

WALTHAMSTOW HALL SENIOR SCHOOL



“VOYAGE”

VOLUNTEERING

Booked for lunch - Y7

This is a lunchtime activity that is run by our Sixth Form Library Captains for Year 7s. Usually food and games are involved! Past themes: recommending favourite books, design a cover, act out an alternative ending, or activities and reading linked to current/past school productions e.g. Peter Pan, Oliver.

Peer Mentoring – Y10-11

Peer mentoring is a voluntary scheme that gives girls in years 10 and 11 an opportunity to support and mentor those in years 7 and 8. In the summer term of Year 10 the girls are invited to apply to become Peer Mentors. The girls receive training using a programme developed by the Kent Youth County Council which enables them to support the year 7 and 8 girls in many ways; getting to know them during Form periods, talking to girls at lunch, being available in the Year 7 area during lunchtime, offering to help Pastoral Staff with events.

Peer mentoring offers the girls an opportunity to develop skills in empathy and communication. They enjoy getting to know the younger girls and feel pleased that they can offer support and contribute to the well-being of other girls.

School council – All Year Groups

Walthamstow Hall School Council is one of the oldest in the country, founded in the 1920's. It has an important status and is a long-standing tradition at the School. It provides an opportunity for the 'student voice' to be expressed in a formal situation. Under the chairmanship of the Head Girl, it consists of the Prefects, representatives chosen from every form (chosen by them at the beginning of term), Miss Ferro, Mr Howson and Mr Hughes.

School Council normally meets once a term. The School is asked to put forward suggestions for items to be discussed – these proposals must have a proposer and seconder and are put into the box outside Miss Ferro's office well before the date of the meeting. The agenda is published in advance of the meeting to enable representatives to hear the views of those they are representing. Meetings are formal; minutes are taken and are read to the whole School after each meeting. Action on any decisions taken at School Council are reported at the subsequent meeting under 'Matters arising'.

In addition to School Council there is a Food Council and a Charity Committee. Each form is able to send representatives to these meetings which usually take place twice a term. They are chaired by one of the Deputy Heads and the Domestic Manager assists in Food Council meetings.

Student Librarians – All Year Groups

The opportunity to become a Student Librarian is open to all years and students commit to a minimum of one lunchtime or two break times per week. They learn the skills to become a librarian and contribute to the school community as part of a team. Students follow the initial, bronze, silver or gold Student Librarian programme and earn the right to wear a librarian position of responsibility badge. It also serves as a volunteering opportunity for those doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Responsibilities include shelving, book processing, creating displays, and writing book reviews. Recent quotes: *“I love processing books”*, *“shelving non-fiction is really challenging”*, *“when shelving I love finding new books to read”*. Please see Mrs White, librarian, if interested.



Young Archivist – All Year Groups

This Lunchtime club is open to all Years and runs fortnightly. Girls have the opportunity to delve into the archive in more depth and help the Librarians/Archivists with the five year digitisation programme. This is especially suitable for those interested in history or those who have a natural curiosity to discover new things. It also serves as a volunteering opportunity for those doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Active Adventures Award- Year 7 – 8

The Active Adventures Award Scheme was introduced in the 2018 Autumn Term with the aim of further inspiring and firing the imaginations of our youngest students in the three key areas; selfless service, keeping fit and learning a new skill.

Selfless Service

This section is all about volunteering time to others in any shape or form without reward or payment. Students can help family, friends or others in the community. Any activity which helps others will count with a student's parents' permission. Examples of selfless service include:

- Helping parents or relatives with washing up, tidying up or gardening
- Helping the elderly
- Helping at church or at a youth organisation
- Going out litter-picking
- Fund raising for a charity
- Helping parents who may be active with volunteering in the community or for a charity.

Keeping Fit

This section is all about staying healthy, playing a team or individual sport, or taking part in a leisure activity. Students can undertake any series of sporting activities with friends or on their own, in a school club or a sports club. Ideas for this section include:

- Any team or individual sport
- General fitness like walking, swimming, cycling or running
- Rock-climbing, table tennis, archery, gymnastics, paddle sports, dancing.

