faithfully,

Jamie Bean
Headmaster

Dear Staff, Students, Parents and Friends of WCGS

It gives us great pleasure to announce Mr Jamie Bean's appointment as the seventh Headmaster of WCGS. Since the creation of Folio Education Trust in 2016, Mr Bean has acted as Head of School for WCGS ensuring that it continues to go from strength to strength and becomes a significant part of the Trust which in September 2018 will also include the new Coombe Wood School in South Croydon.

The process of appointing Mr Bean came to end on Tuesday 26th June 2018 when a group representing the Multi Academy Trust (Mr Jonathan Wilden) and the School (Mr Paul Huitson) supported by an external independent HR Consultant, interviewed Mr Bean and agreed that it was in the best interests of the students and the staff of the School that Mr Bean be appointed to the role of Headmaster from 1st September 2018.

During his interview, Mr Bean talked with confidence and passion regarding the direction that the School will take over the next five years. This included explaining a five year School Development Plan and the importance of the School becoming a meaningful collaborative partner of schools within Folio Education Trust and also with other schools within the local area.

Mr Bean clearly demonstrated that he is very capable of leading with moral purpose, ensuring that there is a clear duty of care for staff and students alike. He has extremely high standards and whilst remaining focused on the importance of Teaching and Learning, the School will certainly maintain financial stability and stability of reputation as it continues to be one of the country's leading schools.

Mr Bean has the traditions as well as suitable innovation within his heart to lead WCGS and so it gives us all great pleasure at the Trust and within the governance group who support and challenge the School, to announce his appointment as the new Headmaster.

Congratulations!

Mr Paul Huitson
Chair of WCGS Local Advisory Board

Mr Jonathan Wilden
Chief Executive Officer, Folio Education Trust



PTFA Update by Katherine Herrick, Chair WCCGS PTFA

Thanks to all our amazing volunteers the PTFA has, once again, had a great year.

Our Events

As usual we held a range of popular events throughout the school year and supported the School by running refreshments at many more. I will not try to list all our events, but some of my personal highlights include the sell out Murder Mystery evening with fantastic and hilarious performances from the teaching staff, watching the boys enjoy themselves at the ever popular year 7&8 disco and of course welcoming next year's new students and their families at the fantastic induction BBQ. A big thank you to all those of you who came to our events and an even larger thank you to all the volunteers who organised and helped, as well as those who provided cakes, raffle prizes and second hand uniform. Without your generosity throughout the year we would not be able run our events and raise money for WCCGS.

Familiarisation tests

Once again our familiarisation tests have been a huge success with around 70 volunteers each giving up a few hours of their time to help make this enormous fundraising effort possible. We ran twenty exam sessions over ten separate days and have had some very positive feedback from both parents and, surprisingly enough, from the candidates themselves! This year all our places fully sold out and we are very pleased to be able to say that more students than ever on free school meals or pupil premium took up the offer of a free test place. Special thanks should go to our WCCGS Duke of Edinburgh volunteers who helped out for the first time this year.

Donation to the new DT & Music block

Without doubt one of the most exciting events this year has been the School receiving the go-ahead for its plans to build a new, modern DT and music block. Earlier this month, in advance of the building work starting, I was thrilled to present the Headmaster with a cheque for £150,000 from the PTFA, see photograph below. This massive donation from us to the School, which was approved at our AGM last November, was one of the key factors in getting the bid for the building approved. We can all be very proud of the significant impact our donation will have on both WCCGS and the students for many years to come.

