



# WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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Year 10 GCSE Art students (and staff) enjoyed a day at the recently opened Strawberry Hill House. There will be an exhibition later in the year at Strawberry Hill House to celebrate their creative journey.

### Better service in the canteen

We are pleased to tell parents that we are installing a new cashless system in the dining hall in November 2011. The main advantages will be:

- Faster, more efficient service.
- On-line payments possible via ParentPay
- No more lost cards
- Free meals allocated automatically with the student remaining anonymous
- Specific food allergy ingredients can be barred automatically

The system, already used in many schools, is based on biometric recognition. Registration is voluntary and arrangements will be made for those not wishing to sign up to use a card. Further information can be found on our website and a letter will be sent home next week.

### Academy consultation

You will be aware that the Governing Body voted to investigate further whether Waldegrave should become an Academy. There is a 5 week consultation period in progress which ends on 21 October, during this period parents are invited to give feedback via the survey <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B8GK8CF> or at a parents' meeting on 6 October at 7pm. Full details were sent to parents on Monday 19 September. If you would like a response to questions please email Mrs Nunn on [academyconsultation@waldegrave.org.uk](mailto:academyconsultation@waldegrave.org.uk).

**Open Evening is on Tuesday 4 October and some students will be needed to help on the evening and following morning. School will finish for students at 1.10 pm on 4 October.**

### PTA NEWS

**Saturday 24 September - 'Dig Day'** – 9 am - meet at school front door for a couple of hours of tidying, planting bulbs and pruning and tying up. All welcome - bring gloves and any light gardening tools if you have them, otherwise we will supply.

**Quiz Night - Friday 14 October** in school - tickets now on sale, £10 for adults, £6 for children, including fish and chip supper. See website for ticket application form. Move quickly - this event always sells out!

### EVENTS

Mon 26 Sept	7JBF & 7CGE to Thames Young Mariners / 7SSP & 7CSS to National Gallery
Mon 26 Sept	5 x Y11 students to Royal Institute L'Oreal Young Scientist
Tues 27 Sept	7RFS & 7SFE to Thames Young Mariners / 7GTP & 7MBF to National Gallery
Weds 28 Sept	7SSP & 7CSS to Thames Young Mariners / 7JBF & 7CGE to National Gallery
Thurs 29 Sept	7GTP & 7MBF to Thames Young Mariners / 7RFS & 7SFE to National Gallery
Fri 30 Sept	Whole School Mufti in aid of Genesis Research Trust / Y10 Orange Tree Theatre Workshop

### LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

Y10 GCSE English visit to Strawberry Hill House  
Y11 attainment in GCSE Science

### Y10/11 EXAM INFORMATION

Please note that information regarding Y10 / 11 examination timetables is available on the school website, on the [Exam Information](#) page

### LEARN ENGLISH!

English classes for parents and carers who speak a language other than English are continuing on Wednesdays from 12.30 to 2.30 pm. If any adult family members would like help with reading, writing or speaking English and would like to learn more about the students' experience of school, Learn English! classes would be useful. Please see Ms Lyon if you are interested

### RELATE FAMILY COUNSELLING

Relate Family Counselling is available free of charge to families who would like help to resolve difficulties and concerns in their relationships with one another. Family counselling can help with issues around parenting challenges and the effects of family breakdown and separation. All counselling is confidential and is delivered on Wednesdays between 4-7pm at Waldegrave School for Girls, Fifth Cross Road. To make an appointment please phone the Relate Richmond office on 020 8940 8578 or email [counselling@relaterkh.org](mailto:counselling@relaterkh.org).

