



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Following our assembly with Mme Francis on Monday, which celebrated all things reading and world book day, I started thinking about how much we can learn from books. We can learn about different cultures, times in history, be transported to different parts of the world, or possibly different parts of the galaxy. In assembly Mme Francis said that she has never met anyone who genuinely doesn't like reading, just people who haven't found the right book for them yet. She gave some fantastic suggestions of books for pupils to read, all of which can be found in our school library. I personally love reading as I find it always encourages me to look at things from a different perspective. It also allows me to see the world through other's eyes. I encourage all members of our community to find a few moments over the weekend to sit down and simply read.

Hockey Success

Year 9 student Leon Marshall is making impressive strides in ice hockey, with exciting international opportunities ahead. This Easter, he will represent England's U14 Ice Hockey team in a tournament in Turku, Finland, following his debut international game against Scotland earlier this year.



Leon's sporting achievements extend beyond ice hockey. His Roller Hockey team, The London Knightz, won the U16 league last year, earning them a spot in a prestigious tournament in Germany this May, competing against top club teams from across Europe.

Training with Streatham Youth Ice Hockey Club alongside fellow Hurlingham Academy students Cooper and Austin Stay, Leon is proving to be a rising star in ice hockey. He is grateful for the support of the school and PE department in his sporting journey.



KS4 Mocks

Next week is the final week of KS4 mock exams. The timetable for this final week can be seen below:

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
1	Year 10 maths (90 minutes)	Option A- Spanish writing	Year 11 Maths paper 3 (90 mins)		Year 10 Option A: History, Geography, French (classrooms)
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3					
4	Year 10 Option B: Mandarin (reading and listening)				Year 10 English (60 mins)
5					
6	Year 11 Option A: Buisness, Geography, Spanish (separate rooms required), PE, History P2	Year 11 Option B: French, Spanish	Year 11 Physics 75/105 mins	Y11 Option C History Paper 1 Music	
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Second Hand Uniform Sale

It was absolutely fantastic to see so many parents attending our second hand uniform sale on Wednesday. It is such a great initiate both for the pennies and the environment. We would like to say a particular thank you to Ms Benson for her excellent organisation and running of the event. It is fantastic to see parents involved in school activities.

We will be planning similar sales later on in the year. If you do have any uniform you no longer need, it would be greatly received for the next event.



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Spring Recital

We are please to invite all members of our community to our Spring Recital. During the recital we will be showcasing all the fantastic work that pupils are doing in the Music department. Entry is free so please so come along to support our pupils and see just how talented they are.



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We would like to invite all parents to our coffee morning run by Kooth. If you wish to attend please use the link below to sign up:


<https://forms.office.com/e/cbvdNswjas>

Supporting Your Child's Wellbeing

Join our Parent & Carer Mental Health Session at Hurlingham Academy

 **Wednesday 2nd April**

 **9:30 AM**

 **Hurlingham Academy**



What We'll Cover:

- ✓ Understanding young people's mental health
- ✓ What stress and anxiety look like in children & teens
- ✓ Practical coping strategies to support your child
- ✓ How Kooth can provide free, safe, and anonymous mental health support



Kooth is an NHS-commissioned service providing young people with 24/7 mental health support, self-help tools, and professional guidance.

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🤝 Join us for an informative and supportive session—because mental health matters!

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World Book Week



This week, we celebrated **World Book Week** with exciting activities to inspire a love for reading!

- Students participated in a **Book Hunt** around school - finders were keepers!
- Student Librarians visited **Nomad Books**, a local independent bookshop, to select interesting new books for our library.
- **"Guess the Teacher"** house competition where students matched teachers to their childhood photos and favourite books.
- On **World Book Day**, students dressed as their favourite book characters, with **prizes** for the best costumes.
- Year 9 enjoyed a workshop with popular new **author Anam Iqbal**, who shared insights on writing and starting a book.

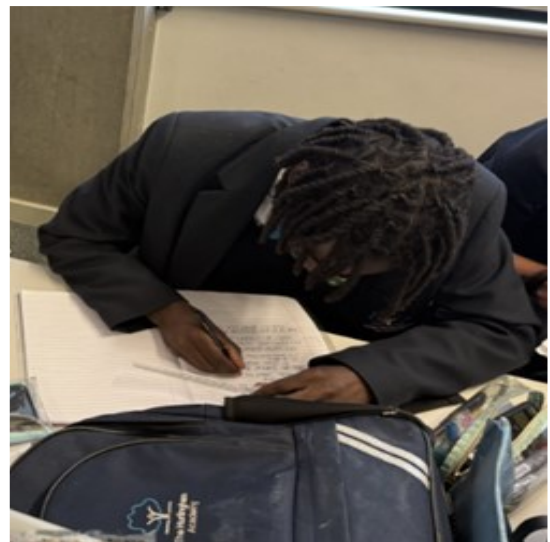
It's been a fantastic week celebrating literacy because **better readers make better learners.**

United Learning Football Event



On Thursday 6th, some pupils from Y7 took part in a regional United Learning football event. This took place at Battersea Park and consisted of 5 schools in and around London. There were a lot of games to be played in very warm conditions with very little rest in between, so all pupils did incredibly well to manage their energy levels. It was incredibly close to get into the final, and we narrowly lost out of the chance of 1st place by 1 point in our final match! Well done to Esther, Honeyblossom, Sarah, Annamaria, Neveah, Ruby, Alaa, Dior, and Hera (voted player of the tournament).