Join Us

All parents and guardians of children at WCCGS are automatically members of our PTFA. You are entitled to participate and vote and we are always thrilled to see new faces at our meetings and to hear new ideas. Our meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month and our next one will be held at the school at 7.30pm on 11 September. If you can't make it to meetings (and not all of us can) but would still like to contribute to our activities in some capacity please just drop us a line at info@wccgsptfa.org

If you would like more details of upcoming events or uniform sales you can visit our website

<http://www.wccgs-sutton.co.uk/Meet-the-PTFA>





Carnegie Book Quiz by Mrs Bryan

On 18 June, WCGS emerged victorious after a tough five-round challenge with three local schools, to win the Sutton Carnegie Book Quiz. The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to the writer of an outstanding book written in English for children and young people. Eight books were shortlisted for this prestigious prize. To coincide with the event this year, four local schools competed with each other for the first time to answer questions on the books shortlisted, as well as general knowledge on literature. Our prize was a trophy that we get to keep for one year. Given the competitive nature demonstrated by WCGS students in this year's competition, we should be on track to reclaim the trophy in 2019!



The inaugural quiz was held at Wallington High School for Girls with participants from Nonsuch, Stanley Park, WCGS and two teams from Wallington High School for Girls. Our team comprised the following students:

Harit Saravanan 7BR, Nat Cibardo 7BR, Rohan Sathyamoorthy 7WO, Arthur Chevalier 8BR, Syed Ali 8CA, Zayan Shahid 8MA, Junior Armah 8MA, Henry Milne 9BR and Viktor Mooren 9BR.
Well done to you all.

'WALLINGTON COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL – THE FIRST 50 YEARS'

Brian Nicholls has included the articles he wrote over a period in this newsletter on 26 eminent Old Boys into the above book which was published in March this year. Over 100 copies have already been sold.

The book charts the growth of the school from its beginning in Queen's Road in 1927 under the inspired leadership of Mr Hutchins. From the early days he set the structure and standards, then oversaw the development of the new school and its grounds in Croydon Road and, by the time he retired as headmaster 32 years later, had established most of what has become tradition at Wallington. Mr Hitchen succeeded Mr Hutchins and remained as headmaster for 16 years.

With the exception of a single report on the very interesting and challenging time during the war years and the period shortly after, the book proceeds on the basis of academic years. Within each year are recorded key events in the life of the school and its activities across the range of sports contested at school and house level, of clubs and societies (including the scout troop), and of school productions and excursions. Significant anniversaries and retirements are also covered.

Items and issues spanning more than a single year appear as annexes. These include the articles on the eminent Old Boys as well as items on the origin of the school badge and the names of its houses, the names of school captains, house captains and long serving members of staff, details of the school's trophies, its buildings and the War Memorial.

The book contains 540 pages and includes photos. It sells for £20 if collected and £25 (to include postage and packing) if delivered to a UK address. If you are interested in acquiring a copy please contact Brian by email at bnicholls74@hotmail.co.uk



Royal Institute of Surveyors (RICS) INSPIRE 2020 Workshop

On Tuesday 10th July, Year 9 students participated in a two-hour workshop with three professional chartered surveyors. In teams of five or six, students formed a company (picking a name seemed to cause the most consternation) and each student took on a job role as they managed the construction of a mixed purpose community centre.

The project manager had to use excellent organisational skills, the building surveyor had to lead on whether the building should be one, two or three storeys high and the quantity surveyor had to cost out the project to include a contingency in case of unforeseen circumstances. The unforeseen circumstances came in the form of great-crested newts, ask a Year 9 student if you want to find out more!

Not only did students learn about the different roles available in surveying but they were also introduced to employability skills.



ADVERT: STEM Returners programme running in Epsom and Croydon with Atkins

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! We are currently sourcing candidates for the Atkins STEM Returners programme, a 13 week fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in September in Epsom and Croydon. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme.

No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com

Activities Week: MFL by Mrs Claudie Mortreuil

On 11th, 12th, July and 13th July a group of 20 students joined the MFL department to discover the Spanish painter Picasso, enjoy a variety of educational board games at the *Ludoquist* in Croydon, and learn a little Italian, some sign language, street dance routine and how to make some Tiramisu to take home.

Students learnt a lot of new facts about the life of Picasso and his art, and they were keen to discover facts scattered in the gallery to fill in their quiz. Once the visit over, we all went up to the 10th floor to enjoy stunning views of London. Lunch was an active affair as the boys barely stopped to eat, so keen were they to play on the new swings.

