



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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Congratulations to the students in Year 10 who completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition at the weekend – a great achievement! Thanks go to the staff, led by Mr Novak, who gave up their weekend.

Book Week has been an enormous success this year. It has been wonderfully informative, moving and inspirational. There was also a lot of fun and some excellent creative writing was produced. The Inter House Quiz was a keenly fought contest and the Year 7 students dressed up as their favourite character from a book (the winners are shown here – see over for more book week activities.) Year 8 had an Enterprise and Languages activity day which helped students develop the language that they are learning and some Enterprise skills. Careers interviews have taken place this week for some students.

Please note that there is a change of date for the St Omer Excursion: 7CC, 7JF, 7IC and 7AS will now be going to France on **Tuesday 28 June**; the date of 22 June for 7PG, 7HW, 7HF and 7PM remains unchanged. A letter giving final details about the excursion days will be issued on Friday 10 June.

I wish you all a lovely and safe half term holiday, school starts at the normal time on Monday 6 June.

Vacancy for a Parent Governor

If you have a daughter at Waldegrave, you could use your skills and experience to support the work of the school by becoming a parent governor. School governors have a wide range of responsibilities. They help to raise the standards of achievement and plan the school's future direction. Governors are also accountable for the performance of the school to parents and the wider community. The school is keen for the governing body to reflect the diversity of the school population, and would welcome nominations from minority ethnic groups.

With this newsletter you will find a letter which explains how to propose yourself or another parent. General information about the work of school governors can be found on www.governor.net.co.uk. Governors are expected to undergo a CRB check. The governing body and its committees meet 6-10 times a year and parent governors might make two to three visits to school per term. The latest date for the receipt of nominations is noon on Friday 17 June 2011.

PTA NEWS

Wine Tasting Evening Friday 1 July 2011

Our next fundraising and social event is a wine tasting evening on Friday 1 July 2011, £10 per ticket. We will be sampling up to 12 wines with an expert, courtesy of Premier Wines at Strawberry Hill, which is run by Year 8 parent, Michael Gatehouse. The event, which includes light snacks, will take place at school in Digby Court, weather permitting, or in the school hall. [Booking form](#) and more information attached to this newsletter and on the PTA page of the school website.

Parents and work

Are any parents working in companies which fund community schemes? Waldegrave has benefitted from some great funding opportunities in the past and is looking to explore some new options. If anyone has possible links through their employer please contact Fran Perrow, PTA Chair, at fperrow@blueyonder.co.uk.

May Ball

We are still finalising the total raised but it is looking good! More news soon.

Online shopping through the Giving Machine.

A reminder to all that if you make online purchases (via Amazon, Argos etc) you can do so through the [Giving Machine](#) website. In doing so the school will receive a percentage payment on all purchases for their funds. Details of how to sign up are on the website under the Quick Links section.

EVENTS

All week	Y10 Art controlled assessments / Y10 MFL and English controlled writing assessments / Y10 Drama Exams
Mon 6 June	Y11 GCSE Product Design exam (am) / Y9/10 GCSE Maths Foundation (pm) / Y8 MFL Exams in lessons
Mon 6 June	Y9 BBC School News club members to tour of BBC Studios
Tues 7 June	Y11 GCSE History exam (am)
Fri 10 June	Y10 Maths Higher GCSE Unit 2 (am) / Y10 Maths Foundation GCSE Module 5 (am) / Y11 GCSE Graphics (pm)
Sat 11 June	French Exchange partners arrive – details of the programme has been issued to all participants

LETTERS SENT HOME

Mon 23 May Y10 GCSE Geography Field trip to Juniper Hall
 Thurs 26 May Letter to Y7 re St Omer and Measles outbreak

W/E 06.05.11	BEST ATTENDANCE		BEST PUNCTUALITY		MOST HOUSE POINTS	
Year 7	7IC	99.1%	7PG, 7HF, 7CC, 7AS	0 lates	7CCE	109 points
Year 8	8AH	97.6%	8AH & 8SD	0 lates	8HMP	164 points
Year 9	9ND	96.9%	9SA & 9AL	0 lates	9ALP	170 points
Year 10	10RM	97.5%	10NR	0 lates	10NRF	131 points

HELP WALDEGRAVE SCHOOL CARRY THE OLYMPIC FLAME OR GO TO LONDON 2012

Over 5 million children are set to take part in Lloyds TSB National School Sport Week, 27 June – 1 July 2011. To celebrate, Lloyds TSB, National Presenting Partner of the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay, is giving four participating secondary schools the opportunity to carry the Olympic Flame in the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay.

To be in with a chance of winning, we need parents and the local community to pledge their support online:

1. Go to <http://www.lloydstsblondon2012.co.uk/In-your-community/National-School-Sport-Week/>
2. Select SECONDARY SCHOOLS and search for WALDEGRAVE SCHOOL.
3. Fill in your particulars.
4. Press ENTER and PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT!

50 pledges of support gets our school into a draw for £500 worth of sports equipment vouchers and with 100 pledges of support or more our school could win the opportunity to carry the Olympic Flame. Everyone who pledges their support for a school will be in with a chance of winning four tickets to an event at the London 2012 Olympic or Paralympic Games. Terms and conditions apply. Thank you for your support.



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values

BOOK WEEK 23-27 MAY 2011



Lemn Sissay, MBE talked about his life and performed a selection of his poems to a rapt audience of Year 9s



Alan Gibbons, a well established writer of children's books and old friend of the school, talked about his life and his new book, "An Act of Love". Although it is not out until 2 June we were very lucky to have advance copies on sale on the day he visited



Jill McGivering talked about the challenges of being a news correspondent in a war zone and her novel "The Last Kestrel", set in Afghanistan.

YEAR 8 GERMAN AND SPANISH ENTERPRISE DAY



Following the successful French Enterprise Day for Year 8s in March, this week it was the turn of students studying German and Spanish to use their language skills in an exciting and challenging new context: creating and promoting a leisure club for a German or Spanish market. Working in groups, the students produced a short video and radio jingle to show-case their club and impressed the judges with their presentations at the end of the day. Many thanks to the Parents' Association whose generous support enabled the day to take place. There is a survey for students to complete on Fronter.



LOCAL NEWS

Richmond Citizens Advice Service would like to remind parents that HM Revenue and Customs are at present conducting their annual renewal of all claims for Child and Working Tax Credits. They are sending review packs to all claimants. It is very important that these are completed, on paper or on the phone, by the deadline of 31 July 2011. If they do not receive replies on time, HMRC may cease payment of Tax Credits. If people have problems with their claims or with the review process, our CAB bureaux will be happy to advise. Phone 0844 826 9700.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Waldegrave School for Girls is a member of the RFU Education Partnership