Learning a Skill

This section is all about learning a practical skill. Students can do any series of skills, using any technique, instrument, medium or media. Potential skills include;

- Amateur dramatics
- Building models
- Cake decorating
- Computer skills
- Cooking
- Creating art
- Doing puzzles
- Face-painting
- Gardening
- Keeping a pet
- Learning first aid
- Photography
- Playing board games
- Playing a musical instrument

Active Adventures Award - Year 7

Bronze	November - February Half Term	2 months of Skill, Service & Fitness for 30 minutes per week
Silver	February Half Term - End of Summer Term	3 months of Skill, Service and Fitness for 30 minutes per week plus a Community Project - Form Prayers
Gold	Autumn - Summer Term of Year 8	5 months of Skill, Service and Fitness for 30 minutes a week plus a Community Project - Form Prayers and Expedition - Bushcraft

Active Adventures Award - Current Year 8

Bronze	November - February Half Term	2 months of Skill, Service and Fitness for 30 minutes a week
Silver	February Half Term - End of Summer Term	3 months of Skill, Service and Fitness for 30 minutes a week. Plus, Community Project - Form Prayers and Expedition - Bush Craft
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze	From the Autumn term of Year 9	students commence their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

The Bar Mock Trial – Year 12-13

- Calling all Budding Lawyers!

The Bar Mock Trial competition gives students a chance to experience life inside a courtroom and provide a unique opportunity to learn about the criminal justice system straight from professionals. The competition, which has been running annually since 1994, gives young people the opportunity to experience the law in an innovative and exciting way. In the roles of lawyers, witnesses, magistrates and court staff, students prosecute and defend specially written criminal cases against other schools in a live format at the Magistrates and Crown Court. Not only do students gain a unique understanding of the justice system, they develop employability skills such as teamwork, public speaking and verbal reasoning.

The Bar Mock Trial competition involves students in the Sixth Form. To take part you must show commitment, be prepared to learn the case we are given and work as a team. The Bar competition will be starting in September with regional heats some time before Christmas. Winning teams go on to the National finals.

Bush Craft- Y8

The residential Bush Craft trip takes place at the end of Year 8. Students camp out for two nights in either tents or under shelters which they have fashioned themselves from branches if they choose! By day the students take part in team activities to build self-reliance, resilience, ingenuity and team work skills as well as having an enormous amount of fun.

Careers Drop-in – All Year groups

Mrs Hayes is available at lunchtimes for Careers drop-in session in the Careers Centre (LE). All students are welcome to come in to discuss careers ideas, pathways or to look at alternatives. The Careers Centre is stocked with useful books, articles and further education prospectuses and the computers are available for careers research.

Diverse Leaders Network Programme- Y8

Diverse Leaders Network is a social enterprise that exists to develop the next generation of leaders from diverse backgrounds. This is done by placing a network of professional leaders, who are diverse in age, ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status and skill, in the classroom to dispel leadership stereotypes and equip every student with the awareness, ability and access needed to reach their full potential.

The diverse network of professional leaders has supported a number of students through this 'Tomorrow's Leaders' Programme. Participation is by application and selection process. The course will run in the Autumn term for a series of 12 sessions in school, culminating in a visit to an organisation in the City, meeting CEO's Directors and senior members of careers organisations, and girls will deliver a presentation to professional leaders, parents and teachers. Skills learned will include: public speaking and communication skills, knowledge of careers and leadership pathways, professional language and vocabulary and leadership opportunities. Cost: tbc.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme- Y9-Y13

Walthamstow Hall is thrilled to offer students, from Year 9 to Year 13, the opportunity to enrol on the world's largest youth award programme. The service, resilience, fun and pioneering spirit of the scheme is in perfect symmetry with our ethos and students are actively encouraged to participate. The School has a dedicated and experienced Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator, Mr Nic Ramsden who has greatly increased the profile of the scheme within the School and the numbers of students completing their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. The School became a 'Directly Licenced Centre' for the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme in 2018 and an 18 month Gold Award programme has been established for Sixth Formers to commence in Year 12. The Duke of Edinburgh programme is an integral part of the fabric of Walthamstow Hall and is hugely supported by both staff and parent volunteers without whom the Award could not be run.

[THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME WEBSITE](#)

Listening Course- Y8

Listening in a world that is on fast-forward is not only central to our own personal well-being, but to the well-being of those to whom we listen. At Wally we fundamentally believe in the ability to take time to reflect on what we are experiencing at any given moment, and in the need to provide that safe space for others to be listened to by us. Aside from the art of good listening being a pre-requisite for us all in an ever-increasingly competitive employment market, it is an essential skill for the development of our key values at Wally – respect, integrity and service.