On Thursday, we received a warm welcome from Nick Smith, the owner of the *Ludoquist*. The board games day was extremely popular: some students tried up to 9 new games they had never played before.

Friday morning 's street dance workshop was a real workout led by Jordan Alexander and Nicolas Mortreuil; Marcus and Rayyan showed real flair during the whole session. Marcus was even talking about going for more lessons with UK Dance Wars, a Sutton based community group. Finally, the boys worked in pairs to produce a tiramisu which we hope was the highlight of their Friday dinner.



Glow and Grow 2018-19 by Mrs Weddell

Next year, we want to enable more of our amazing musicians, actors, dancers and singers to shine. We are therefore planning to hold in-house auditions for a showcase called 'Glow and Grow', a **free** event for all London borough secondary schools. Glow and Grow is an organisation that works to **empower** young people, create a **positive** sense of school community, **praise** talents and, most importantly,

encourage our young people to **grow** and develop. We'd encourage all students, especially those studying Music or Drama GCSE, to use the summer to think carefully about what they could present in this showcase. Look out for details about auditions in September 2018.



National Theatre: New Views Competition by Mrs Weddell

This year, a group of 8 students from Y11 and Sixth Form participated in the National Theatre's playwriting competition, *New Views*. The participants attended 10 playwriting workshops before writing and submitting their own 30 minute play, as well as having the opportunity to meet and gain feedback from the professional playwright Alexandra Wood. We are pleased to announce that one of our Y11 students reached the competition shortlist; Luke Berridge's play 'No Sympathy for the Devil' was selected by the judges as one of the top ten from over 300 entries. This is a huge achievement and we are delighted for Luke. He will now have his work presented by a group of professional actors in the National Theatre's Dorfman performance space on Friday 13th July.

Sixth Form London City Walks : Finance and Law

During the past two weeks, nine of our sixth form students attended a free two day city walk in order to gain insight into either the finance or law profession. Precious Odunaiya shares her experience of her two days on the Law City Walk,

The experience was really fun and eye opening- the highlights being the trip to the Criminal Court where we watched 3 cases (GBH, Murder and Manslaughter) and the mock trial we took part in, in the Royal Courts of Justice. We went to various law firms and schools to give us a insight into the possible law paths we could take. The most aspirational part of the walk was when we went to visit the four inns of courts and the law society- I am convinced that law is for me.

Summer News from the Art Department by Ms Musselbrook

The summer term is a busy one for pupils and staff in the Art Department as the final flurry of organisation for both the GCSE and A Level exhibitions is taking place, ready for our moderation visits and to show the work to family and friends. The GCSE exhibition took place on Friday 15th June and the A Level exhibition was open to visitors on Wednesday 27th June. Both were very exciting shows and drew praise from those who came to view the work. We wish our exam groups all the best for their future artistic endeavours.

Please see overleaf for examples of our GCSE and A level art work.

During this busy period, Year 10 pupils went to visit the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy on Friday 22nd June. Curated this year by Grayson Perry, the show promised to focus on art with a sense of humour. The show was as varied and interesting as ever and pupils were able to find a number of artists to inspire their work as they begin to think about their GCSE coursework in earnest.

Finally, Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils were able to experience three methods of printmaking during Activites Week – lino cuts, drypoint etching and mono printing. We hope that the pupils enjoyed the opportunity to really immerse themselves in these methods for three whole days. The activity culminated with an exhibition of work produced by pupils. My thanks to Ms James and Mrs Donald for planning the activity and preparing equipment – it was a very smooth operation given the amount of resources required and the complexity of printmaking.



GCSE Exhibition View



Work by Alex French in the A Level exhibition





Music Department: Summer Concert

Drinks in the quad, students dotted around with their instruments, parents and friends sitting in the shade of the hall, and the sweet sounds of our instrumental group playing 'The Lord of the Rings'... the Summer Concert had begun! We had a wonderful evening celebrating the musical talent of students from across the year groups, from Dylan Rennie-Carter's dulcet tones to the incredible drum smashing, head-banging Y10 rock band, our students shone.