Debate Mate Round 2 Competition



On Tuesday afternoon, Y10 Debate Mate pupils took part in the Debate Mate Round 2 competition after a success Round 1 in January. 15 pupils took part in two debates – one focusing on punishment and rehabilitation, and the other on celebrity owned brands. The progress that pupils have made in this programme is excellent, and their skills at speaking confidently, structuring and responding to points in a debate have really improved. A big well done, and we look forward to the finals and the Debate Mate Cup later in the year.



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Performing Shakespeare

On 6th March, Lexi Whiteside (Y8), Maysa Farrah (Y8), and Frankie O'Driscoll Y7 took part in the regional heats of the English Speaking Union's Performing Shakespeare competition at Ibstock Place. The three were selected to compete from a cohort of 30 students in Years 7-9 who took part in the school's internal heat, as part of our Monday enrichment programme, which culminated in a phenomenal showcase back in December.

Performing Shakespeare at any stage in your life is an extremely challenging undertaking. To take on this challenge at such a young age, before they have even started to study it in English, is hugely impressive. What is even more impressive is to connect to and perform the text in such a clear and accessible way, that allows the audience to understand it, as all three of our performers did. Their courage and resilience to perform on stage against other schools was admirable, and they made Hurlingham proud.

Whilst they didn't go through to the next round, making it to this stage of the competition is something they should be so proud of. They worked so hard on their performances, but this time they just weren't what the judges were looking for, and this was through no fault in their own performances. The support the three of them also gave each other, demonstrating so much care and kindness, demonstrated what brilliant citizens they have already become. Everyone is so hugely proud of all of them.

Invitation to Parents' Forum—10th March 2025

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming Parents Forum on Monday, 10th March 2025, from 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM. This is a valuable opportunity to engage with senior leaders, discuss key topics, and share any concerns or feedback regarding the school.

To ensure we address the matters most important to you, we invite you to submit any questions in advance that you would like our senior leadership team to discuss during the meeting. [Click here](#) We look forward to your participation and hope to see many of you there.

[Click here to submit questions - https://shorturl.at/rj72b](https://shorturl.at/rj72b)

[Click here to join - https://tinyurl.com/mr3daxre](https://tinyurl.com/mr3daxre)



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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 Sparx maths are:

Year 7: Aaliyah

Year 8: Alisha

Year 9: Ashley

Year 10: Angela

Year 11: James



Top pupils for Seneca are:

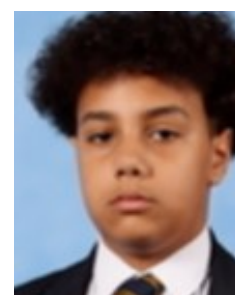
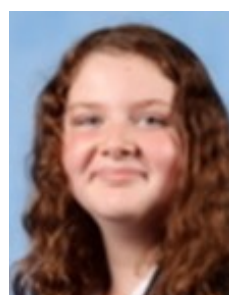
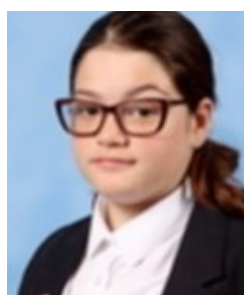
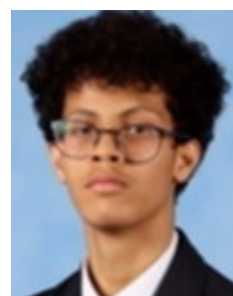
Year 7: Mia- Rosa

Year 8: Lexi

Year 9: Sofiyan

Year 10: Brian

Year 11: Daniel

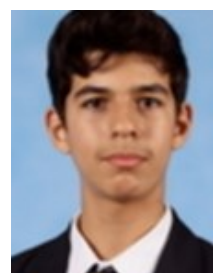
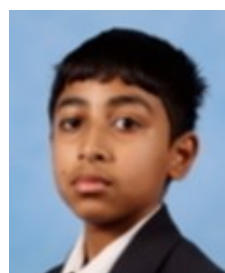
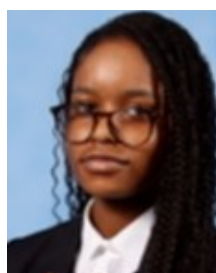
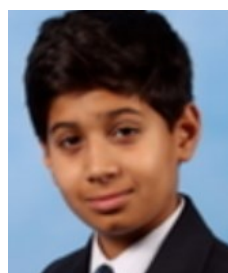
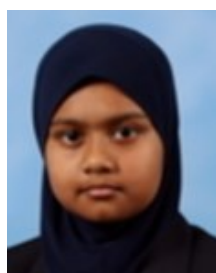


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Sabiha and Ryan

Year 8: Princess and Larushan

Year 9: Badis and Shuaib



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Book Swap

In the spirit of world book day and celebrating reading, our Heads of House ran a book swap instead of their weekly house competition this Wednesday. Pupils were able to bring in a book from home that they have read and no longer want, and swap this for a new book. It was fantastic to see so many pupils engaging, and hearing the impromptu conversations about favourite books and recommendations that this prompted.



Key dates for weeks beginning 10th and 17th March

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 10th March	8:30-9:00
Year 10 & 11 mocks	Wednesday 26th February- Friday 14th March	All day
Parent forum	Monday 10th March	18:00-19:00
Social action celebration	Wednesday 12th March	8:30-17:00
Year 9 London book fair trip	Thursday 13th March	9:00-15:00
Spring music recital	Thursday 13th March	17:00-18:00
Golden postcard trip	Tuesday 18th March	9:00-12:00
Year 10 Globe Theatre Trip	Thursday 20th March	12:45-17:00
Ibstock Place Interviews	Thursday 21st March	14:00-16:00



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