At Wally, in association with Acorn Listening Foundation, we have designed a term-long listening course specifically tailored for our girls in Year 8, instructing them in *how* to listen, specifically looking at why listening is important, what makes a good listener, what stops us from listening, and how we listen to feelings and to stress. This course will run in parallel with, and as an option to, the *Diverse Leaders Network Programme*

Touch Typing – All Year Groups

Touch Typing is open to all pupils. They will follow a specific typing course which will monitor progress and speed, ultimately leading to the KAZ Touch Typing Diploma. The keyboards that you use are especially prepared for you with the ‘keys’ blanked out.



Young Enterprise scheme- Y12

Students are given the opportunity to set up and run their own company. They decide on a company name, a product, how and where to market the product and attend various selling opportunities. The team compete against other schools in the West Kent Area at trade fairs and in a final presentation evening where the winners go through to the Kent final. The next stage is South East finals followed by the National final, which is usually held in London.

Enjoying real success and overcoming real setbacks make this a valuable life experience. Whatever students decide to do in the future, being an active member of a student company gives them an insight into the world of business and work, and can help when considering career choices.

Young Enterprise is open to all Year 12 students, not just those studying Business or Economics. Some girls have decided to follow a university course in Business Management after taking part in the programme.



YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Christian Union- All Year Groups

The Christian Union is a weekly group to encourage and build up Christian students as we look at the bible together and chat through what difference it makes to us. It is also a place for anyone who wants to find out more about Christianity and think through some big questions, such as, is there a God? What does He think of me? Does it matter? What has Jesus got to do with anything?

Contemporary Dance- Y7-8

Contemporary Dance is offered as a foundation course of 10 weeks to run through the Autumn school term at a cost of £70 per pupil. It is open to dancers of all levels in Years 7 and 8 and gives girls a fun and insightful introduction to all of the new contemporary work which is becoming more and more popular with young teenagers.

From this a follow-on course is available for those girls wishing to develop their skills and work towards exams if they wish. There are a range of exams devised to accommodate all standards of dance with the Intermediate foundation exam being quite an advanced exam for those more experienced dancers.

'Food for thought' – Y11-13

All students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are invited to take part in a half termly food and nutrition club. During the course we will explore simple recipes and how to make the right choice for your body, mind and budget. Numbers are limited but you will be able to sign up to a half term of your choice. Preference will be given to Year 11 and 13 for the autumn term.

Mindfulness- Y9

Mindfulness is a fun, engaging and useful course for young people, adapted from the Mindfulness adult courses on stress reduction and cognitive therapy. Mindfulness aims to give students understanding, techniques and coping mechanisms as a life skill. There is a growing body of rigorous research evidence regarding the benefits for students and it helps them to feel happier, calmer and more fulfilled; to get on better with others; help them concentrate and learn better; help cope with stress and anxiety; perform better at music and sport.

Sport and Fitness

At Walthamstow Hall every student is encouraged to enjoy sport and physical fitness whatever her level of ability. Sport is well-represented on the curriculum and enjoys a high profile. Walthamstow Hall really 'punches above its weight' in terms of sporting performance and achievement, with many students excelling at county and national level across a wide range of sports. Walthamstow Hall's success in the sporting arena is the result of motivated and talented students being encouraged and coached by expert teachers who are able to draw on fantastic sports facilities which are open to and used by all. We are also incredibly fortunate to have the support of an enthusiastic parent body.

Sports Facilities

All Walthamstow Hall students enjoy use of fantastic Sports facilities. The focus point of our sporting world is the Sports Centre, opened by six students (all national champions) in 2015. The Sports Centre includes a Sports Hall with four Badminton Courts, a Gym, Dance Studio and sports classroom. The Centre sits alongside the School's 25m, 6 lane Swimming Pool, which opened in 2008 and which is in nearly full time use by both the School and swimming clubs within the local community. The School's Mulberry Hall is a dedicated space for Gymnastics, with the sprung floor used at the 2012 London Olympics firmly installed. A squash court is the final sports building on campus. Outside, there are four netball and tennis courts and a lacrosse pitch. Our cross country runners benefit from Knole Park being on our doorstep and our lacrosse players also make use of the Holly Bush astro pitches adjacent to the School.