Sixth Form Enrichment: Employability Workshop by Mrs Lenaghan

On Wednesday 23rd May fourteen lower sixth students took advantage of a free 'Building your Brand' workshop facilitated by Future First and attended by six employers. Employers included a market director from Danish Crown, a business planning delivery manager from Sainsbury's, an account manager from P&G and a technical manager from Brake Bros. Students undertook activities in small groups with employer support. Alongside finding out about the varied opportunities within the food and grocery industry, students were able to gain application and employability insight and advice. The session culminated in all students undertaking a mini mock interview and receiving feedback.

Feedback from students highlighted the fact they found the opportunity to talk to different employers and the mock interview particularly useful. Booklets containing information about interview technique, CV compilation and the STAR approach to answering interview questions were distributed to students in attendance at the end of the session, spare copies are available from Mrs Lenaghan.

Autism Awareness Week By Mrs Farshori and Pavan Bhamidipati 8RA

The SEN department held an Autism Awareness Week that coincided with the national event under the banner of the National Autistic Society. This is a charity for autistic people (including those with Asperger syndrome) and their families. They provide information, support with pioneering services and campaign for a better world for autistic people. Miss Farlow (SENCO) delivered an informative presentation in the spring term assemblies to Key Stage 3. Form tutors had access to an Autism Awareness Quiz which facilitated discussion and raised awareness.

The department raised money for the charity by holding a "Guess how many sweets in the jar" competition. This was an extremely popular event. Although no-one guessed the exact amount, the nearest guess won the whole jar. The excitement continued with a staff **Onesie Wednesday Run**. Staff had kindly volunteered to participate in raising funds. Students voted for the teachers and the top three showed up in their amazing attire. The SEN department would like to thank Mr Bean, Ms Billy-Pedro and Mr McLauchlan for their participation for this great cause.





Chemistry Success by Miss Gallagher

Y12 Cambridge Chemistry Challenge 2018

Philip Lee in Y12 has won the Roentgenium Award in this year's Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, meaning he was in the top 0.7% of students in the country that sat the difficult exam paper. He has been invited to the University of Cambridge's chemistry summer school and will possibly be offered a place at this University based on this achievement. The following students also achieved great success by reaching the Gold Award, meaning they were in the top 8% of students in the country; Henry Silverstein, Titas Grambovskis, Shabarishan Mathava and Daniel Espanhol.

Huge congratulations to all and a massive thanks to Mr Moran for all his work with Y12 and preparing them for this extremely challenging exam!

Y10 RSC Chemistry Challenge 2018

Sixteen fantastic year 10 chemistry students entered the RSC Chemistry Challenge this year in four teams of four. All of the boys did a brilliant job of navigating through each of the challenges. Their scripts were sent off to be assessed one of the teams made it through to the RSC Local Section Final. Joe Levine, Owen Hanford, Kilian Seifert Leitch and Dylan Salih represented WCGS in the final at Kingston University in May. They demonstrated excellent knowledge and teamwork throughout and finished in 1st place beating Tiffin Boys School, St Paul's School, Brighton College and Croydon High School for Girls in the final stage.

Huge congratulations to all and a massive thanks to Miss Kershaw for all her work with Y10 and preparing them for this extremely challenging competition!

Wallington County Grammar School students at Wimbledon Championships 2018 by Mr Collins

The following students represented the school this year,

Year 9: Ben Hansen and Daniel Watkins

Year 10: Harry Cummins and Shai Yehezkel

Year 11: Luke Kong

Sixth Form: Tahir Ali

In addition,

Ben Hansen of 9S featured in the guard of honour in the Men's Final.

Daniel Watkins of 9G was positioned at the end of the Guard of Honour for the Wimbledon Tennis Women's Final.



Well done to all students and particularly Daniel and Ben, a great achievement and a sign of all the hard work they have put in to the competition this year.



Wimbledon 2018: Ladies' Final