



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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We were thrilled that Lord Winston was able to open our new science laboratories this week. Some Year 11 students met him and were able to hear his views on a number of issues and also ask him questions. He took the time to speak to students doing practical work and then unveiled a plaque and officially opened the rooms by cutting a ribbon. A mufti day has been held today to support his charity, Women for Women.

Year 7 students have been busy this week with visits to Thames Young Mariners and the National Gallery. Thank you to staff who arranged the trips and to the brave form tutors who took to the water with their students.

Thank you to the group of parents and students who came in on Saturday morning to dig, prune, sweep and generally tidy the school grounds. It was lovely to see some new faces and the amazing progress being made. Each student received two house points. We hope many of you will be able to join us for the next Saturday Dig Day; the date of this will be announced in the newsletter.

Please be aware that the academy consultation continues this week, all documentation can be found on our website.

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 Tuesday 4 October.

PTA NEWS

Waldegrave PTA has been chosen for the Waitrose 'Community Matters' fundraising scheme for October. If you shop at Waitrose, London Road, Twickenham, collect your green token and drop it in the Waldegrave box! We are guaranteed to raise money. Many thanks to all the parents and staff who voted for us - we finally qualified!

Thanks to everyone who came to Dig Day - a couple of hours work made a huge difference to many areas of the school. Thanks especially to parents, George Inwood for the plant donations and to Heidi Davies for organising everyone.

14 October - Quiz Night - Tickets selling fast for this popular PTA night, including fish and chips. £10 adults, £6 students, booking form on the school website. Note - late bookers may have to share tables.

EVENTS

Mon 3 Oct	Readathon begins today for Years 7 and 8
Tues 4 Oct	Open Evening 6.30 to 8.30 pm
Weds 5 Oct	Open Morning 9 to 10 am / Year 10 GCSE English groups to Strawberry Hill House
Fri 7 Oct	Year 10 Jeans for Genes Mufti Day

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

New Cashless Catering System

Please look out for a letter about the new biometric cashless catering system which has been sent by Parentmail or given to your daughter today. Further information is available on our website or on request from the school office.

W/E 16.09.11	BEST ATTENDANCE		BEST PUNCTUALITY		MOST HOUSE POINTS	
Year 7	78JB, 7RF & 7SS	100%	7SF, 7GT, 7MB, 7SS	0 lates	7JBF	135 points
Year 8	8HF	100%	8EH, 8PM, 8CC	0 lates	8ICS	88 points
Year 9	9JH	100%	9YH	0 lates	9JHP	71 points
Year 10	10DR	99.5%	10SA	0 lates	10NDF	37 points
Year 11	11NR	97.8%	11RM & 11KD	1 late	11AES	81 points

SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES			RESULTS		
Year	Sport	Date	Date	Sport	Result
Y7/8	Football v Teddington – AWAY	03.10.11	Y9	Netball v Grey Court	WON 16-5
Y9/10/11	RSSP Hockey v Latymer - AWAY	03.10.11	Y10/11	Netball v Grey Court	WON 38-5
Y9/10/11	Netball v Teddington – AWAY	06.10.11			

**** New Year 7/8 Tag Rugby club starts after school on Wednesdays from 3-4 pm, everyone welcome ****

MESSAGE FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

All Key Stage 3 students have received a 'Passport to Success' booklet to keep in their planners. This booklet contains important information including website logins, helpful maths resources, current 'working at' level, end of year target level and a list of all the objectives that will be covered over the year. As the girls complete tests, they will update their 'Passport to Success' with their results. The booklet will help you and your daughter track her progress, identify topics she finds more challenging and know what to revise for forthcoming tests. We would encourage all parents and guardians to familiarise themselves with their daughter's 'Passport to Success' and review it regularly over the year.

YEAR 7 TRIPS TO THAMES YOUNG MARINERS AND NATIONAL GALLERY



Year 7 had an exciting time at Thames Young Mariners this week. All the girls had fun building rafts, kayaking and getting wet!

Year 7 students made a visit to The National Gallery, which houses one of the greatest collections of Western European painting in the world. The students enjoyed a morning workshop where they learnt to decode what they saw and understand how to respond to the paintings.

In the afternoon they created drawings. These transferable skills will now be built upon in their Art and English lessons.



LOCAL NEWS

Balfour Beatty London Youth Games Cross Country 2012

Are you a cross country runner and want to be part of a winning team? Sign up to trial for Team Richmond's Cross Country team and help us retain our London Youth Games Champions title in Olympic year. In order to be considered you need to complete a parkrun at Bushy Park, Teddington any Saturday at 9 am between 24 September – 15 October. Register to complete a parkrun at www.parkrun.org.uk/bushy/home no later than 6 pm on the Friday before you want to complete. Complete a 5K parkrun at Bushy Park, Teddington on or before Saturday 15 October 2011 and then complete the Team Richmond online form at www.richmond.gov.uk/sportsdevelopment by Sunday 16 October 2011. The Sports Development team will then contact the fastest runners in each category by email during the week of 17 October.

Tennis England – special offer £67.95 for 10 weeks instead of £114.95

Saturday 1 October – Saturday 17 December (excluding half term Saturday 29 October)

Players of all ages and abilities welcome. 1:6 coach to player ratio playing on six brand new tennis courts at Hampton School.

Tiny Tots 3-4 years 9–10 am, Mini Red 5-7 years 9–10 am, Mini Orange 7-9 years 10-11 am, Tennis Green 10-16 years 11 am–12 pm. Free trial session at Hampton Tennis Club from Saturday 1 October. To book please call 0800 043 0707.

Dance Academy at The Stoop Cheerleading Auditions, Tuesday 4 October 6.30-7.30 pm at Christ's School, Richmond TW10 6HW. Email amy@quinsrl.co.uk.

Twickenham Scratch Orchestra

Adults do you play an orchestral instrument? The Twickenham Scratch Orchestra meets at 8 pm on Monday 10 October at Orleans Park School. Everyone welcome. Contact tim.elliott@virginmedia.co.uk.

Royal Society Festival of Science, Literature and the arts 1-2 October

Join us to celebrate 350 years of the Royal Society's library at the **One Culture** festival.

Over the first weekend in October 2011 some of the best novelists, scientists, poets and historians will explore the crosscurrents between science and culture. Find out more and choose your events <http://royalsociety.org/Events-Diary/>.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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