



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This month at The Hurlingham Academy, we are celebrating Black History Month. For me, this is one of the most intellectually and emotionally engaging months of the year as we take the opportunity to consider the impact on the world of some truly inspirational people. This year, in tutor time, pupils are creating their very own historic icon museum, celebrating those who have helped shape our history and are continuing to make history. The month will

culminate in an exciting event: The Taste of Hurlingham. On the 16th of October at 5pm, we will be dancing, singing and celebrating as we watch performances from the students. I want to invite all students, parents and staff to bring along a dish from their culture. The sharing of food is a time-honoured way to learn about one another and to build a community. I value the chance to celebrate all cultures and backgrounds at this evening as well as show off my incredible cooking skills - come along on the 16th to try my now-famous jerk chicken!

Jack Petchey Speak Out

Each young person deserves to have their voice heard by as many people as possible. It was therefore lovely to see Year 10s doing exactly that. On Tuesday, our Year 10s spent the day being delivered an expert-led workshop for the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge 2019. They were given top tips for speaking in public and then every student was given time to use the skills they acquired to build their own speech from scratch, which they then presented to their peers. Eight students were selected to go through to the next round, which will take place internally. A huge well done to Erza Vitia, Mariam Vaziry, Shania Roberts-Araujo, Kyle Thomas-Daly Mason, Bethany Copperwheat, Kani Maulud, Hannah Ciftci and Tylisha Okojie!



Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

When walking around the school, I am always struck by how committed our pupils are to their studies. This is also reflected in their studies at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and science leader boards:

Top of the leader board for Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 11 - Hassan

Year 10 - Mariam

Year 9 - Ghofran

Year 8 - Inaya

Year 7 - Bilal



Top of the leader board for Educake Science this week are:

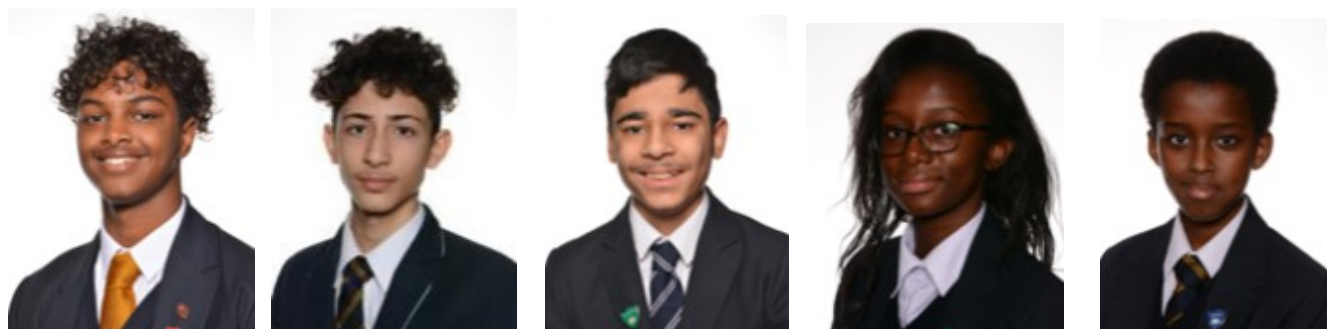
Year 11 - Haytham

Year 10 - Arya

Year 9 - Naib

Year 8 - Rihanna

Year 7 - Abdallah



I would also like to take this moment to congratulate Timothy from 7U for his excellent work during open evening. Last Friday, I received a wonderful email from a prospective parent who had attended the evening, stating how incredibly polite and helpful he was. There was one quote from the email that really stood out to me; "firstly he was very gracious and had the most impeccable manners, he spoke very highly of your school, the pupils the staff and the entire school community". Well done Timothy, you really are a credit to our community.



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Sporting News

I will start by saying wow! Considering this was the first game the girls have ever played together they were fantastic. After a long journey to the other side of Hertfordshire, the girls looked nervous and a little anxious as kick-off approached us. This was unknown territory for this set of girls as this is our first time competing in the English Schools competition. We started very slowly, and the girls found it difficult to settle and lacked composure on the ball. However, around 6 minutes in we had a breakthrough when Ricki-Lee decided to shoot from long range and caught the goal-keeper off guard to place the ball into the top of the net. Taliyah was solid throughout the game playing centre back, and her interventions and her ability to break all attacks down from the opposition seemed to increase confidence throughout the team. By half time, which was 25 minutes of play, the girls were sitting comfortably at 5-0. We made big changes at half time, allowing for all substitutions to be used and a change of goalkeeper. It was agreed with the opposition that if we reached 8 goals we would end the game early and this is exactly what happened, with second-half goals from Anais, Chloe and Ricki-lee's 5th goal the game was stopped, and all the girls were modest with the celebrations. We now proceed into the second round where we have a home tie versus either Heartlands high school (Haringey) or Oasis Academy Shirley Park (Croydon). Well done to all girls who played.



Getting to know you - Miss Ahmed

Name: Miss Ahmed

Job: Teacher of Religion and Philosophy

Favourite Book: The Twits by Roald Dahl

Interesting fact about me: I learnt how to crochet at university.

Favourite thing about working at THA: I love that teaching and learning is the main priority.

House: Veritas



Key dates for week beginning October 7th– Week 6

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 7th October	8:30—9:00
KS3 Enrichment Programme	Monday 7th October	15:25 - 16:25
Open Mornings	Monday 7th October Wednesday 9th October	9:00—12:00



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