



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



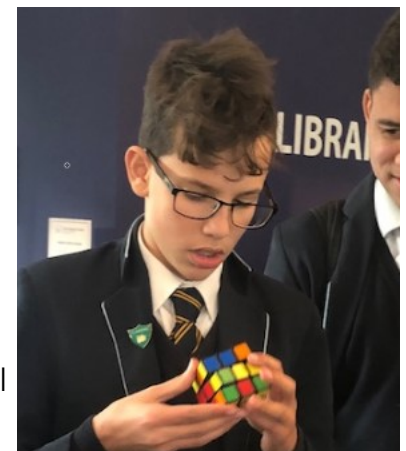
The start of a new half term always brings new opportunities for our school community. We see students bounding in after their holiday having revised their lesson content from last term; read a new and enlightening novel and sharing the new knowledge that they have acquired over the half term. I was pleased to receive the results of the Maths Challenge and find that we had winners in all three categories (Bronze, Silver and Gold) and those pupils should be very proud of their achievements.

Over the half term, I watched as the news reported another devastating attack on a school in America. I would like to share my deepest sympathies with those whose lives were taken, as well as with those who are left behind to grieve. Every day I come in to school, I reflect on the huge responsibility that we have to keep our pupils safe. I feel grateful that we have such a supportive and caring community around us who work together to ensure that our pupils know that their school is a safe place to be.

My assembly on Monday outlined the importance of routines and manners. I would like to remind all students that their behaviour both in and outside of school matters a great deal. Our character is formed in the actions that we undertake where there is no opportunity for sanction; in the decisions we make to help others selflessly and in the moments where we choose to make ourselves better people. I look forward to the weeks ahead as a safe, challenging and productive term.

Battle of the Rubik's cubes with Ms Robinson

This week's house competition saw the students battling with Rubik's cubes. Each house was given a jumbled up cube with 5 minutes on the timer, with points being awarded for completing one side, 2 sides, or all four sides of the same colour. The team work of Veritas shined through as students worked so well as a group, taking them to a solid second place. However, Caritas' Theo Prade (Year 8) stole the show with his phenomenal ability to solve the cube in under one minute. This led to a huge victory for Caritas, with Aequitas and Unitas in joint third. Well done to all students that took part!



Mr Wilson's Commendations

Over the half term it was lovely to see our pupils continuing to work hard on their studies, and as always we like to celebrate those pupils who have gone above and beyond. 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- Troy

Year 10- Seon

Year 9- Kairo

Year 8- Abdulahi

Year 7- Sebastian



A massive congratulations to Sebastian in particular, who came top of the school after completing nearly 8 hours of extra homework in one week. A phenomenal amount of work, well done.



Top of the Tassomai Leader Board for the third week running is Allyssa who has now completed 87% of the course. I would also like to congratulate Bethel for answering 1531 questions correctly in 7 days.

For the second week running we have a complete change in the reading leader boards. This week's top readers are Precious, Lana, Ezana, Adem and Marcus. A particular congratulations to Marcus who came top of the school. Excellent work and well done for earning so many points for your respective houses.



Scholars Club

On Wednesday, Scholars' Club learnt about the world of law from barrister Saul Lemer, who was joining us via video link from Paddington Academy. Our scholars learnt about what lawyers do, what is needed to become a lawyer, and had a great in-depth discussion concerning a tricky case about a car theft.



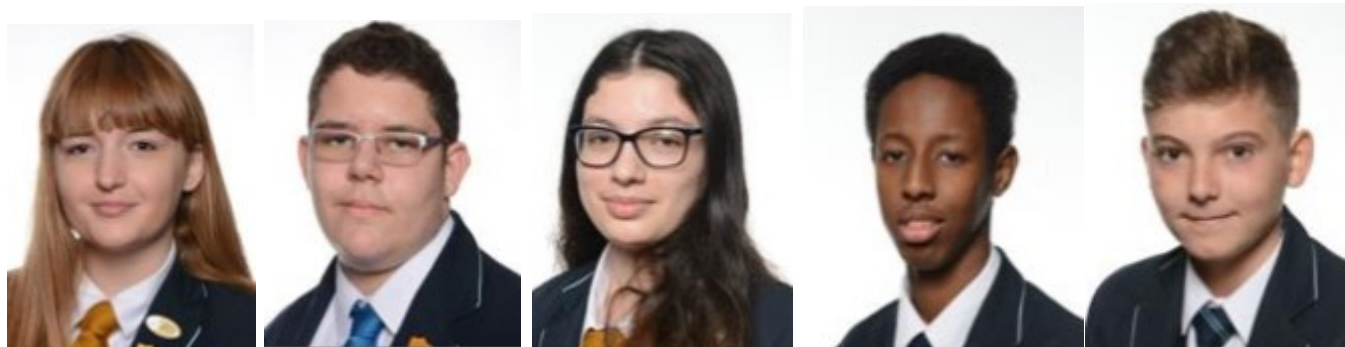
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UKMT Maths Challenge Results

As you may remember, a couple of weeks ago a selection of our best Mathematicians from years 9-11 sat the UKMT maths challenge. The results are out and I'm so pleased to say we were awarded 2 golds, 6 silvers and 9 bronze awards. Gold awards went to Elisavet and Salvatore (both of whom qualified for the next round), silver to Allyssa, Jon B, Jade, Ronald, Abdi and Lindrit and bronze to Kayza, Shaima, Shaheba, Aisha, Philmon, Haytham, Precious and Nam. An amazing achievement and well done to all pupils who took part. We look forward to the junior maths challenge later on in the year.



Getting to know you— Mr Powell

Name: Mr Powell

Job: Head of Science

Favourite Book: I don't really have a favourite book (sorry Mme. Granger), I mostly read newspapers and online articles.

Interesting fact about me: During my university days I worked as a waiter and won Manchester waiter of the year which got me a trip to Dubai. I'm sure Mr Wilson will be signing me up as head waiter for this years OAP dance in no time!

Favourite thing about working at THA: It has to be the students, past and current. They motivate me to do a better job.



Key dates for week beginning February 26th —week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 26th February	8.30-9.00 am
Year 9 options evening	Thursday 1st March	5.00 pm
World book day	Thursday 1st March	All day