



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Good afternoon everyone!

So many highlights this week! Firstly, thank you to the parents who came to support our Y9s graduating. It was a lovely celebration and we are confident that they will take the transition to KS4 with confidence and also successfully. Also, huge congratulations to our new Head Boy and Head Girl - William and Khadijah! They will lead this team of prefects and

the school well through their service of our community. Congratulations to Malak, Efrata, Abdulmajid and Angelo who are this year's deputies and create a formidable prefect leadership team. Well done to all who applied and interviewed, we are incredibly proud of all of them as should you be as their parents. The 65 prefects for this next academic year are a phenomenal group of young people who will be a force for good within this school community. Ms. Quinton will oversee them as usual and they start their training on Tuesday with a guest speaker. I'm very much looking forward to seeing them in action! Trips out this week have included Cambridge University, The Sea Life Centre, Ibstock Place and The Golden Hinde. It's been busy!

Have a lovely weekend! Mr. Wilson

Students visit SEAlife

To recognise the hard work and achievements of some of our students this term, the LSA team organised a trip to the SEAlife centre on the Southbank. Students enjoyed learning about a range of aquatic creatures, watched the sharks, touched some shark and ray eggs and felt the freeze with the penguins! Big thanks to Ms Al Joury for organising.



Year 10 pupils visit To the University of Cambridge

On Thursday, a group of our year 10 pupils visited the University of Cambridge. The intent of the day was for pupils to understand more about university life, visit a range of different style colleges, and get a feeling for the city itself. The university staff who lead our sessions were blown away by the eloquence and political mindedness of the students, praising them for their oracy skills and confidence. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed visiting Fitzwilliam, St John's and Pembroke colleges, and comparing the architecture and ambiance of each college. They also competed in academic debates, created to mirror the style of discussion in an Oxbridge interview. We look forward to more trips to Cambridge and other universities next year!



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7H Trip to Ibstock Place School

On Thursday we took the wonderful 7H to Ibstock Place School for a day of exciting and diverse workshops. From Classics, to digital media; from art to Design and Technology- students were able to take an active role in using the amazing resources available at Ibstock to design and produce work that showed off their impressive academic and creative skills. In the green screen room, small groups recorded and edited a short advertisement in an 'Apprentice style' task that resulted in a lot of laughter! Outside in the open spaces, students were gifted with sketchbooks and watercolours to be inspired by their natural surroundings. In design technology, students created a new unique key-ring in just under 30 minutes. At the end of the day, we were able to watch a matinee performance of the 'Terrible Tales', put on by the KS3 Ibstock students in their theatre. We even had the treat of some delicious ice cream to enjoy as we sat in the audience. We are very lucky to have our ongoing Hurlingham partnership with Ibstock Place, where some of our Year 11 students achieve fully funded scholarships to attend this quality Sixth Form . I know that 7H are now feeling extremely aspirational to ensure that they compete to achieve these in the future.



Subject in the Spotlight– MFL

What have we been learning in MFL this week?



Y7: In French, Mandarin and Spanish, students have completed their exams and went through an intensive revision session to help them reach the best of their potential. We are currently looking at the topic of food and how to order food in a French, Chinese and Spanish Restaurant. Students have recently enjoyed the conversation classes where they are being put into

role plays with their partners to help them practice. In French as part of the homework, they had to go and teach one of the conversations they have learnt in class to a family member and it was lovely to hear how much they enjoyed this. In Mandarin, the students have completed their speaking exams and have thoroughly.

Y8: Our students are currently learning about the topic of food and festivities. Through this theme they have explored Francophone and Hispanic food. Mandarin, the students are currently exploring China and Chinese traditions. This allowed us to build on our student's cultural capital, giving them an overview of the cultures and food. They have also been engaged into speaking and practicing scenarios of ordering food from a café and booking a room at a hotel. Students are making the most of the speaking sessions and some have developed some great accents. Make sure to ask them about what they like to eat if you catch them in the corridor.

Y9: In French and Spanish completed their exams and our students are learning about music festival in France, Spain and Latin American countries. We aim at building their cultural capital to learn about different cultures and food. They revisited vocabulary on food and are currently in the process of learning how to order food in a restaurant. Through the speaking sessions, the students will be equipped with the necessary tools through extensive practice to make them more confident learners and linguists. We are looking forward to hearing all about the trip to China for our Y9 Mandarin students!

