



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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Some of our students on results day in August!

Welcome back to all students and parents. I am very pleased to report that Waldegrave had the best ever exam results this summer with 94% of our students gaining 5 or more A*-C GCSE grades and 86% gaining 5 or more A*-C GCSE grades including English and Maths. 99% of our students achieved one or more A*-G and an amazing 50% of all our results were at A* and A grade. These results place Waldegrave in the top 50 comprehensive schools nationally. I am very grateful to students and staff who have worked so hard to achieve these results. We are proud of all our students and wish them well as they go on to the next phase in their education.

We welcome new Year 7 parents and students to our community and I am pleased to report that the Year 7 students have settled well in their first week. Students across the school have come back to school looking smart and ready to learn. Please be reminded that students should not wear make-up to school and should have a skirt of the correct length which is not rolled up. Thank you for your support.

Year 10 and 11 students please note **16 September** is Post-16 Information Evening. College representatives will be speaking about the application process. We hope that many parents will be able to attend with their daughters.

Open Evening is on Wednesday 22 September and some students will be needed to help on the evening and following morning. School will finish for students at 1.10 pm on **22 September**.

LEARN ENGLISH CLASSES

Free classes for parents and carers of students who have English as an additional language will be starting again next week on Wednesday 15 September from 12.30-2.30 pm. Please contact Ms Lyon for information. **Please note the change of day.**

PTA NEWS

Advanced warning of the first Gardening morning on **Saturday 2 October**. Parents and students are invited to come along and dig, prune, weed and generally have fun sprucing up the pond quad and Digby Court from 9 am to 11.30 am. There will be 3 house points for any student who comes along to help.

EVENTS

Thurs 16 Sept	Y10/11 Post 16 Information Evening 6.45 pm in the Hall
Fri 17 Sept	'Pounds for Pakistan' mufti day for all students

LETTERS SENT THIS WEEK

Mon 6 Sept	Y10/11 Post-16 Information Evening
Fri 10 Sept	Y7/8 After School Creative Writing classes
Fri 10 Sept	Y8/9 After School Cookery Classes

SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES

Year	Sport	Date	Date	Year	Sport	Result
Y9-11	Netball v Richmond Park Academy - AWAY	16.09.10	09.09.10	Y9	Netball v Whitton	WON 17-2
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SPORTS NEWS



A group of Year 9 students were lucky enough to have the opportunity to act as ball girls during the semi-final matches at the recent Ladies' Rugby World Cup at The Stoop.

Ms Shiels had some time out from teaching Maths to represent Ireland in the tournament and we are very proud of her achievements. Ireland's Women's Rugby team came 7th in the tournament.

HOUSE NEWS

Winners of Individual trophies for the most points in their Year group 2009-2010

	Franklin	Eliot	Seacole	Pankhurst
Year 7	Hattie Hafenrichter	Isabella Wateridge	Harriet Evans	Hadya Tuofiq
Year 8	Jennifer Bailey	Iona Duncan	Rosalind Dupont	Zilan Kilinc
Year 9	Olivia Chevallier	Alex Gutman	Olivia Cheriton	Melissa Greatwood
Year 10	Sonia Nasery	Megan Dupont	Stephanie Knight/Sam Wale	Ruby Parker

NEWS

Life Drawing Workshop at Richmond Adult College

In the last week of term forty Year 10 Art GCSE students had a unique and valuable experience taking part in a one-day life drawing workshop at Richmond Adult College. This gave the students experience of working within a college environment and the opportunity to add to their GCSE coursework portfolios.

Messages from the Maths Department:

Student in **Years 7, 8 and 9** will soon be receiving a Maths Passport to Success. In this are details of current grade and target grade, along with a space to track test results throughout the year. Students will also track their progress against specific objectives, to identify their strengths and weaknesses in Maths. Please do have a look at these booklets and work with your daughter to help her improve. Passports should be kept in planners and there will be a replacement cost of £1 if she should lose it.

Year 10 Higher GCSE students (sets 1-7) will have their mock exam for Unit 1 on Monday 18 October. The module exam (worth 26.7% of their GCSE exam) is on Tuesday 9 November. Teachers are preparing the girls in lessons, but they will need to do extra work at home. Revision resources are available to purchase via Parentpay or reception.

Volunteers Are you an algebra ace or a numbers nut? Are you thinking of training to teach? We need you! The Maths department are looking for volunteers to come into school and mentor or support individual students towards their Maths GCSE. Volunteers don't need a teaching qualification - attributes are patience and good communication skills. We will arrange CRB checks.

If you think you could help please contact Mrs Elliott, Head of Mathematics.

WANTED

Thick chunky colourful wools and large sized wooden or plastic knitting needles for 11GT who are learning to knit and want to raise money for charity
Donations to reception please.

LOCAL NEWS

10 week Family Links Nurturing Course at Trafalgar Early Years Centre, Meadway from Tuesday 28 September 7 - 9 pm.

Open to all parents from local schools and settings. Contact Helen on 0753 8185270. Places strictly limited.

Relate Family Counselling Service. Have the summer holidays brought issues to a head in your family? Would you like help in resolving difficulties? We currently offer free sessions by Relate at the following place:- Waldegrave School on Wednesday evenings 4 - 7 pm This service is FREE & is run independently by Relate. The service is totally confidential. All appointments should be made through Relate (Tel 020 8940 8578 or email counselling@relaterkh.org).

Runnymede Young Archaeologist Club on the third Saturday of each month for children aged 8-16. Explores the world of archaeology through site visits, artefact handling and investigation, art and craft activities. First session 'Who's in the churchyard?' - Saturday 18 September Cost £4.50. Telephone Chertsey Museum 01932 565764 or visit www.chertseymuseum.org.uk

Rhythm Force Saturday 25 September, Kneller Hall, Twickenham. Guest stars Status Quo, Hayley Westenra, Ray Quinn, The Soldiers. Tickets £20, concessions £12.50. Telephone 0844 847 1742 or visit www.army.mod.uk/music.

The eighth annual FORCE Open Day Sunday 12 September. The events start with the dog show at 1 pm at Kneller Gardens and anyone can enter. With prizes, among others, for "the hungriest dog" and "the dog the judges would most like to take home". Events continue on Craneford Fields and other local sites from 2 pm; the rifle club will be open for visitors to test their shooting skills and the allotments will have demonstrations of their wares. There will be entertainment for children throughout the afternoon and an opportunity to find out more about FORCE's work and plans for the Crane valley. Entrance is free. The sites are near to Twickenham Station and can be accessed via Craneford Way, Mereway Road and Marsh Farm Road.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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