Sport on the Curriculum

Our aim is for girls to discover physical activities they will enjoy throughout their time at school and beyond. Many discover a talent that enables them to excel and we encourage all to achieve their personal best and develop a love of physical activity which will establish healthy habits for life.

A significant portion of every student's weekly timetable is dedicated to sport. The major team sports are netball, swimming, lacrosse, tennis, cross country and badminton. Girls also have lessons in gymnastics, athletics, fitness and a wide range of other sports. Sixth Form students make use of the fitness equipment in the gym and dance studio in their study periods and at lunchtime and after school.

Practices and Team Selection

We understand the thrill and pride that comes from representing the School in fixtures and are keen for students to have the opportunity to experience this by playing in School matches.

As far as is possible we make every effort to select students who diligently attend weekly sports practices. In netball this is achieved by arranging fixtures for A, B, C and D teams as required. Students earn their places by attending weekly practices and taking part in regular team trials.

Fixtures

Walthamstow Hall uses the SOCS School Sporting Fixtures app to communicate match opponents, dates, times and team lists. Parents are sent instructions on how to use the SOCS app when they join the School.

Judo

Students have the opportunity of participating in a weekly training session, which is led by a very experienced Judo coach. The training prepares the students for local and National Judo competitions, of which Walthamstow Hall has been very successful at in the past. Judo is a modern day martial art, teaching both control and combat. This sport teaches ways to defend and attack an opponent, and has a lot of elements linked to self-defence.

Running club

Running club is led by a very experienced coach, and the students are able to benefit from the beautiful surroundings of Knole Park. The club is open to students of all abilities, and also works towards a number of cross country running competitions, including the English School's Cross Country Cup.

Squash

Squash club runs onsite throughout the year and is open to students of all abilities. Fixtures are arranged against local schools for those wishing to represent the School.

Football

Football is a rapidly growing girl's sport in the UK and is included in both the curriculum programme, as well as the School's co-curricular provision. The students enjoy a variety of local, County and Regional fixtures and we have strong links with local clubs.

Taekwon-do

Taekwon-do is a combat sport characterized by its emphasis on head-height kicks, jumping and spinning kicks, and fast kicking techniques. Students benefit from high level coaching and develop many self-defence techniques whilst working towards achieving accredited awards.

Curling

Students are able to make the most of being located near to one of the only Curling rinks in the UK! During the Autumn and Spring terms there is a weekly Curling session, and the training culminates with teams competing at the National School's Curling Championships.

Fitness

Fitness is an important component of health and wellbeing, and students benefit from gaining knowledge and understanding of how they can benefit from physical activity. The fitness suite is available each day to students from Year 10, and they are able to enjoy working independently.

LATEST FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Students will also find team lists on the Sports Boards outside the Changing Rooms.

In addition, a Fixtures Card outlining the forthcoming term's schedule of sporting fixtures is published at the end of the preceding term. Fixtures are also included in the printed calendars, again published at the end of each preceding term.

Netball, rounders, tennis and swimming matches tend to be played after School during the week with some bigger, regional and national tournaments taking place at weekends. The majority of lacrosse matches take place on Saturdays. Students are taken to and from matches via mini bus or coach. Cross country and badminton tournaments and bigger swimming galas also tend to happen at the weekend.

Parents are always very welcome to support their daughters at fixtures.

Interhouse Competitions

During the course of the year a large number of sporting events take place which give the students an opportunity to compete within their House groups. These include: athletics, badminton, benchball, cricket, gymnastics, lacrosse, netball, rounders, swimming, tennis and tug of war! The interhouse competitions are a fantastic opportunity for all students to get involved in either playing sport or supporting their peers.

"The range of opportunities to participate in sporting pursuits, both competitive and recreational, is excellent."

Independent Schools Inspectorate

Wake and Shake- Y7-8

Scientific research shows that bursts of morning exercise can promote brain power, setting school children up for the day ahead. Wake and Shake offers all girls in Years 7 and 8 twenty-five minutes of Just Dance to stimulate the mind, body and soul. Girls feel invigorated, lifted and positive, ready to start their learning. It is a chance to share in a fun and care-free activity with friends. 8:10 – 8:35 in the Hall.