Y10: The Y10 students have been practising speaking skills during the week as they completed the first speaking mock. They learned how to answer questions in a role play looking at different contexts, such as booking in a hotel or discussing social media with a journalist. The students have also practice how to maintain a conversation for two / three minutes using flashcards/notes. We are proud that they have understood the importance of this mock speaking, which is the only chance we have to practice this skill before the real GCSE exam. As well as preparing the speaking exam, students will now move to learn how to use the language to communicate in real-life situations (a restaurant, a hotel...).



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Mr Wilson's commendations

It has been another impressive week here at the academy, with pupils once more working hard on their studies both in the classroom and at home. Congratulations go to all the following pupils who made it to the top of our leader boards this week.

SENECA leaderboard:

1. (Yr8)

Yana



2. (Yr8)

Aemilia



3. (Yr7)

Oliver



SPARX Maths leaderboard:

1. (Yr7)

Oliver



2. (Yr7)

Milad



3. (Yr)

Keira



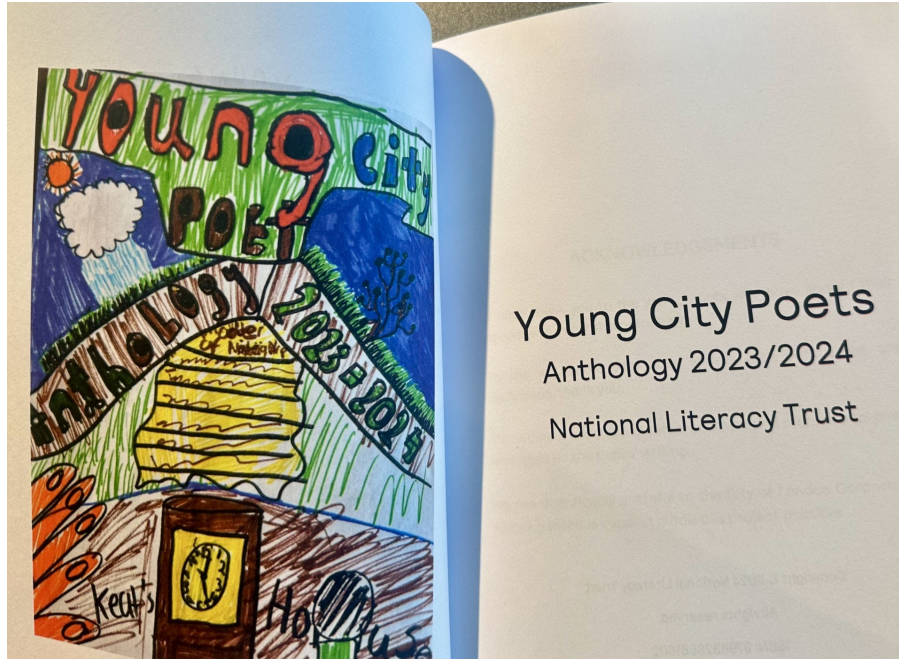
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This week in the Library!

A year 7 class completed the Young City Poets Programme. The programme was organized by the librarian Ms Sroya. The Year 7 English class of Ms Hall participated and worked on their poems during library lessons. Two poems from our school have been published. Congratulations to **Alliya Aberdeen** and **Nailah Jahar** for becoming published poets with their poems 'Hope' and 'Happiness'! Thank you to the Educators who worked with our school to make such experiences possible. The Anthology can be purchased on Amazon under the title: '**Young City Poets Anthology 2023/2024**'.



Key dates

Description	Date	Time
Y10 Work Experience Visits	Mon 01/07/2024	14:00 - 16:00
Summer Concert	Mon 01/07/2024	17:00 - 18:00
Y6 Induction Evening	Wed 03/07/2024	17:00 - 18:30
SPORTS DAY	Fri 05/07/2024	(All day)
China	Tue 02/07/2024 to Sat 13/07/2024	
Y10 Work Experience	Mon 08/07/2024 to Thu 11/07/2024	
Cultural Capital Trips	Tue 09/07/2024 to Wed 10/07/2024	
H&F Foodbank Trip	Mon 15/07/2024	09:00 - 12:00
Drama Showcase	Mon 15/07/2024	16:30 - 17:30
Thorpe Park	Thu 18/07/2024	(All day)
Last Day of Term	Fri 19/07/2024	(All day)



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