



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week, I have been reflecting on the amazing community we have built here at The Hurlingham Academy. Last week, I wrote about the devastating effect of Hurricane Melissa and asked for any donations people were able to make. I can honestly say that the response has been phenomenal. Every day, I have seen pupils and parents arriving with shopping bags full of donations. I have been truly blown away by everyone's generosity. I also believe that Year 11's chicken raffle has been incredibly successful in raising money. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed. Once again, this shows what a fantastic community we are, and how we can all come together to support one another and the wider world during times of need.

Also this week, pupils in Year 11 began their first set of formal mocks. These assessments are cumulative, testing their knowledge on all topics they have learnt since the start of KS4, and give pupils a real idea of what the GCSE season will feel like. Pupils have revision materials from their teachers, and they should use these to ensure they feel confident and prepared for every assessment. The manifests, revision materials and additional material are available on the school website. I encourage all pupils to make best use of all your resources and I would like to remind you all about the importance of checking their exam timetable to best plan out their revision. All pupils need to come back on Monday, ready to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in their assessments for the rest of the week.



Parent Forum

Continuing with the theme of community we are pleased to invite you to our upcoming Parents Forum on Monday, 17th November 2025, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 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.

We look forward to your participation and hope to see many of you there.

- Click here to submit questions - <https://shorturl.at/4d1lv>
- Click here to join- <https://shorturl.at/1odL4>



Grammar Stream STEM Day

Last week, 65 students from the Year 7 and Year 8 Grammar Stream took part in an exciting full-day STEM workshop run by the Smallpeice Trust. The day challenged students to step into the shoes of real engineers and entrepreneurs as they worked in teams to design, build, and market their own motorised boats. Each group began by brainstorming ideas and sketching designs before moving on to construct working prototypes using foam, which they then tested in a water tank. Students used their problem-solving skills to refine and improve their designs, before creating their final products using wood.

But the challenge didn't stop at engineering! Teams also had to manage their finances, plan a marketing strategy, and finally present their finished product to the group. The activity encouraged creativity, teamwork, and innovation which are key skills for success in STEM and beyond. The workshop was filled with energy and enthusiasm, with students fully engaged throughout the day. There were plenty of moments of triumph (and a few splashes!) as the boats were finally put to the test.

By the end of the day, students had not only gained hands-on experience in engineering and design but also developed important skills in communication, planning, and perseverance. The Smallpeice Trust facilitators praised the students for their enthusiasm, ingenuity, and teamwork. It was a fantastic opportunity for our Grammar Stream students to experience the excitement of STEM in action and the students thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Parent Pay

Please note that if you use the one-click payment option on ParentPay, it may take up to 10 working days for the funds to be deducted from your account. During this period, your payment status will show as pending. If the funds are available when the transaction finalizes, they will be credited to your account. However, if there are insufficient funds, the payment will be marked as failed. Alternatively, if you choose a different payment method, you can enter your card details, and the payment should be processed immediately.



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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:

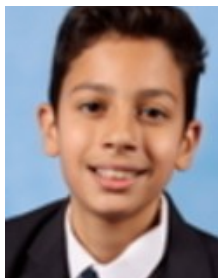
Year 7: Ayyana

Year 8: Emir

Year 9: Sebastian

Year 10: Keiran

Year 11: Theo

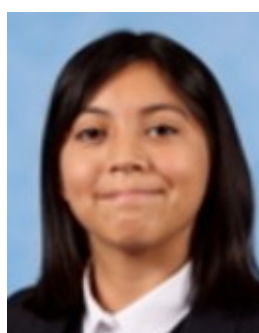


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Cedar and Neriah

Year 8: Sabiha and Maeson

Year 9: Ayla and Ava



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SEND Coffee Morning

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT SEND COFFEE MORNING



Please confirm your attendance using the link below:

[SEND coffee morning- December 2nd 2025 – Fill in form](#)

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

- 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

Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 17th November	8:25-9:00
Year 11 mock cycle 1	Monday 10th—Friday 21st November	All day
No year 7 afterschool enrichment— all year 7 to finish at 15:50	Monday 17th November	Finish at 15:50
Parent forum	Monday 17th November	18:00-19:00
Year 10 Music workshop	Wednesday 19th November	9:00-15:00
Year 10 Jack Petchey Speak out	Friday 21st November	9:00-15:00
PTA meeting	Tuesday 25th November	17:00-18:00
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening	Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th November	16:00-18:00
Inset day– no school for pupils	Friday 28th November	All day



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Family Champions Winter Health Matters Event



The flyer is for a 'Family Champions Winter Health Matters' event. At the top, it features logos for NHS, Family Hub, and h&sf. The title 'Family Champions WINTER HEALTH MATTERS' is prominently displayed. Below the title, a list of activities is provided: 'WARM - ADULT AND CHILD COAT GIVEAWAY' (accompanied by a blue puffer coat icon), 'PROTECT - NHS VACCINES POP UP' (with a virus icon crossed out), 'INFORM - CITIZEN'S ADVICE ENERGY ADVICE, PEABODY REPAIRS LOGGING & ADVICE' (with a lightbulb icon), 'KIDS - CRAFT PACKS & BOOK GIVEAWAY' (with an icon of a child reading), and 'HEALTH - ADVICE & MORE'. To the right of the list, it says 'RSVP on EVENTBRITE ASAP'. A central box contains the event details: 'Friday 5th December 10am - 2pm' and 'Old Oak Family Hub: 76 Braybrook St, East Acton W12 0AP'. A QR code is located to the right of this box, with a 'SCAN ME' button below it. The bottom of the flyer features a row of partner logos: SPACE, WRAP UP LONDON, citizens advice Hammersmith & Fulham, Peabody, Making Your Health Matter, and Alexandra Rose Charity.

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Alexandra Rose Charity

Families who attend can get free winter coats, among other giveaways. They can sign up using the QR code on the flyer or the link below. They must sign up or they will not be able to access the building or get the coats.

[Family Champions Winter Health Matters Event - Winter Health Support Tickets, Fri, Dec 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)



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