



WALDEGRAVE NEWS

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The Sunday Times Parent Power league tables were published for 2011 last week. One of the tables ranks all the 11-16 schools in the country according to A*-A grades and Waldegrave has been placed number one in the country for the second year running. This is an amazing achievement and reflects hard work by students and staff. Congratulations and thank you to staff for their commitment and care.

On Friday 11 November we were delighted that Rhianne McHale from Surrey Storm Superleague Netball club was able to officially open our fantastic new Netball courts. With a £30,000 contribution from the PTA we now have brilliant facilities in which to teach the girls Netball. In stark contrast to our previous facilities, we now have three full size courts with large run-off area around each.

To open the courts a Year 8 Inter-House Netball Tournament took place and also a highly competitive staff-v-Year 9 Netball match. The newly crowned Year 9 league champions unfortunately ended their unbeaten run with a 5-3 loss to the staff! We would like to say a massive thank you to Brian Mullan, Bruce Paterson, Rob Dorrington Ward and Dittany Matthews along with Fran Perrow of the PTA for making the project come to fruition.

Please remind your daughter that if she attends an after-school club she must sign out in the school foyer before leaving. For health and safety reasons we need to know exactly who is in the building. There have also been a few occasions recently where parents have telephoned to enquire about their daughter's whereabouts and staff have had to search the building only to find that the student has left the building without signing out.

Possible strike action

As you will be aware strike action is planned for Wednesday 30 November, we are currently looking at the impact of this strike action across the school and will inform parents of the arrangements as soon as we have details.

PTA NEWS

Dig Day - Thanks to everyone who came along. House points have been given to the students who helped.

Next PTA meeting Tuesday 6 December, 7.30 pm in school, followed by a drink at 8.15 pm at the Prince of Wales Pub, corner of Hampton Road and Fourth Cross Road.

PARENTPAY AND CASHLESS CATERING

This week students have registered for the new finger scan system for canteen payments and the system will go live on Monday 21 November. Card balances and Free School Meal entitlement will be transferred from the old system and the old cards will no longer work. Catering accounts can be topped up in three ways:

- By cheque payable to Harrison Catering with your daughter's name on the back.
- By cash using the machine in the canteen.
- Online via ParentPay (available from Friday afternoon). Parents who need password reminders should contact Mrs East.

Cards for students whose parents have opted out of the finger scan system will be issued on Monday.

LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK

Year 9 Parents' Consultation Meeting and appointment sheet **please note the change in date**

Year 10 GCSE RE trip to Canterbury Cathedral

EVENTS	
All week	Road Safety Week
Mon 21 Nov	Y11 GCSE Geography mock exam (am) / Y11 GCSE Science mock exam (pm)
Tues 22 Nov	Y11 GCSE English mock exam (am) / Y11 GCSE Spanish mock exam (pm)
Weds 23 Nov	Y11 GCSE French mock exam (am) / Y11 GCSE ICT mock exam (pm)
Thurs 24 Nov	Y11 GCSE Music mock exam (am) / Y11 GCSE PE mock exam (pm)
Fri 25 Nov	Y11 GCSE German mock exam (am)

W/E 21.10.11	BEST ATTENDANCE		BEST PUNCTUALITY		MOST HOUSE POINTS	
Year 7	7SSP	99.6%	7MBF & 7RFS	0 lates	7SFE	137 points
Year 8	8HFS	100%	8PMP	0 lates	8CCE	142 points
Year 9	9HHE	99.6%	9CHF	0 lates	9YHF	120 points
Year 10	10DRF	98.6%	10ALP	1 late	10ALP	93 points
Year 11	11NRF	97.3%	11JSE	0 lates.	11KDP	157 points
Whole School Attendance – 95.1%						

SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES			RESULTS		
Year	Sport	Date	Date	Sport	Result
Y7/8	Hockey v Hampton Academy	22.11.11	16.11.11	Y7 Sportshall Athletics	3RD
KS3/4	Badminton Tournament	23.11.11	17.11.11	Y8 Sportshall Athletics	4TH
Y7-9	Netball v Lady Eleanor Holles	24.11.11	17.11.11	Girls Hockey South London finals	3RD
Y7/8	Brentford Football tournament	25.11.11			

NEWS

I'm a Teacher Get Me Out of Here!

Year 7 tutors displayed a range of skills when they undertook a variety of challenges in seven rounds of a knockout competition which included eating crisps using chopsticks, transferring smarties from plate to jar using only a straw, all the while being cheered on by the Year 7 students in the Gym on Thursday.

Thanks to the Year 7 tutors; Mrs Singh (for 7SS), Ms Tomasso, Ms Griffin, Ms Byrne, Ms Snelling, Ms Burger, Ms Fischer and the winner Mr Fraser for being good sports in taking part, and to Mrs Michell, Ms Béchirian and Mrs Collins for organising, judging and time-keeping.

The monies raised by the students will go towards the BBC's 'Children in Need' charity.



Year 9 Enterprise Challenge

Eight teams of Year 9 students took part in an Olympics-related challenge. They had to come up with an idea that a sponsor would support to promote their "second nation".

The winners were 9HMP (Romania), 2nd - 9JHP (Ukraine) and 3rd - 9YHF (Ethiopia).

This was also a House competition, Pankhurst were the winners.

LOCAL NEWS

Press Release By Friends Of The River Crane Environment (Force) Beware Of Bogus Force Representative

Heathfield Safer Neighbourhood Team have informed us that a man has been calling door to door in the Crane Park area, claiming to be working on behalf of the Friends of the river Crane Environment (FORCE) and requesting bank details in order to set up direct debits to support a recovery fund for the River Crane. We have no knowledge of this man or the scheme and it is not a method that we would ever adopt or support. If you are approached please do not provide any personal information and inform the police by calling 101. We are working with the Environment Agency, Thames Water and others to develop a response to the pollution incident on the River Crane and expect this to be fully funded by Thames Water.



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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