



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It's been an incredibly busy week again here at The Hurlingham Academy. On Tuesday we had our termly PSHCE and house drop down day. In the morning pupils tackled a number of important issues; Year 7 welcomed back 3 of our alumni pupils who spoke about their journey's through 6th form, university and onto the world of work, Year 8 were investigating careers in finance, year 9 were investigating alcoholism and year 10 were completing a module in computing .

The afternoon was given over to the house system. Pupils competed in six House competitions that ran across the school. As I walked down the corridors, I heard innovative solutions to complex problems; collaborative work on brilliant costumes and choral rehearsals of original songs! I love seeing our pupils work on something that is not a part of our everyday curriculum. While knowledge of their core subjects is important, I believe that it matters just as much that we give our students opportunities to explore their creative sides with open-ended activities and challenges. A big thanks to our ever-energetic Heads of House, who did a wonderful job organising the day. The competition between our four Houses remains hotly contested - be sure to attend rowing on Tuesday, the competition on Wednesday and countdown on Thursday to keep the points rolling in.

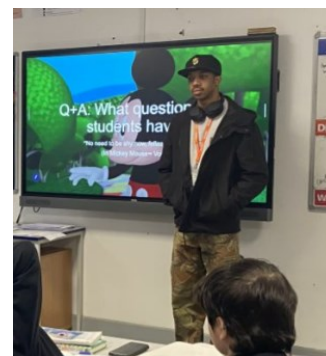
## Valentines Tea Dance

On Wednesday we held our annual Valentines Tea Dance, where we opened our doors to the elderly in the community. Year 10 catering pupils put on a fantastic spread of sandwiches, cakes and scones, and Mr Pudney made for a very dapper host. There was bingo, dancing, and much laughter. We would like to thank all those who attended, and we look forward to hosting many more events in the upcoming months.



## House Drop Down Day

On Tuesday we had our house drop down day. It was fantastic to see all pupils working together to win points for their houses. I know everyone is eagerly awaiting the results, and all will be revealed very shortly by Mr Pudney. But hey– it's the taking part that counts right? Who are we kidding, we can't wait to see how the pupils' fantastic efforts have impacted the overall leaderboard. Well done to all pupils for their superb efforts on the day and of course a massive thank you to the heads of house and Mr Pudney for organising another brilliant day.



## KS4 Mocks

Year 10 and 11 mocks begin the week after half term. Pupils received their assessment manifests today outlining what topics will be in each assessment, as well as including their assessment timetables. These assessment manifests can also be found on the school website. The timetable for week 1 of assessments can be seen below:

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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Fri
1			Year 11 Further Maths paper 1 (105 mins)		Year 11 English Literature (105 mins)	Year 10 Option A: French (classrooms)
2						
3						
4						
5						
6					Year 11 RE (120 minutes)	Year 10 RE (60 mins)
7						



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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:

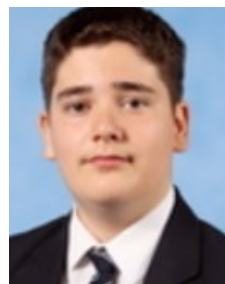
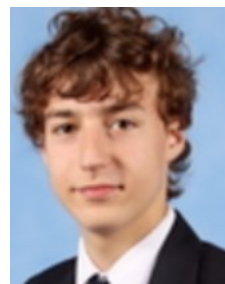
Year 7: Alaa

Year 8: Serban

Year 9: Shuaib

Year 10: Mya

Year 11: Chris



Top pupils for Sparx maths are:

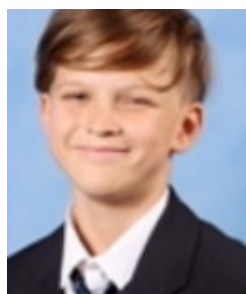
Year 7: Freddie

Year 8: Serina

Year 9: Ato

Year 10: Theo

Year 11: Alisha-Rose

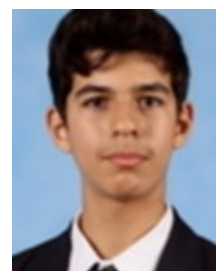
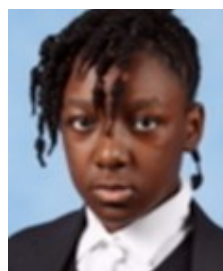
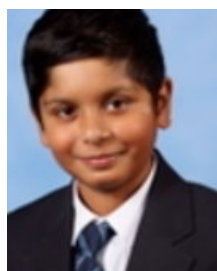


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Kai and Esther

Year 8: Dillon and Chaunique

Year 9: Badis and Esraa



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## Junior Bake Off

Calling all bakers. Applications for the Junior Bake Off are now open. If you would like more information or any support with your application please speak to Mme Myers for more details.



## Home Learning

Thank you to those parents who have replied to our Microsoft form requesting information regarding how pupils learn at home. For those who are yet to complete it, you can find the form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/18ZKbfCSzq>

Alternatively the link was resent via email earlier this week. Please do check your emails for more information.

## Key dates for weeks beginning 17th and 24th February

Description	Date	Time
Half term	Monday 17th– Friday 21st February	All day
Year 11 revision program	Monday 17th– Friday 21st February	All day
Whole school assembly	Monday 24th February	8:30-9:00
Jamie's Farm	Monday 24th– Friday 28th February	All day
Year 10 & 11 mocks	Wednesday 26th February- Friday 14th March	All day
Girls in finance trip	Wednesday 26th February	9:30-15:30
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 27th February	16:30-19:00



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