



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new Year 7 families. Students, parents and staff should be congratulated on a fantastic set of results with the percentage of students gaining 5 or more A*-C grades rising to 96% and those gaining 5 or more A*-C including English and Maths reaching an amazing 86%. The hard work needed to reach this level should not be underestimated. Well done and thank you to all those involved.



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 next week.

We are pleased that we have new caterers this term and are grateful to those parents who helped us choose the new provider, Harrison Catering.

Congratulations to all students on an excellent start to the term.

PTA NEWS

Next PTA meeting Tuesday 13 September in school from 7.30 - 9 pm - all welcome.

CLASSES STARTING NEXT WEEK

Mandarin Chinese Club

The Mandarin Chinese Club starts again next Thursday 15 September after school. New members are welcome! If you are interested, see Ms Lyon in Room 26.

Learn English!

English classes for parents and carers who speak a language other than English are starting again next Wednesday 14 September 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. See Ms Lyon if you are interested.

"ALICE" AUDITIONS

The Drama Department would like to thank all students who attended the auditions for their professionalism. All students were fully prepared, having learned lines and staged the scene thoughtfully. Everyone involved will receive a house point to acknowledge their efforts. There were an overwhelming number auditioning this year. Over 200!

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

Post-16 Information Evening for Parents on Thursday 15 September
After School Cookery classes for Years 8 and 9

EVENTS

Thurs 15 Sept | Post-16 Information Evening for Parents and Year 10/11 students 6 pm in the Hall

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE INFORMATION

Esher College - Open Applicant Status - please note that on-line application accounts for 2012 entry can be created from Tuesday 13 September 2011 via www.esher.ac.uk. Completed application forms to be submitted from Tuesday 20 September 2011. Closing date for submission of completed applications is midnight Friday 23 September 2011.

Strode's College - The closing date for applications for 2012 entry is 21 October 2011.

SPORTS NEWS

Extra curricular clubs starting next week

Recreational Badminton **every day** in the Gym 8-8.30 am - All Years

Monday Lunchtime Indoor Athletics - All Years After school 3.45-4.45 pm Football - Y7/8 Netball - Y9/10/11 Hockey - All Years Fitness club - Y10/11	Tuesday Lunchtime Basketball - All Years After school 3.45-4.45 pm Netball - Y7
	Thursday Lunchtime Tag Rugby - Y7/8

Fixtures: 15.09.11 - Y9/10/11 Netball v Twickenham Academy - AWAY

Good luck to all students running on Sunday in the Adidas 5K Challenge in Hyde Park. Please take photographs of your experience and see Ms Bashford next week.

Would you like to learn how to do Yoga?



We are running a Yoga Club led by a fully qualified instructor on Tuesdays from 3.45-4.45 pm for 5 weeks starting 20 September
 Cost £3 per session
 20 places available for students

See Miss Offord in the Dance Studio to sign up

NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS



FORENSIC SCIENCE SUMMER SCHOOL



Students from Years 7 to 10 enjoyed a Forensic Science Summer School working in teams to solve a murder case after a 'body' was found dead in a secluded car park on the outskirts of town. The death was investigated by teams of students representing crime scene investigators.

The students analysed crime scenes, conducted forensic tests, interpreted evidence and scrutinised statements made by suspects. They used techniques spanning the ages of detection, from fingerprinting through to DNA fingerprinting and analysis. As the complex story unfolded the students had to ensure they worked together to analyse all the information in order to draw a conclusion that fits the evidence! Critical thinking skills were tested to the full!

All the students, many of whom hope to follow a science based career, thoroughly enjoyed the week and carrying out the detailed laboratory techniques required for the analyses, even wearing hairnets and gloves to prevent contamination!

LOCAL NEWS

Shooting Star CHASE Three Parks Challenge and Family Walk Saturday 24 September.

Challenge yourself to a 15 mile, 8 mile or 3 mile walk. Register at www.shootingstar-chase.org.uk/threeparkschallenge or call 020 8481 8172. Registration Fee £12.50.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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