Yoga – Y12-13

Yoga allows people, whoever they are, to reconnect with themselves. We live in such a fast paced and high pressured society today it is easy for adolescents in particular, to get lost amongst these daily pressures. Pausing to allow time to breathe and re-establish a clear, objective mind is essential to coping with examination stress and Yoga is also an excellent way to increase strength, suppleness and flexibility.

ARTS AND CREATIVITY

Art & Textiles Club – Y7-9

This will take place in the Emmerline Art room. We will make a number of decorative items during the year, including for Christmas, Valentine’s Day and Easter.

Our first project will be to make a multi-media scrapbook from scratch. It would make a lovely present, or as a keepsake to remember a holiday or special occasion. We will use a number of techniques to make the book cover and pages including, Paper lamination – think pastry, not heat-sealed plastic sleeve, embellishment with stitch or other decoration, marbling and braiding.

Carnegie Shadowing (invitation only) – Y 8-10

A group of enthusiastic readers, who will be reading the short-list of the best young people’s fiction, selected as potential winners of the prestigious Carnegie Medal for children’s literature. This group meet weekly in the Summer Term. There will be lively – even fierce – debates about which book we think should be the winner; we will also analyse book covers, text and play literary games.



Coda editorial team- (by invitation only)

A selection of students from Years 12 and 9 work with Mrs Cornes, Mrs Pelling and Miss Mehaffey to plan, write, edit and design CODA, our school magazine. They are taught about interview techniques and question types, different forms of articles and how to organise the logistics and practicalities of their assignments. They also consult with a design team about the appearance and layout of the final version. Taking part helps students develop skills in communication, time management and designing a product for a target audience. While the staff oversee the process, the students have the real responsibility and get a genuine taste of magazine journalism.

Drama

Drama is part of the lifeblood of Walthamstow Hall and our performances are widely known for their highly professional standards. There is a plethora of opportunities for students to work backstage or perform in school productions which are always greatly supported by fellow students, parents, staff, governors and the local community.

Drama Facilities

The Ship Theatre is at the heart of Walthamstow Hall Drama. This flexible theatre space, 'in the round', has capacity for an audience of 200 and is the stage for all School plays, from examined monologues to the larger School productions. The Ship is supported by two large rehearsal spaces, The Elwes Drama Studio and a spacious, newly converted studio in the new Emmeline Blackburn Arts Centre.

The Drama department has six specialist, highly skilled and dedicated teachers and is supported by a theatre technician.

Drama Productions

There are many Drama productions each year beginning with the main Senior production (Years 10 – 13) in the Autumn term. This is followed by the Lower School production (Years 8 – 9) in the Spring term and the Year 7's first production in the Summer term. These large-scale co-curricular productions are interspersed with smaller plays performed and examined as key components of the GCSE and A level Drama courses.

Recent Walthamstow Hall productions have included; *My Fair Lady* (2018), *Much Ado About Nothing* (2017), *Oliver!* (2016), *Peter Pan* (2015) and *Coram Boy* (2014).

['MY FAIR LADY' PHOTO GALLERY](#)

['SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER' PHOTO GALLERY](#)

[DAISY PULLS IT OFF PHOTO GALLERY](#)

Trinity Drama Examinations

Nearly half of all students take additional Trinity Drama lessons within School either acting within a pair or solo. Students attend thirty half hour Trinity lessons a year as a paid for 'extra' and work towards an annual grading exam. Students worked from Grade 2 to 8 and can pass with a 'Pass', 'Merit' or 'Distinction' grade. Grades 6 – 8 carry a UCAS point tariff value. An evening of Trinity performances is staged each year where parents can watch the pieces which their daughters have been working on.

Drama club- Y7-9

This club is dedicated to building performance skills. Each week we look at a different Drama technique from using voice for radio plays, to developing physical theatre skills. This club is open to anyone in Year 7-9, not performing in the Lower School production.

Lower-school Drama production- Y7-9

To perform in the annual lower-school production, students in Years 7-9 are invited to audition in a work-shop style session based around the play we are looking at each year. Those who do not perform have the fabulous opportunity to help out with many other aspects of the production, from

lighting to set design and beyond. Recent productions have included *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, *Daisy Pulls it Off*, *Madame Bovary* and *Wind in the Willows*.

