



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It is hard to believe we are halfway through the academic year. (Although I'm sure Year 11 are feeling much closer to the end of their year with only 49 days to go until their first GCSE exam!) We have so much to be proud of at The Hurlingham Academy, including an incredibly successful Charity Week. Pupils have been generous with their donations and their enthusiasm all week and we have enjoyed a variety of excellent events and competitions. This week the UK also has something to be very proud of: we are celebrating 100 years since the Representation of People Act giving some women and all men the Right to Vote. I always use my vote and truly believe that democracy is essential to a productive and harmonious society. I feel proud of the democracy within our school community and I always value thoughtful suggestions made by students and parents. Our Student Council have already made improvements to the school and I look forward to hearing their next set of comments. It is such an important and empowering thing to have your voice heard and those are feelings I want all of our pupils to experience.

Charity Week

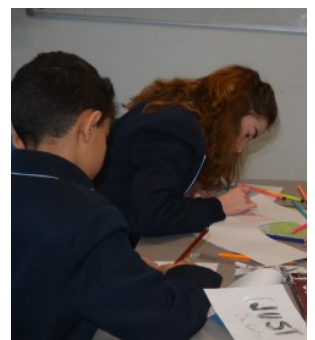
This week, The Hurlingham Academy has dedicated itself to charity. Led by our Heads of House, this has been an action-packed week of sport, drama, debate, enterprise and much more. The week started with an assembly from Ms Grainger, outlining the centrality of charity to the ethos of The Hurlingham Academy, before the events kicked off at Monday lunch time with a house karaoke competition hosted by Ms Hatley and Aequitas House. Tuesday was the turn of Mr Cheetham and Unitas house, hosting a crossbar challenge. Wednesday was a busy day with two events, Tough Mudder (minus the mud) hosted by Ms Robinson and after school it was the pupils turn to get their own back in sponge a teacher. Thursday saw the turn of Veritas to host a basketball shootout, and the grand finale on Friday was "I'm a pupil/ teacher get me out of here. The week has been competitively contested in the name of securing valuable house points, but the students have also been eager to contribute money in order that we raise as much as possible. The money raised throughout the week will go to each houses' chosen charity. Aequitas are supporting Make a wish foundation, Caritas are donating to Forever Angels Baby Home, Tanzania, Unitas to Teenage Cancer Trust and Veritas to Noor Orphans Fund . All very worthy charities and we are proud to support each one.



Drop Down Day

On Tuesday we had our second drop down day of the year. As always, the morning was dedicated to PSHCE, where all students participated in a range of discussions around their personal health and well-being. Again it was lovely to see how engaged pupils were with all the sessions, asking some insightful questions and making the most of the expertise of our external providers.

The afternoon was once more given over to the house system, with pupils competing in one of four events; The Hurlingham Apprentice, Dodgeball, Performance and Debating. The enthusiasm from both pupils and staff was as strong as ever, and all the heads of house agreed that the work to come from these sessions was the highest standard we have seen so far. All the houses gave it their all, and final results on the day were incredibly close. Unitas, Veritas and Caritas all came away with 500 points, but it was Aequitas who reigned champions on the day scoring an impressive 600 points. Well done to all the staff and pupils who participated and a huge thank you to the Heads of House for organising such a fantastic day; the pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

Despite all the fun and games of charity week, our pupils have once again impressed me with their commitment to learning both in the classroom and at home. Congratulations this week goes to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our Maths, Science and English leader boards this week:

This week's Hegarty Leader Board is as follows:

Year 11- Yekram

Year 10- Melak

Year 9- Jamil

Year 8- Luqmaan

Year 7- Sebastian



Again, we see Melak top of the leader board for the whole school. Her commitment to her maths is nothing short of phenomenal and her results are really reflecting all the hard work she is putting in. Well done Melak, you are a real inspiration to the rest of the school.



Top of the Tassomai Leader Board for the second week running are Allyssa and Kayza, who have now completed 75% and 74% respectively. I would also like to congratulate Ronald and Salvatore for answering the most questions correctly on Tassomai this week.

This week we have a complete change on the reading leader board. This week's top readers are Anela, Younis, Maryama and Hanad. A particular congratulations to Anela who came top of the school. Excellent work and well done for earning so many points for your respective houses.



Finally, we have introduced a new reward called Learner of the Week. This week teachers were nominating active learners who have used SPEAK effectively in lessons. We are pleased to announce this week's winner is Megan with Ms Grainger stating "Megan has consistently offered considered and confident verbal answers during English lessons this week". Well done Megan.



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Marathon Running with Mr Cheetham

On April 22nd Mr Cheetham will be running the London marathon to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust. As part of charity week the whole academy came together on Friday to raise as much money as possible to support Mr Cheetham. During tutor time all pupils learnt about the amazing work carried out by Teenage Cancer Trust and also had a glimpse into Mr Cheetham's gruelling training regime. To raise money we had a non-uniform day for pupils and staff and at break time we held a bake sale, led by Ms Grainger. The Heads of House also kindly agreed to donate all the money raised from "I'm a teacher/ pupil get me out of here" that was held at lunchtime. It was great to see all the houses coming together to support one cause, and we are proud to announce that as a team we raised £1,513.37. An amazing total, well done to all those involved.



Goodbye and Good Luck

Unfortunately today we say goodbye to our wonderful Office Manager, Mrs Gibbons. She has been an invaluable member of staff here at the Academy and an avid reader of our news letter. Her cheer, dedication and outstanding organisational skills will be greatly missed. We wish you all the best for the future.



Key dates for week beginning February 19th —week 2

Description	Date	Time
Half term	Monday 12th—Friday 16th February	All week
All pupils back to school	Monday 19th February	8.25am
Whole school assembly	Monday 19th February	8.30-9.00 am



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