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Wellington College



September – December 2025



Calling all Wellington College Parents!

Love to sing? Join our friendly Parent Singers and be part of the musical life at Wellington College. No auditions, just the joy of singing together in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

The Parent Singers rehearse at 11am on select Saturdays during term time. They perform at the November Choral and Concerto Concert with students and at the March and June Crowthorne Choral Society Concerts.

For more information email:
music@wellingtoncollege.org.uk

Welcome

Dive into a vibrant world of creativity at Wellington College this Autumn!

From major productions and concerts to intimate recitals, showcases, workshops and student-led events, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Many of our events are open to the general public and you will be very welcome to visit the GWA or any other performance venues to experience the variety of professional and student led events that take place regularly throughout the year.

If you are not part of the Wellington Community (students, staff and parents) then you must obtain a ticket through the link below. All money raised from tickets goes to support the Wellington College Arts Fund (WCAF) unless stated otherwise. To date, the WCAF has donated over £135,000 to more than 80 schools in the local area.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to welcoming you at any or all of our events.

Simon Williamson,
Director of Arts



For tickets to all The Arts events mentioned visit www.wellingtoncollege.org.uk/events



Visiting Wellington College

Please use the Dukes Ride entrance (RG45 7PT). Security will direct you to free parking on North Front. Please only follow the signposted routes to event sites. If you require any special assistance, please let us know prior to your arrival.
<https://www.wellingtoncollege.org.uk/contact/where-we-are/>

Diary

September

				V&A/ GWA	GCSE/ Leavers, A-level and IB Art Exhibition
Tue	9/9	6.15pm		Waterloo Hall	Tuesday Concert
Tue	16/9	6.15pm		Waterloo Hall	Tuesday Concert
Sat	20/9	11.30am	*	Chapel	Co-education 50th Anniversary Chapel Service
Tue	23/9	6.15pm		Waterloo Hall	Tuesday Concert
Fri	26/9	8pm		V&A	Welly Unplugged
Sat	27/9	11am	£20	Old Gym	CCS Choral Day
Tues	30/9	2pm		Concert Room	Woodwind masterclass with Marie Lloyd
Tue	30/9	6.15pm		Concert Room	Tuesday Concert

October

Fri	3/10	7.30pm		GWA	House Dance Final
Sat	4/10	10am	*	Old Gym	Music Inspire Morning
Tue	7/10	6.15pm		Concert Room	Tuesday Concert
Wed	8/10	2pm		Chapel	Recording of Remembrance Service for BBC
Thu	9/10	9am	*	GWA	Prep School Orchestral Day
				Art School	Pop Up Art Exhibition: Changing the Paradigm
Sun	12/10	4pm		Chapel	Workshop with Choral Scholars from Royal Holloway
				GWA	Collaborative Schools Exhibition
Mon	13/10	2.30pm		Old Gym	Conducting masterclass with Nicholas Cleobury
Tue	14/10	12.30pm		Art School	Art That Moved Me
Tue	14/10	4.30pm		Concert Room	Ensemble masterclass with Atea Quintet
Tue	14/10	7.30pm	Free	Old Gym	Montgomery Ensemble Competition
Tue	14/10	6.15pm		Concert Room	Tuesday Concert
Wed	15/10	2pm		Concert Room	Low string masterclass
Wed	15/10	7.30pm	From £5	Chapel	Chapel Choir Concert
Wed	15/10	7.30pm		CLT	Drama Arts Ambassadors evening
Thu	16/10	9am		Waterloo Hall	Piano masterclass with Sergio de Simone
Fri	17/10	7.30pm	From £5	GWA	Festival of the Arts
Fri	17/10	6.15pm		Art School	Film and Pizza Evening

November

Mon	3/11	7pm		Green Room	Theatre masterclass
Tues	4/11	6.15pm		Concert Room	Tuesday Concert
Thu	6/11	9am	*	Concert Room	16+ music scholarship auditions
Thu	6/11	4pm		Waterloo Hall	Remembrance Band Workshop
Mon	10/11	6pm		Green Room	Backstage hair & makeup masterclass
Tue	11/11	6.15pm		Old Gym	Tuesday Concert
Fri	14/11	8pm	£15	GWA	Choral & Concerto Concert
Tue	18/11	7.30pm	From £5	CLT	The Crucible
Tue	18/11	6.15pm		Chapel	Tuesday Concert
Wed	19/11	7.30pm	From £5	CLT	The Crucible
Thu	20/11	7.30pm	From £5	CLT	The Crucible
Tue	25/11	2.30pm		Concert Room	Vocal masterclass
Tue	25/11	6.15pm		Concert Room	Tuesday Concert
Wed	26/11	7.30pm	From £5	CLT	Speech & Drama showcase
Thu	27/11	7.30pm	Free	CLT	3rd Form Curriculum Show
Fri	28/11	7.30pm		V&A	Welly Unplugged