W/E 16.09.11	BEST ATTENDANCE		BEST PUNCTUALITY		MOST HOUSE POINTS	
Year 7	7JB & 7SS	100%	7JB & 7SS	0 lates	7CGE	70 points
Year 8	8IC	100%	8IC	0 lates	8EHF	88 points
Year 9	9HM	99.6%	9JH	0 lates	9JDS	36 points
Year 10	10AL	99.6%	10DR, 10DN, 10RA, 10AL	1 late	10OMP	40 points
Year 11	11NR	99.1%	11KD	0 LATES	11JSE	32 points

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Here at Waldegrave attendance is a key priority and we strive to maintain high levels throughout the academic year. We are working closely with outside agencies to achieve our school's target of 96% attendance in 2011/12.

Congratulations to the 77 students who came to school every day last year. Research shows that students who attend school for 95% or more of the time achieve higher standards than students who attend for less than 95% of the time. Research shows that 17 missed school days a year amounts to a GCSE grade drop in achievement. In one school year 90% attendance is equivalent to four weeks of lessons missed!

As much as we understand and fully support unavoidable circumstances which are linked to school absence, we cannot stress enough the importance of regular school attendance. We thank you for working together with us on this to keep levels high and making your daughter's education a priority.

We now have an Education Welfare Officer, Laura Budgen based at school two days a week. If you have any concerns regarding school attendance or feel you could benefit from some support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES

## RESULTS

Year	Sport	Date	Date	Sport	Result
Y9/10/11	Netball v Grey Court – AWAY	29.09.11	20.09.11	Y7/8 Football v Hampton Academy	DRAW 1-1
Y7	Girl's Rugby League Tag tournament	30.09.11	21.09.11	Y7/8 Football v Orleans Park	WON 3-1

## SPORTS NEWS



**Team Waldegrave Torchbearers Competition.** This competition is open now to secondary schools registered for National School Sport Week. I would like to nominate a team of 10 staff and students who have made the biggest difference to the school and local community, to help me do this and for YOU to be in with a chance to become a Team Waldegrave Torchbearer you need to do the following. Tell me in no more than 150 words how you and Waldegrave School have made a difference to the community, and why you/Waldegrave deserves to carry the Olympic Flame. Your entry must be submitted by Friday 14 October to Mrs Bashford via the school office post-box. The best entries will be submitted as part of Waldegrave School's nomination.

**Charlie Shore Regatta.** Congratulations to Megan Morris 10AL who was a member of the winning crew of the Charlie Shore Regatta, part of the Twickenham Riverside Regatta activities last Saturday.

**Adidas 5K Run.** Congratulations to Adelaide Percy 10ND, Elisee Nunn 10ND and Frannie Painter-Fleming 10ND who took part in the 5K run in Hyde Park on Sunday 11 September to raise money for their chosen charities.

## POEMS IN THE PARK COMPETITION

Many congratulations to Rosie Hall 11NR who is one of the finalists for the Poems in the Park Competition judged by Trevor McDonald, poet Paddy Hughes, Dame Jacqueline Wilson and the Editors of Richmond and Kingston magazines.

### Park Poem by Rosie Hall 10NR

A layer of sawdust and splintering woody grass lay on the earth,  
 An un-even trifle of ground, life and sky followed the patterns  
 Of the mole hills and rabbit burrows creating crevices in the soil,  
 Misshapen trees hung from the sky lopsided  
 In the direction of the wind's path.

The lush blades beneath them were more envy green,  
 Of the daisies and buttercups sharing the space,  
 The sun rays teaching, daily to the trees,  
 The leaves belonging to it reflecting the light,  
 Finding its way to the wild flowers below.

The sun caressed their white and yellow perfect oval faces,  
 Which watched a tumble-weed of plastic bags jumping,  
 Rolling between them, humouring them.

A black, elegant cat danced its way through the tree trunks,  
 Ancient and traditional, the brown stakes were the building posts for the whole park.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Walk4Life Sunday 25 September 10 am

Join Richmond Active Living Health Walks & The Ramblers on a televised woodland walk through Bushy Park on Walk4Life Day meet at the Pheasantry Welcome Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Bushy Park, Teddington TW11 0EQ. For info visit [www.ramblers.org.uk/walk4life](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/walk4life).



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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