



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It has been another busy week at The Hurlingham Academy. As you know, one of my favourite phrases is that good, or in our case outstanding, schools don't wind down. As I walked around school this week I saw pupils working hard in every classroom. It has also been lovely to see key stage 4 pupils starting to receive feedback from their mock papers, and see pupils are responding to this feedback so positively. Lessons will be of their usual rigour right until the end of term. On Thursday we had our annual Christmas lunch, where all pupils and staff sat together to enjoy a festive meal with all the trimmings. I absolutely love our Christmas lunch as it is a wonderful time for the school to eat and spend time together as a community, reflecting on the considerable successes of the autumn term. I would like to extend my thanks to the kitchen, site and admin staff who all pulled together to make it possible.

We have also seen pupils be incredibly generous over the past week with donations for the Christmas hampers flooding in. I would love to see the hampers spilling over by the time we take them to the food bank next week so do bring in items on Monday.

## Christmas Hamper Donations

In the past year over 655,000 people have been forced to turn to food bank in the UK for first time and volunteers are set for the busiest winter yet as levels of need outstrip donations. In order to support our local community we are continuing to collect donations through our hamper competition. Winter items the food banks are particularly asking for include:

- Biscuits
- Hot Chocolate
- Porridge
- Tinned Fish
- Jams / Spreads
- Tinned Meat Sou
- Instant Noodles
- Custard
- Tinned fruit / vegetables
- Feminine Hygiene Products

Any donations will be very much appreciated.



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

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

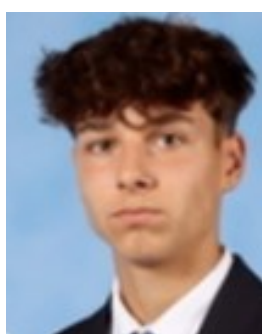
Top pupils for Seneca are:

Year 8: Dillon

Year 9: Sasha

Year 10: Grisha

Year 11: Sanrick

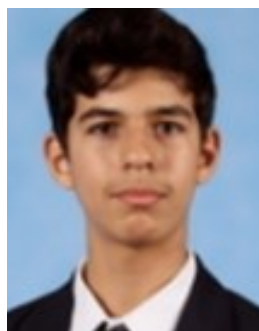
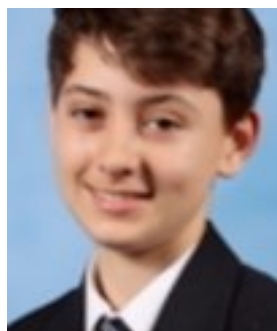
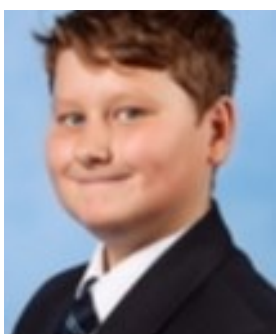


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Esther and Tobias

Year 8: Ibrahim and Grayson

Year 9: Harun and Badis



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## Year 9 Cooking Competition

During cooking club this week year 9 pupils got creative making gingerbread Christmas decorations. Pupils showed real resilience, independently following the recipe and managing to make the dough, bake, cool and decorate within the allotted time. Some even took on the additional challenge of creating the glass window. Like every great bake off there could be only one winner, and we would like to congratulate Yasmin, who took first place.

Well done to all pupils who took part, it was a fantastic way to finish off this term's cooking club.



## 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

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## Key dates for weeks beginning 16th December

| Description                         | Date                                     | Time                            |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Whole school assembly               | Monday 16th December                     | 8:30-9:00                       |
| 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                   | <b>School finishes at 13:00</b> |
| Christmas holidays                  | Friday 20th December- Monday 6th January | All day                         |
| <b>School starts for all pupils</b> | <b>Tuesday 7th January</b>               | <b>8:25am</b>                   |



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