December

Mon	1/12	7pm		Green Room	Theatre masterclass
Tue	2/12	6.15pm	*	Music School	Exam masterclass
Wed	3/12	7.30pm	From £5	GWA	Dance Show
Wed	3/12	2.30pm	*	GWA	Schools Dance Show Matinee
Thu	4/12	7.30pm	From £5	GWA	Dance Show
Fri	5/12	7.30pm	From £5	GWA	Orchestral Gala Concert
Tue	9/12	6.15pm		Concert Room	Tuesday Concert
Wed	10/12	2.30pm		Concert Room	Montgomery Recital Competition Heats

Highlighted events are open to the public and tickets are required:

www.wellingtoncollege.org.uk/events.

Asterix events are by invitation only.

Tuesday Concerts are open exclusively to Wellington College Parents.

September

Art Exhibitions

All term

GWA - Leavers Exhibition – Final Forms (A-level and IB Visual Art). Celebrating the culmination of creative journeys across Fine Art, Photography, and Textiles.

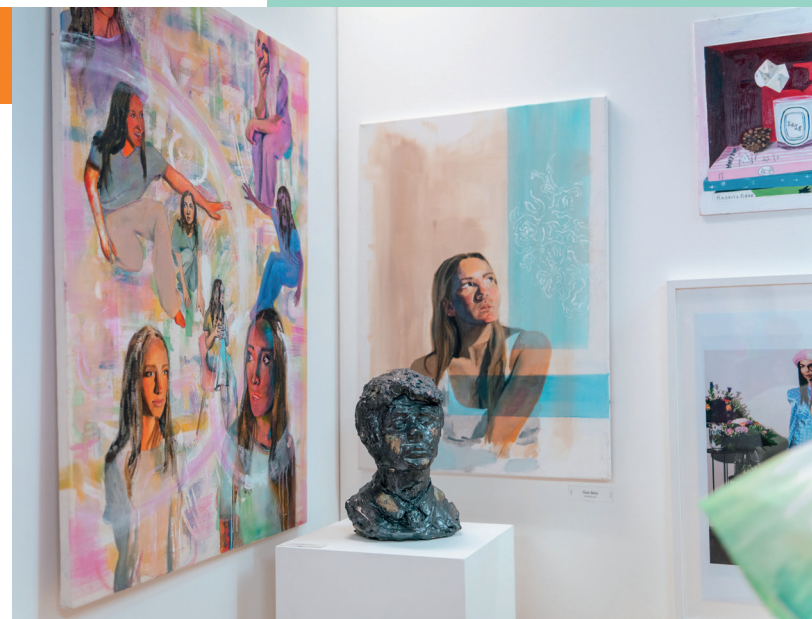
V&A – Fifth Form GCSE Exhibition - Emerging Lines. New perspectives in Fine Art.

Common Room – Jonathan Nickisson-Richards (staff show)- From base camp to canvas. In 2024 Jonathan hiked to Everest Basecamp via the sacred lakes of Gokyo Ri. During the trek, Jonathan documented the landscape through analogue photography and in a sketchbook. The exhibition shows a collection of oil paintings and photographs inspired by his journey.

Service to Celebrate 50 Years of Co-Education

Saturday 20 September

The day will begin with a special service in Chapel at 11.30am followed by a light lunch and then the opportunity to walk the new Pioneering Women's Trail around Wellington. Past singers of the choirs will sing alongside the current Chapel Choir and Jack Thompson and meet previous Choral Directors Stefan Anderson, George de Voil, Sean Farrell and Simon Williamson in this unique musical reunion.



Welly Unplugged

Friday 26 September

An evening of stripped-back sounds and raw talent. From heartfelt originals to acoustic covers, come and support your peers in a relaxed, intimate setting.



Crowthorne Choral Society's Singing Day

Saturday 27 September

11am-5pm. Sing Duruflé's Requiem & Vaughan Williams' 5 Mystical Songs in this uplifting workshop for all levels led by Simon Williamson. Whether you're a seasoned singer or new to choral music, this workshop offers a unique opportunity to develop your skills, learn beautiful repertoire, and experience the joy of singing together.