Technical Theatre club- Y8-13

Performing isn't for everyone though and students in Years 8 and above are also encouraged to be a part of the backstage production teams, be that working in lighting, sound, scenery, wardrobe, props or backstage logistics. A weekly lunchtime technical theatre club is run for budding lighting and sound operators. The backstage of every Walthamstow Hall production is run by students who are trained in the same way as a professional stage management team.

Music

Music is an integral part of everyday life at Walthamstow Hall, both in and out of the classroom. With dedicated facilities, an expert and enthusiastic teaching team, specialist visiting music teachers, a wide array of extra-curricular ensembles, and an exciting academic curriculum, there is music-making on offer to students of all ages, abilities, and experience.

Music Facilities

The John Downton Music Suite has three teaching spaces:

Downton 1 houses a suite of iMacs dedicated to music technology.

Downton 2 is a rehearsal and teaching space with two grand pianos and a harpsichord.

Downton 3 is an academic teaching room where classes never exceed 12 girls.

There is a practice suite of 9 air-conditioned rooms for individual music lessons and private practice, four of which are sound-proofed and data-linked to the Music Office, effectively creating a professional recording studio. The Ship Theatre has a Bösendorfer grand piano on the stage for concert performances and practical examinations. The Main Hall and its stage are equipped with stage lighting and sound systems, providing a fantastic performance space for larger productions such as the House Performing Arts Competition, Wally Pop, Wally Stage & Screen, and the termly Orchestral Concerts. It also houses a Feurich grand piano and the School's two-manual organ which digitally replicates the organ of Hereford Cathedral. Next to the Hall is the Percussion Studio, which is fully equipped with orchestral percussion, and a separate, sound-proofed drum kit booth, to cater for all genres of music.

Ensembles

Whether or not they have individual music lessons in School, all students are involved in music-making in a variety of ways at Walthamstow Hall. This is illustrated by the Year 7 Choir, led by the Director of Music, of which all Year 7 students are a part. It is expected that students taking music lessons in School will wish to join a suitable ensemble when they have reached the appropriate standard. Piano students are strongly recommended to join one of the choirs.

Below is selection of ensembles and choirs that rehearse weekly:

Symphony Orchestra, Training Orchestra, *Vivaldi* String Orchestra, Flute Choir, Clarinet Quartet, String Quartet, *Cellistas* Cello Ensemble, Chamber Music, Early Music Group.

Senior Choir, Senior Chamber Choir, Lower School Chamber Choir, Year 7 Choir.

Concerts

There are a myriad of formal and informal opportunities for girls to perform throughout the year. These include public concerts towards the end of each term, an annual Carol Service, termly informal concerts, the House Performing Arts Competition, musicals, and various musical evenings including Wally Pop and Wally Stage & Screen. In addition, School musicians provide live music for many of the School plays performed in the Ship Theatre. Our ProMusic Concert Series brings both rising stars and established professional soloists and ensembles to the school, showcasing a wide array of talent from across the musical sphere in engaging and inspirational performances. These termly concerts are open both to students and staff of the School and the general public.

Individual Music Lessons

The School has an expert team of visiting music teachers who offer one-to-one tuition and a large number of students take advantage of the excellent standard of music teaching at Walthamstow Hall. Lessons are typically of 30 minutes' duration (although some students opt for a 45-minute lesson when they reach advanced grades) and take place during the School day.

Tuition is available for: flute, recorder, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon; French horn, trumpet, trombone, euphonium; percussion (drum kit and orchestral percussion); guitar (classical and electric); voice; piano, harpsichord, organ; harp, violin, viola, 'cello, double bass, and song-writing.

The School also offers weekly classes in music theory and there are regular song-writing workshops for any student who is interested, regardless of whether or not she has other individual music lessons. Girls can receive extra help with aural training for those taking practical exams beyond Grade 5.

Examinations

The School hosts ABRSM exams every term, and also enters students for Trinity Exams at local centres.

Photography club- Y12

This is available for Sixth form students and as an option to take GCSE photography. We will be covering how to use digital SLR cameras on the manual and semi-automatic settings of aperture priority and shutter priority. We will experiment with shallow and large depth of field using aperture, and fast and slow shutter speed. The studio will be used primarily with controlled lighting, and we will use studio flash for a project based on creative Portraiture. We will also experiment with multiple exposure and light trails. We have a darkroom for traditional techniques, creating photograms and trying out pinhole photography. Students will learn how to use Adobe Photoshop effectively to enhance their images, also as a creative tool to layer images together, change colours etc.

