



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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Thirty one Year 11 students carried out their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition last weekend, completing a 30 mile route through the Black Mountains, Wales. The girls carried out their navigation exceptionally well, despite warm temperatures, and maintained good spirits to the finish. They are all looking forward to the assessed expedition leaving on the 15 July.

Thank you to all parents who voted in the recent Parent Governor Ballot. Our new Parent Governor is Dr Miranda Mindlin, who has a daughter in Year 8. She has been elected for a term of four years. Governors can be contacted via the school office and at Parents' Consultation Meetings. A list of school governors and some information about their work is on our website.

The governors are discussing Academy status over the next week, if you have any comments please send them to Mrs Matthews (Clerk to Governors) at the school. Thank you to those parents who have sent in responses.

I am pleased to inform parents that the school's catering service will be run by Harrison Catering (<http://www.harrisoncatering.co.uk>) with effect from September 2011. Further information and new menus will be available soon. I am grateful to the students and parents who helped us choose Harrisons.

PTA NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came to the PTA wine tasting on 1 July. We had a great evening, learnt a lot and raised more than £270. We are extremely grateful to Michael Gatehouse, Year 8 parent, of Premier Wines, Strawberry Hill, who ran the event, and generously donated most of the samples.

Next PTA event - PTA social evening - Tuesday 19 July - come for a drink and a chat at the nearest pub to school, the Old Goat, 241 Hampton Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 5NG. 020 8977 2698. 8 pm onwards.

Next PTA meeting - Tuesday 13 September, in school, 7.30 pm - 9 pm.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT

Message from the Local Authority. At St Michael's Church, Barnes there was an attempted abduction of a child. The child concerned managed to escape and was unharmed, though very frightened. The police were involved but unfortunately the person got away and there was not a clear sighting of him (the child was pulled from behind). Please exercise increased vigilance with regards to the whereabouts of your children following this incident.

Police are also urging residents to be vigilant after two women reported being grabbed by a man and a third reported that a man attempted to grab her. Additional police officers have been drafted in to patrol the borough, as the incidents are investigated. The three incidents happened at various times on Saturday 4 June, Saturday 18 June and Sunday 19 June 2011. They happened near the river in Twickenham, Kew and Barnes. The man is described as being white, aged between 25 and 35, around 6ft tall, with short hair. DI John Freeman of Richmond upon Thames CID said, "We are asking residents – particularly women – to be very vigilant when out. Be aware of your surroundings and who is around you. It's advisable to do this in any case but these incidents are an extra reminder to show caution. If you are approached by someone who you are suspicious of, do not engage them in any way. Quickly move to a safe place, somewhere where there are other people around, and call the police." For emergencies, call 999. For non-emergencies call 0300 123 1212. Anyone with information relating to the incidents described should call Richmond upon Thames CID on 020 8247 7032.

EVENTS

Mon 11 July	Sports Day Field Events
Tues 12 July	Sports Day Track Events / Y9 G & T Philosophy Masterclass at Richmond Park Academy
Weds 13 July	PE Celebration Afternoon
Fri 15 July	Y10 GCSE Life Drawing Day at Richmond Adult College
Fri 15 - Sun 17 July	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition

W/E 01.07.11	BEST ATTENDANCE		BEST PUNCTUALITY		MOST HOUSE POINTS	
Year 7	7HF	99.6%	7PG, 7CC, 7JF, 7AS	0 lates	7PGF	113 points
Year 8	8SD	99.1%	8AH & 8HM	0 lates	8HHE	71 points
Year 9	9NI	99.5%	9ND & 9SA	0 lates	9NDF	109 points
Year 10	10RM	99.5%	10NR & 10CD	0 lates	10KPE	55 points

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Year 10 GCSE Geography Field Trip

Year 10 geographers spent two days last week in Guildford trying to discover whether the geographical theory which they have read about in their text books matched the reality of life as seen in Guildford. Students divided into small groups and visited two districts of the town: an inner city district and a suburban area. They set about trying to answer the question set by the Exam Board: 'How and why does the quality of life differ in two areas of the same settlement?'

Having thought about all the quality of life indicators such as pollution levels, congestion, housing identify etc, students set out to gather evidence with which they could answer the set question. Luckily the sun was shining and the trip wasn't plagued with the bad weather which students had encountered on the previous field trip to Box Hill. Now all that remains is for Year 10 to get down to the important task of writing up their findings which will form the basis of their GCSE coursework in Geography.



GCSE Art and Design

If you are a Year 10 art student or a Year 9 student who has chosen Art and Design as a GCSE option, you can now find your summer projects on Fronter. These should be completed over the holidays and brought to your first art lesson. Please log onto Fronter, go to 'GCSE Art and Design' and click on your year group under the banner 'SUMMER TASKS'. If you have any queries please speak to your Art teacher before the end of term.

Celebration of Work-Related Learning

On 29 June the Richmond Education Business Partnership held a Celebration of Work-Related Learning at York House, Twickenham. Paul Davies, General Manager of the London Marriott Hotel, Twickenham presented Certificates of Achievement to students from the borough's secondary schools who had excelled in their work experience placements. Well done to; Isabelle Powers 10NO, Anna Mullan 10NO, Marielle Wright 10KP, Connie Wright 10NO and Sugar Thomas 8HM.

COMPETITIONS

UKMT Maths Events

During the year sixty Year 10 students took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge and sixty Year 8's took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. The Maths Department would like to congratulate Kasia Jazeel from 10JSE and Vivien Leong 8AH who won 'Best in School' in their respective years. A large number of other students received gold, silver and bronze certificates. Well done to everyone who took part.

We would also like to congratulate Aoife Mulcahy 9SA, Tehmina Rego 9SA, Evelyn Mitton 8YH and Vivien Leong 8AH. The students were selected for the Waldegrave Maths team after internal trials and represented the school at the UKMT Team Maths Challenge Regional Finals in London earlier this year. They did the school and the Maths department proud.

Battle of the Books 2011

On Wednesday 6 July Mrs Garcia, Librarian, took a team to Richmond Park Academy to take part in the Borough's Secondary English Challenge – Battle of the Books 2011, organised by the Borough's Library service. The eight school teams had to read six chosen books and answer three rounds of questions on the books and a round on general literature. The questions were tough and the battle was keenly fought with the Waldegrave team coming a close second to the winners. The girls each received a book token and certificate. Well done to Sophie Legge 8JD, Team Captain; Lily-Ann Peterson 8JD, Kate Merry 8CH, Scarlet Cox 8CH, Hattie Hafenrichter 8CH, Laura Smith 8JD, Priya Gordon 8YH and Sophia Tang 8HM.

LOCAL NEWS

Footloose the Musical at Hampton Hill Playhouse Thursday 28-Saturday 30 July. An Axis Youth Production. Suitable for all ages (5+). Box Office 020 8890 6826 or visit www.axisyouthproductions.co.uk.

Hearts of Teddlothian Football Club Girls section have spaces in all age groups. Training locally at Whitton Astro Sports ground and Twickenham Rugby Club, Hampton. Visit www.heartsfc.org.uk or contact Beth Constantine at kick66@hotmail.co.uk or 07956 908388.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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