Book your place at crowthornechoral.org.uk

October



Student event: House Dance

Friday 3 October

Wellington College houses compete with creative, high-energy routines for the dance trophy. Fun, fierce, and full of school spirit!

Music Inspire Morning

Saturday 4 October

Thinking about a 13+ music scholarship for 2026 or 2027? Join us to learn all about Wellington College scholarships with workshops, performances, and talks from staff and current award holders.

BBC Recording: Remembrance Service

Wednesday 8 October

Students only. Wellington College Choir has been invited to record a special Remembrance Service for broadcast on BBC Radio 4. This meaningful performance honors those who served and sacrificed, showcasing the choir's heartfelt vocals and commitment to commemorating history through music.



Prep School Orchestral Day

Thursday 9 October

Bringing together various prep schools for a day of musical collaboration and fun! Students will rehearse, learn, and grow together before joining forces in a grand orchestra performance to end the day.

Pop Up Art Exhibitions

Monday 13 October

Art School Pop-Up – L6 ‘Changing Paradigm’ Project - Shift: A Changing Paradigm. Pop-up exhibition and zine launch showcasing experimental L6 work.

GWA – Collaborative Schools Exhibition (with local schools) - Common Ground. A collaborative showcase of young artists from Wellington College, King's Academy Binfield, Garth Hill College, Bracknell, and Reading Girls' School.

Ensemble Competition

Tuesday 14 October

Experience an extraordinary evening of chamber music excellence, adjudicated by the renowned Atea Quintet. Watch our most talented student ensembles perform with passion and precision, as they compete for this prestigious Montgomery Prize.



Drama Arts Ambassadors evening

Wednesday 15 October

An evening curated and led by our Drama Arts Ambassadors, showcasing student talent, creativity, and leadership. From powerful monologues and original scenes to devised performances and technical theatre displays, this event celebrates the voice and vision of our young theatre-makers.

Chapel Choir Concert

Wednesday 15 October

Visit the Chapel at Wellington College to experience a concert of reflective and moving choral music featuring the acclaimed Chapel Choir. Directed by Jack Thompson with organist Sean Farrell.



Festival of The Arts

Friday 17 October

Join us for a vibrant celebration of creativity, talent, and community as we mark five years of the Wellington College Arts Fund. This special event brings together music, drama, dance, visual arts, and more in a dynamic, collaborative showcase of the incredible work made possible through the Fund's support.

Film and Pizza Evening

Friday 17 October

The Art Dept will be screening 'Finding Vivian Maier' in the top studio. Finding Vivian Maier is a documentary that explores the life of Vivian Maier, a French-American nanny who secretly took over 100,000 photographs, which remained unknown until after her death in 2009. The film follows John Maloof's journey to uncover her story and the remarkable artistry of her street photography, revealing her as one of the most significant photographers of the 20th century.





November

Choral & Concerto Concert

Friday 14 November

Join us for an unforgettable evening of music as the Chapel Choir is joined by Crowthorne Choral Society, the Wellington College Parent Singers and a professional orchestra in a stunning Choral & Concerto Concert including Durufle Requiem, Vaughan Williams 5 Mystical Songs with Mezzo Soprano Lara Rebekah Harvey and Baritone Thomas Humphreys. Liszt's Piano Concerto No.1 mvt.1 performed by Stephanie Ou and Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No.3 mvt.1 performed by Marcus Yip.

The Crucible

Tuesday 18-Thursday 20 November

Join our senior students as they bring Arthur Miller's The Crucible to life in a bold, unforgettable production. Set against the backdrop of the Salem witch trials, this gripping drama explores fear, truth, and integrity – themes that resonate now more than ever.



Speech & Drama Showcase

Wednesday 26 November

Celebrate a night of talent, creativity, and expression as our students take the stage for the Speech & Drama Showcase! From powerful monologues to lively scenes and original performances, this evening highlights the skill and confidence our performers have built throughout the term.



3rd form Curriculum Show

Thursday 27 November

Our 3rd Form students take the stage in a lively production showcasing their creativity, teamwork, and growing performance skills.

Student event: Welly Unplugged

Friday 28 November

Join us for an evening of stripped-back sounds and raw talent. From heartfelt originals to acoustic covers, come and support your peers in a relaxed, intimate setting.