Staff and Sixth Form Book Club – Y12-13

Students and staff take it in turns to recommend a different work of contemporary fiction each month and encourage lively debate. A great way to expand your reading and have fun in the process. Monthly meeting on a Wednesday lunchtime.



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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Wildlife and Environmental Club – All Year Groups

Come and learn more about wildlife. Bugs, bats, badgers, butterflies, bees and anything else that doesn't start with a 'B' and make a positive contribution to helping to save them.

Kent Youth County Council

Kent Youth County Council voices the views and opinions of Kent's young people aged 11-18. Elections are held in November and for the past four years a girl from Walthamstow Hall has been successfully elected for Sevenoaks. Once elected KYCC members meet monthly to take part in debates and work in Interest groups which cover topics including mental health services, curriculum for life and environmental issues. They also have the opportunity to represent Kent at the UK Youth Parliament. KYCC can count towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award in the volunteering or skills section. Participants are able to see the importance of engaging in the democratic process and can make a positive contribution to their community whilst making new friends.

Model United Nations- Y12

Model United Nations aims to engage students in the world of international diplomacy. Year 12 students are assigned a country to represent in London at the London School of Economics Model United Nations Conference in February. In the months that precede the conference, they work in a team to study the particular needs of a country and how they can work with other nations to best solve international problems like human trafficking, the humanitarian crisis in Syria and improving the rights of girls world-wide. At the conference, they learn to how to assert their positions and persuade others to join them. Students leave the conference with not only a sound understanding of global issues and confidence in their ability to make a difference, but with friends from all over the UK and the world.

Debating Society- Y10-13

The Year 10 and Sixth Form Debating Society teaches students how to persuasively explain and argue their point of view. Students learn to debate a range of motions such as 'The UK should lower the voting age' 'Democracy is doomed in the age of social media' and 'Nice girls finish last.' Students in both debating societies attend competitions hosted by Oxford and Cambridge as well as the Institute of Ideas. The benefits of debate are profound. Students learn to think on their feet, to critically evaluate opposing arguments and confidently deliver the most persuasive response. Those who join Debate leave knowing how to make their voices heard.

National Citizens Service (NCS)- Y11

The NCS programme is an experience designed to make young people from 15-17 feel challenged and changed, engaged and empowered. The four-phase programme, lasting 4 weeks, is just the beginning of an exciting journey that will give girls all the confidence and skills they need to seize the future they want. Most girls take part in the NCS programme during the summer after their GCSE exams. There are several dates available and they will learn more about the programme during a PSHEE session during the Autumn term of Y11. The NCS programme will enable girls to meet other young people from all walks of life, develop skills relevant to employment and give the girls an opportunity to 'put something back' into the community.

ENRICHMENT OF ACADEMIC STUDY

Bridge Club- All Year Groups

Bridge is an auction and trick-taking card game similar to 'trumps' for four players. The aim of the game is to earn points by winning as many tricks as possible. The players are divided into two teams of two.

Some very good reasons to play bridge are:

- ♣ Those who play more frequently score higher on cognitive tests.
- ♦ Bridge games offer intellectual and social stimulation on a routine basis.
- ♥ An area in the brain used in playing bridge stimulates the immune system. Researchers suggest that is because players must use memory, visualization and sequencing.



Learn Bridge!

Bridge is a challenging card game played in a social atmosphere; have fun, sharpen your wits and meet new people.



Chess club- All Year Groups

Chess is a game that promotes strategic thinking, problem solving and concentration. It is open to girls in all years in the school. Whether you are an experienced player, keen to participate in inter-school competitions, or a beginner who has never played before, you are warmly welcome to join.

Computer Science Club - All Year Groups

You are invited to work towards the Duke of York's **Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (iDEA)**, to learn the digital skills you need to effectively participate and contribute as a Citizen, Worker, Maker, Entrepreneur and Gamer. You will earn iDEA points (badges) while learning more about animation, automation, cyber security, fake news, problem-solving and website development & troubleshooting. As you rise to the challenges and earn lots of badges you can gain the **Bronze Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award**. You may then like to further develop your skills and understanding by working towards a **Silver** award.

