



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This It has been another incredibly busy week here at The Hurlingham Academy. On Wednesday we had our school drop down day. During periods 1-3 years 7 and 8 were studying a wide range of computing skills ranging from spreadsheets to coding. I have to say from walking around the school, I was blown away by some of our year 7 pupil's coding knowledge– although I really felt my age as I most definitely did not learn this at school. They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks but I learnt an incredibly amount from our pupils about coding, although I didn't get much further than managing to make an image spin. I can assure you that I will be practicing this weekend.

Years 9-11 were learning about a variety of careers, from photography to The Ministry of Justice. As part of the day we had a number of external speakers in, and it was fantastic to hear that as they were leaving every single speaker commented on how engaged our pupils were and how much they had enjoyed speaking with them. It makes me so proud when external visitors feedback such positives. I would like to thank all pupils for their engagement in the sessions. I would also like to thank Mme Mackay who worked tirelessly to put together the programme.

After break it was over to Mr Pudney and the house team, with all pupils completing in a range of activities to win points for their house. It was fantastic to see all pupils coming together and working as a team. It is such a great opportunity for pupils to step outside their comfort zone and develop vital skills such as communication, problem solving and creativity. I would like to say well done to all pupils, and I look forward to finding out the results on Monday during whole school assembly.

Year 8 Mosque Trip

On Tuesday 30 year 8 pupils visited North London Mosque. This was a wonderful experience for them to see how Muslims put their beliefs into actions. They observed one of the five pillars of Islam which is Salah. Pupils engaged well throughout their visit, asking a lot of thoughtful questions and were particularly moved by how many people were attending prayer.



France and Belgium History Trip

Last week, 51 year 9 students attended a history trip to Belgium and France. On the first day of the trip the group travelled on the Shuttle to Belgium and visited the Passchendaele memorial museum where they were able to experience how the soldiers lived in the bunkers and trenches of WW1. They also got to see the uniform and equipment used by the soldiers - modelled by our very own Luido! Later, they visited different memorial sites of fallen soldiers where they took part in a memorial ceremony and showed respect for those that gave their lives. In the evening they visited the ancient town of Ypres and went to a famous Belgian chocolate shop - and really treated themselves! They also had a lovely meal before going to the Menin Gate memorial ceremony - where they were incredibly respectful during the two minutes silence - we were very proud of them!

On the second day we drove to France where students went down into Wellington Quarry and explored the underground system that the British dug in secret to try and get behind the German trenches. They visited Vimy Ridge and time visiting the trenches that have been preserved for over 100 years, before having a final ceremony of remembrance where they laid a wreath and had a moment of silence.

The students had an incredible time, and the teachers in attendance were extremely proud of their behaviour and participation on the trip. Well done year 9!

The trip for next year will be launched in February 2025.



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Match Report: U13 Girls Shine in the EFL Girls Cup

On Thursday, 28th November, the U13 Girls team delivered a stellar performance in the EFL Girls Cup, combining teamwork, skill, and resilience in an unforgettable tournament.

Group Stages: A Flying Start

The girls dominated the group stages with emphatic wins, beating All Saints 5-0 and Guru Nanak Academy 7-1. Captain Mia, Adabella, and Connie were rock-solid in defence, while Honey-Blossom was unbeatable in goal, making crucial saves to ensure their team's clean sheets. The attacking play was equally impressive, with Hera orchestrating from midfield, Danaya dazzling with her fancy footwork, and crucial goals from Esther and Dior's sharp finishing securing big victories.

Quarter-Finals: Clinical Edge

In the quarterfinals, the girls faced Chelsea Academy and stepped up to the challenge with a solid 3-0 victory. Their composure and teamwork were evident as they controlled the match, with every player contributing to the win.

Semi-Finals: A Gritty Victory

The semi-final against Queens Park Community School was a tough test. The game was end-to-end, and fatigue began to creep in, but the girls dug deep to secure a narrow 3-2 win. It was a testament to their fighting spirit and resilience under pressure.

Final: Drama, Heartbreak, and Heroics

The final against The Grey Coat Hospital was played immediately after the semi-final, leaving the girls physically and mentally drained. Despite dominating possession and creating numerous chances, the ball just wouldn't go in, and the game ended 0-0, leading to a tense penalty shootout.

Honey-Blossom stepped up as the hero of the shootout, saving two incredible penalties to give her team a fighting chance. However, despite her heroic efforts, it wasn't quite enough to clinch the gold. The girls narrowly missed out, but their incredible journey was capped off with well-deserved silver medals.

Conclusion: Pride and Promise

The U13 Girls displayed outstanding teamwork, determination, and skill throughout the tournament. Although the final result didn't go their way, they can be immensely proud of their achievements. Their performance in the EFL Girls Cup has shown they are a team with tremendous potential, catching the eyes of many of the spectators, and this experience will only fuel their hunger for future success.

Well done, girls – silver medallists and stars of the tournament!



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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:

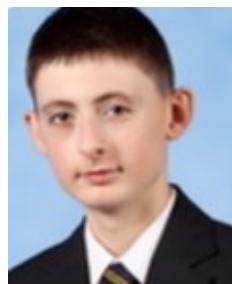
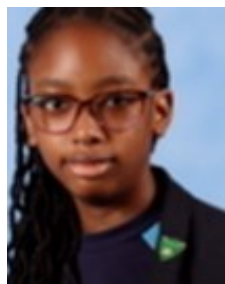
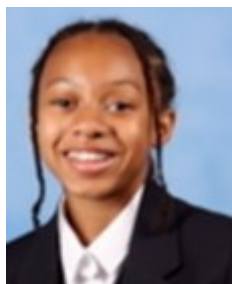
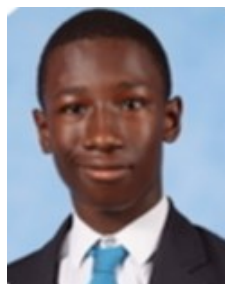
Year 7: Yasmine

Year 8: Jamie Lee

Year 9: Sasha

Year 10: Delano

Year 11: Mae



Top pupils for Sparx maths are:

Year 7: Nasri

Year 8: Kahsian

Year 9: Justin

Year 10: Louisa

Year 11: Baasitor

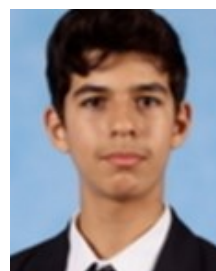
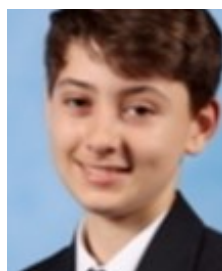
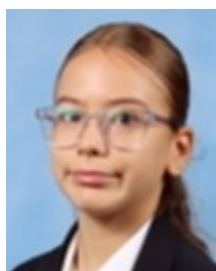


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Yazid and Ayesha

Year 8: Neave and Grayson

Year 9: Badis 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

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Key dates for weeks beginning 2nd and 9th December

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 2nd December	8:30-9:00
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening	Tuesday 3rd December	13:45-17:00
KS3 performing Shakespeare	Tuesday 3rd December	16:30-18:00
Year 10 art trip	Wednesday 4th December	11:30-13:00
KS3 performing Shakespeare	Thursday 5th December	16:30-18:00
Staff inset day- no school for pupils	Friday 6th December	All day
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
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 12th December	12:30-13:30
Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 12th December	16:30- 19:00



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