



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



As regular readers of the newsletters will know, I absolutely love the festive season. As soon as December hits in my house, the Christmas tree goes up, in all its flashing glory. I have also increased the number of Christmas trees we have up in school, to really get into the festive spirit. However, it is not just the decorations and food that excite me. It is also a period I really value as I was taught as a child that the build-up to Christmas is a time when we should reflect on the needs of others. Having the power to improve the lives of others is a privilege. During whole school assembly on Monday, Mme Ling spoke about the importance of kindness and compassion and thinking of others in our community throughout the festive period. During the assembly pupils were asked to reflect on whether the Christmas holidays look the same for every child in Hammersmith and Fulham. We know that not all members of our community celebrate Christmas, and of those who do, we know every family will have their own traditions. During the assembly pupils were reflecting not only on what the 25th December might look like, but the whole festive period, and especially the 2 weeks when school is shut. Though I am sure our pupils are very much looking forward to spending more time at home and not having the early alarm, during assembly we also thought about those who might be facing financial hardship, and what the festive period might look like for them.

To help support families in our local area, this week we launched our annual house hamper competition. Each House has 2 hampers outside the assembly hall, which are to be filled with food to donate to our local food bank. Our house representatives and house captains will take the food to the food bank during the last week of term, where it will be distributed among those who need it most. We encourage all students and parents to keep on giving to help those less fortunate than ourselves. I would absolutely love to beat last years total and ensure that all families in the local area are able to celebrate the festive period, safe in the knowledge that their loved ones will be well provided for.



ZIP Card Renewal

We would like to remind all parents and carers that Zip photo-card applications now being accepted for customers aged 5-10, 11-15 and 16-17.

Customers can apply for a new replacement card. Expired cards will still be accepted while applications are being processed up until **31st December this year. After this date expired ZIP cards will no longer be accepted.**



Wellbeing Hub

With mid-year assessments coming up for years 7-9, we know pupils will be starting to plan out their revision. To help them stay on track and manage stress, The Wellbeing Hub has collated some invaluable resources.

Simply search 'revision' or click here to explore: [Revision Resources](#)

Here are a few highlights:

- [Exam Prep Techniques](#) – Insights from The King's School Chester
- [Setting Yourself Up for Success](#) – Tips from Alicia Drummond
- [Quick Study Break](#) – Relax with Rosie
- [How to Revise Effectively](#) – Advice from Steve Badger



Year 9 Parents' Evening

We are pleased to invite all parents and carers of year 9 pupils to Year 9 Parents' Evening. This will be held in person, in the school hall on **Thursday 12th December**, from **4.30-7.00pm**. Appointments with teachers are offered on a first-come-first-served basis. However, we would be grateful if you could use our online form to let us know whether or not you are able to attend.

We would like to thank all year 9 parents who have already registered their attendance through the form provided. For those who are yet to reply, please click on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/0e2tbiQpbC>

Please note this is for year 9 pupils only. We will be holding Parents' Evenings for all other year groups in the upcoming months.



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Mr Wilson's Commendations

Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our Seneca and Sparx leaderboards.

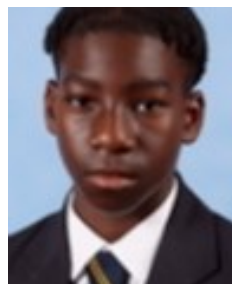
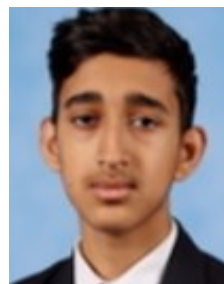
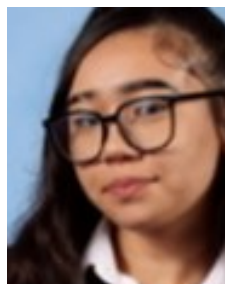
Top pupils for Seneca are:

Year 8: Sebastian

Year 9: Jahmai

Year 10: Sadaf

Year 11: Muhammad



Top pupils for Sparx maths are:

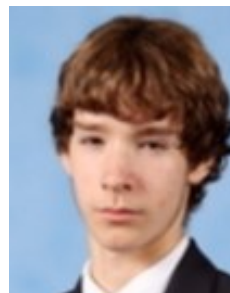
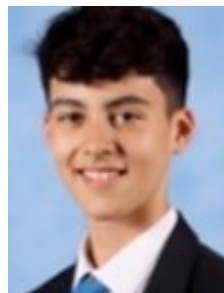
Year 7: Nasri

Year 8: Zubayr

Year 9: Akeem

Year 10: Rodrigo

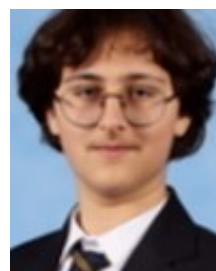
Year 11: James



Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 8: Ibrahim and Oscar

Year 9: Timur and Aisha



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SEND Coffee Morning

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT SEND COFFEE MORNING



- Understanding Anxiety: How it affects young people, especially during exam periods.
- Practical Strategies: Tips to help your child feel confident and prepared for their upcoming exams.
- Q&A Session: Ask questions and share experiences with other parents



PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE USING THE LINK BELOW

A supportive place to grow, learn and connect together. Join us for an informative session led by our Educational Psychologist, focusing on:

<https://forms.office.com/e/62QbJPYpvH>

Key dates for weeks beginning 9th and 16th December

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 9th December	8:30-9:00
Year 11 art mock	Monday 9th December	9:00-15:00
Year 10 National Theatre Trip	Monday 9th December	16:00-19:00
Student Council	Tuesday 10th December	9:45-11:15
Year 10 Bomb Factory Trip	Wednesday 11th December	11:30-13:00
Book Launch Trip	Thursday 12th December	10:30-13:00
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 12th December	12:30-13:30
Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 12th December	16:30- 19:00
Late start for all pupils	Friday 13th December	School starts at 9am
Academic Awards Night	Monday 16th December	17:00-19:00
Winter wonderland trip	Tuesday 17th December	10:00-15:00
Last day of term	Thursday 19th December	School finishes at 13:00
Christmas holidays	Friday 20th December- Monday 6th January	All day
School starts for all pupils	Tuesday 7th January	8:25am



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