Design Technology Club - Y8

This gives Girls further experience in working with a variety of different resistant materials while developing techniques and skills. The projects may include: A trivet project, Electronic Christmas tree project, Pen Project, Making a clock.

Design Technology Club - Y8

Often Girls continue from the yr8 club, further developing skills in resistant materials. Typical assignments include a Jigsaw project using 2D design and the laser. a bedside lamp and lampshade, Enamel jewellery.

French Culture Club- Y7-8

This is not a club about French language but about French cuisine, art, dancing etc. You will cook famous French delicacies (such as crêpes and pains au chocolat), dress up like people from well-known paintings, sing famous French tunes, make your own Provence lavender sachet and much more!

Geography Club- Y7-8

This weekly club is run by Y12 Geography A level students aiming to inspire and engage younger pupils in a variety of fun and interactive geographical games and challenges. These may include:-

- Kahoot, worldwide quizzes and games to increase world map knowledge.
- Conducting environmental surveys around the school
- Finding out about 'Geography in the news' and imagining you are a journalist, reporting on what is happening in the world right now.
- The Pod (all about getting your school Eco Status)
- Creating a glacial landscape
- Making a working volcano

History Club- Y7

"We are not makers of history. We are made by history." Martin Luther King, Jr.

In History club we work with our year 7 History club pupils to devise a programme of activities that the girls who attend find interesting and fascinating. Some of the suggested activities have been to:

- Recreate historical buildings
- Act out key historical events
- Learn about and create historical fashion
- Delve into historical fiction
- Watch films based on historical events
- Handle historical artefacts
- Help organise and run whole school History events

The year 7 History club recently took on a whole school challenge and helped prepare for the school's centenary of the end of WW1 celebrations. The girls helped with the whole school display

that demonstrated the numerous roles and sacrifices that Walthamstow Hall families made in WW1. They were also busy in preparing, researching and overseeing a very well attended Year 7 WW1 treasure hunt, which saw year 7 girls answer questions about WW1 to find their next clue in their pursuit to make a WW1 themed word. Upper school were also invited to attend the screening of the Peter Jackson film 'They Shall Not Grow Old' and as we approached the festive season year 7's researched WW1 Christmas Cards.



Mandarin Club – Y7-8

This weekly club is comprised of two parts: Cultural activities, including knowledge of Chinese dress, food, music, customs and historical sites, and Mandarin learning. Pupils will have the opportunity to gain a Level 1 certificate, which is an internationally standardised test of Chinese language proficiency and may then lead onto Level 2 for those wishing to pursue it further.

Maths Team Challenge competitions- Y8-13

There are several team competitions available during the year, usually for a team of 4 girls. Team Challenges promote mathematical dexterity, teamwork and communication skills; they also give pupils the opportunity to compete against pupils from other schools in their region. Girls in Years 8, 9, 10 and sixth form are usually involved. Girls interested in taking part are invited to attend a lunchtime club in the weeks prior to a competition and the team is selected from those showing enthusiasm and commitment.

Maths Clinic- All Year Groups

This is available on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes for any student wanting some extra help.

Science club – Y7

Science club is the place for students who are interested in science to learn about all scopes of science. Our fun science experiments are engaging and interactive. We explore a wide variety of scientific topics across Chemistry, Biology and Physics. From investigating the chemistry of making slime, bath bombs and ice cream to the forces involved in launching rockets made of coke and Mentos. During the summer term students have the opportunity to learn about growing plants,

experiencing the life cycle of a plant first hand. Our sessions are designed to inspire students to have a love of science both in and out of school.

Spanish club – Y7-8

Have you started learning Spanish at your primary school? Do you enjoy language learning and would like to keep your Spanish going? Come along to Spanish Club! There is no homework and there are no tests. You will learn lots of new words and phrases and will be able to practise conversations for different situations. These will help you when you travel to a Spanish-speaking country. Whilst learning, you will be playing games, singing songs and maybe even trying out some Spanish food! The emphasis is learning and having fun at the same time. Come and join us!

Young Engineers – Y8-9

Young Engineers gives girls the opportunity to explore the world of science and create machines and devices ready to explore the modern world. Among other things, girls in this club will try their hand at electrical design, acoustic engineering and finally dabble in some rocket science! The club will work on a project each term and members will be involved in choosing what to do. Students will gain skills that will help not only in future engineering careers, but also practical skills for life.