



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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Congratulations to these students who performed at Wembley in the summer holidays (more information on reverse).

On Tuesday I attended the launch of the Teaching Schools Network. Waldegrave is one of the first 100 Teaching Schools, selected to support the training of teachers, professional and leadership development. This is an exciting designation; I will give more information as it becomes clearer over the next few months.

Well done to Athena Hawksley-Walker 9CH who played violin with the National Children's Orchestra at St John Smith's Square on Sunday 11 September co-leading with internationally acclaimed violinist, Nicola Benedetti. You may have seen her photograph in The Sunday Times.

Thank you to all parents who have donated generously to the school fund. Donations to the school fund enable us to provide the school planner, rewards, some extra activities and resources which cannot be funded from the revenue budget. I am most grateful to you for your kind donations they will make a real difference to the students. If you have not donated yet and would like to, please download the school fund contribution form from the [Parents' Association](#) page of the school website.

Just before the summer the Governing Body voted to investigate further whether Waldegrave should become an Academy. There will be a consultation period from 19 September until 21 October during which parents will be given more information, invited to a meeting, and asked to give feedback to the governors. Further details will be sent to you on Monday 19 September.

PTA NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came to the first PTA meeting of the year. Great turnout!

Fran, the PTA Chair, can be reached at fperrow@blueyonder.co.uk

Quiz Night - Friday 14 October - 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. Tickets £10 adults, £6 children (up to age 16).

It is a great value night out for parents and students with a fantastic quiz master. All money raised goes to the PTA to improve the school. Ticket includes entry to the quiz and a fish and chip supper (or sausage or veggie pasty). This event sells out so order your tickets as soon as possible! The flyer is on the Parents Association page of the website and attached to this newsletter.

Dig Day - Saturday 24 September from 9 am - noon. Bring secateurs, trowel and gloves if you have any, or we can supply. Meet in the school grounds outside the main entrance steps.

Online shopping - Parents who shop online can automatically raise money for Waldegrave if they register on The Giving Machine website and then shop as usual on their favourite sites. More details on the school website under '[Quick Links](#)'.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Students should complete their selections by Tuesday 20 September. All information is available on Fronter in the Year 10 PDC WEX page and via the website : <http://richmond.learnaboutwork.net/>

Those who want 'OWN FIND' placements should have:

- filled in details on the website
- returned the paper form to Mrs Garcia in the LRC (this must have the employer's liability details)

Students who would like REBP to find them a placement should select at least 3 job areas and fill in their travel details and primary school on the website.

Parents with queries please email wex@waldegrave.org.uk.

UNIFORM - BACK TO SCHOOL!

The majority of our students have started the term very well and look extremely smart. We appreciate that this is often down to a considerable effort from parents. Thank you!

In advance of a uniform check in the next few weeks please could you check that your daughter's skirt is the correct length. It can be a couple of inches (5cm) above the knee but some skirts are too short. If your daughter has grown she may need a new skirt. Students should not roll skirts up at the waist.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

Information letter to Year 7 parents re visits to Thames Young Mariners & National Portrait Gallery
Year 10/11 GCSE English Parent Newsletter September 2011

SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES

Year	Sport	Date	Year	Sport	Date
Y9/10/11	Netball v Harrodian School - AWAY	21.09.11	Y7/8	Football v Hampton Academy - HOME	20.09.11
Y9/10/11	Netball v Richmond Park Academy - A	22.09.11	Y7/8	Football v Orleans Park - HOME	21.09.11

SPORTS NEWS

Pro Excel "Move It" Dance Project

Congratulations to all the students who took part in a five day workshop at The Stoop during the summer holidays and displayed outstanding commitment. Their attitude and effort during this intensive project and the quality of the work they produced was remarkable. The project culminated in a performance at Wembley Stadium during the final of the Rugby League Challenge Cup. Lisa Fenaroli, project co-ordinator remarked that "she was proud to have worked with such a fantastic group of girls and that their pre-match performance at such a high profile event was phenomenal!" Thank you also to Ms Byrne and Mrs Bashford who accompanied the girls.

RSSP Hockey Training at Teddington School

Mrs Bashford is running hockey training at Teddington School, Broom Road, Teddington on Mondays from 4-5.15 pm for Years 9/10/11. This year we have entered a Richmond School Sports Partnership team to take part in the U16 Girls' London Hockey Tournament on Wednesday 12 October at Teddington School. All school and club players are most welcome. Please see Mrs Bashford if you are interested.

SUCCESSFUL A LEVEL RESULTS FOR EX-STUDENTS



This week we were delighted that four of our ex-students were able to come into school to talk to the whole of Year 11 during PDC lessons about their experiences at Richmond College, Esher College and Tiffin Sixth Form. We congratulate them on their A level results and wish them luck as they start University in the next few weeks.

PGL WATERSPORTS HOLIDAY SUMMER 2011

The PGL watersports holiday took place at the beginning of the summer holidays. A fantastic experience was had by all. Thank you to all the girls and staff who made this the best trip ever! There will be a PGL celebration afternoon for the PGL students on Friday 23 September 2.45 pm in the Drama Studio. See you then.



LOCAL NEWS

Worldskills London 2011 Wednesday 5 - Saturday 8 October, Excel, London Complimentary tickets available to visit to the greatest skills, competition, careers and jobs event on the planet. Register online at worldskillslondon2011.com/visit or call 0845 463 2011.

Workshops for parents with teenagers Living with your Teenager and Self Esteem workshops with Gill Hines, Educational Consultant and best selling author, in Hampton Wick and Wimbledon this term. For more information and booking visit www.gillhines.co.uk.

Harlequins Schools Family offer Harlequins are offering 1 adult ticket and 1 child ticket for £30 for matches at The Stoop. Please contact the community team. Gerald Kelly on 020 8410 6062 or email geraldk@quins.co.uk or Ben Thurlow on 020 8410 6058 benjamint@quins.co.uk for details.

Twickenham Riverside Regatta 17-18 September A weekend of activities and entertainment for all the family on Twickenham Riverside, The Embankment TW1 3DX.

Saturday 17 September 10 am - 1.30 pm - Charlie Shore's Regatta Free Live Music Stage, The Embankment. 1 - 7 pm - Stalls, Children's Fairground, Shetland Pony rides, Bars & Food. Sunday 18 September 11 am - 6 pm - Stand Up Paddleboarding. Taster sessions from 11 am, races from 12.30 pm. Free Live Music Stage, The Embankment from 1 - 7 pm.

School of Industry Charity, 35 Ashley Road, Hampton TW12 2JA Are you under 21 years of age and live in the Hampton or Hampton Hill area? Do you need help with tuition fees, travelling or maintenance expenses? The School of Industry Charity have limited funds but may be able to help you. Phone 020 8979 4333 for an application form.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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