December

Dance Show: Bridging Time

Wednesday 3 – Thursday 4 December

This year's Dance show explores two generations and the developments and innovations that have shaped each world. It will be a chance to see history brought to life, as well as current trends and developments showcased in an array of clever, moving, fun and uplifting dance numbers in varied styles. There will be something for every generation, so don't miss out!

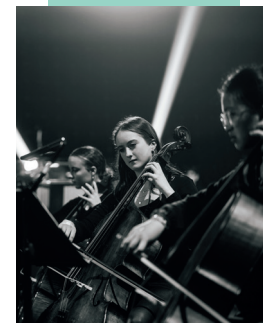


Orchestral Gala Concert

Friday 5 December

Join us for a spectacular evening of music in the GWA featuring the Wellington College Symphony Orchestra directed by Simon Williamson performing iconic works including Bizet's Carmen Suite, Beethoven's Symphony No.7 and Beethoven's Egmont Overture.

The concert also showcases vibrant performances by Camerata directed by Sarah Durrant and Concert Band directed by Anthony Bailey, making this a grand celebration of musical diversity.



Workshops and masterclasses for students

Art Scholar Workshops

Wednesdays during the Michaelmas Term

A bespoke programme of enrichment workshops designed exclusively for Art Scholars. Sessions explore experimental processes, critical thinking, and new approaches to making.

Life Drawing

Fortnightly during the Michaelmas Term

Life drawing sessions offers students the chance to develop observational skills through working from the nude model a core discipline for any aspiring artist.

Audition Workshop

Thursday 4 September

Boost your confidence and sharpen your skills in this hands-on audition workshop. Learn techniques for monologues, cold reads, and stage presence—all in a supportive, creative environment.

Theatre Masterclasses

Monday 22 September, Monday 3 November and
Monday 1 December

Step into the spotlight with this dynamic masterclass. Explore acting techniques, character development, and stagecraft—perfect for students looking to elevate their performance skills and deepen their love for theatre.

Woodwind Masterclass

Tuesday 30 September



Unlock your woodwind potential with acclaimed flautist Marie Lloyd (RCM). This masterclass offers expert guidance, technique tips, and inspiring coaching.

Choral Workshop

Sunday 12 October

Our Chapel Choir teams up with Royal Holloway scholars for an inspiring workshop full of expert coaching, vocal techniques, and collaborative singing. A unique chance to learn and perform alongside talented university musicians!

Art That Moved Me

Tuesday 14 October

As part of ArtsFest 2025, join us for a special lunchtime event where 5 speakers each have 5 minutes to share a single work of art that's moved them. With contributions from a mix of art historians and non-art staff, this event celebrates the idea that art speaks to everyone, not just those in the Art Department. Expect powerful, personal stories, unexpected choices, and a chance to see familiar faces in a new light. Open to all staff and students, bring your curiosity and a willingness to see art through fresh eyes.



Conducting Masterclass

Monday 13 October

An opportunity for students to learn conducting with Nicholas Cleobury, one of the UK's most versatile and engaging conductors.

Ensemble Masterclass

Tuesday 14 October

The At a Quintet, Alena Walentin (flute), Anna Hashimoto (clarinet), Ashley Myall (bassoon), Chris Beagles (horn), and Philip Haworth (oboe), known for their vibrant performances, will work with the Montgomery Finalists to perfect their performances for the competition.

Low String Masterclass

Wednesday 15 October

Join acclaimed cellist Kirsty Matheson for an inspiring masterclass focused on technique, tone, and expression for cello and double bass players.

Piano Masterclass

Thursday 16 October

Enhance your piano skills with world-class pianist Sergio De Simone. Explore technique, interpretation, and performance tips in this inspiring masterclass.

Songwriting Masterclass

Tuesday 4 November

Unlock your creativity in this hands-on masterclass, learn to craft lyrics, build melodies, and shape original songs.

The Remembrance Band Workshop

Thursday 7 November

Students come together to rehearse and perform music for a Remembrance service—building ensemble skills and honouring the occasion through music.

Backstage Hair & Makeup Masterclass

Monday 10 November

Learn the secrets of stage-ready styling in this hands-on masterclass! From dramatic stage makeup to quick-change hairstyles, students will gain practical skills for theatre, dance, and performance.



Tuesday Recital Series

Wellington College music students perform in relaxed, intimate concerts, building confidence and sharing their passion. Open exclusively to Wellington College parents – no tickets required but please wear parent lanyards on site.

Upcoming highlights:

- Piano Showcase – 7 Oct
- Junior Concert – 11 Nov
- Staff Concert – 9 Dec

Each week is unique!

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