



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week, I have taken some time to reflect on our relationships with the parents and carers of the pupils in our care. As a Head, I do my best to be open to feedback from all of our stakeholders, including staff, students and, of course, parents. I am so grateful to those Year 11 parents who joined us for Parents' Evening on Thursday. This, to me, is one of the most important things we do as a school, as we will only be able to build a lasting culture of success for our students if home and school are working in unison to do so. Parental feedback is vital for letting us know what we are doing well and should do more of. On Monday, we will be holding a Parent Forum and I would encourage as many parents and carers as possible to attend. You really are the driving force of what we do here at the academy, and I look forward to hearing your reflections. This is also a perfect time to mention that if you are yet to complete the parent survey, please do take some time over the weekend. As it is also the season of goodwill, on Wednesday 11th December we will be providing a free Christmas lunch for the entire school. There will be no packed lunches on that day, so please do not make one for your child. We think that Christmas lunch is an excellent time for the school to eat and spend time together as a community, reflecting on the considerable successes of the autumn term. If you think that means we're winding down, however, think again. Lessons will be of their usual rigour right until the end. I won't have it any other way!

Childhood Trust

Following the success of our Christmas Hamper competition, this week we launched The Hurlingham Academy's Secret Santa in support of The Childhood Trust. The Childhood Trust is based in Chelsea and supports disadvantaged children from our local community. Each tutor group will club together to buy a Christmas gift for a child within our community. If you would like to support by donating a gift, please bring it to reception by Friday 13th December, to ensure we can deliver it to the Childhood Trust in time for Christmas.



Winter Concert

We would like to remind all families and friends that The Hurlingham Academy's annual Winter Concert, will be held on **Wednesday 11th December**. Tickets are available from reception and cost £2 for adults and £1 for children. We look forward to celebrating the festive season with each and every one of you.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

It may be December, but there is no winding down at The Hurlingham Academy. Our pupils have been working incredibly hard this week in lessons and at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, science and Spanish leaderboards:

Top of the leaderboard for Hegarty Maths this week are:

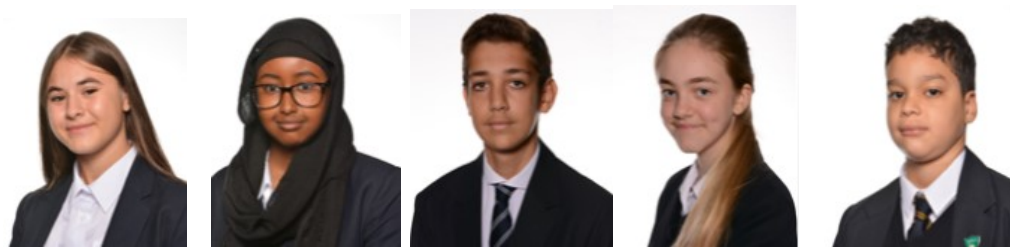
Year 11 - Denisa-Stefania

Year 10 - Farah

Year 9 - Adem

Year 8 - Sonia

Year 7 - Sofiane



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

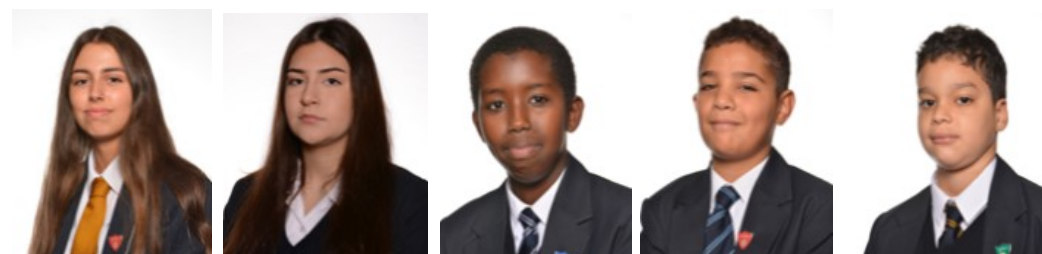
Year 11 - Fatima

Year 10 - Rafaela

Year 9 - Abdirahman

Year 8 - Anis

Year 7 - Sofiane



Top of the leader board for Memrise Spanish this week are:

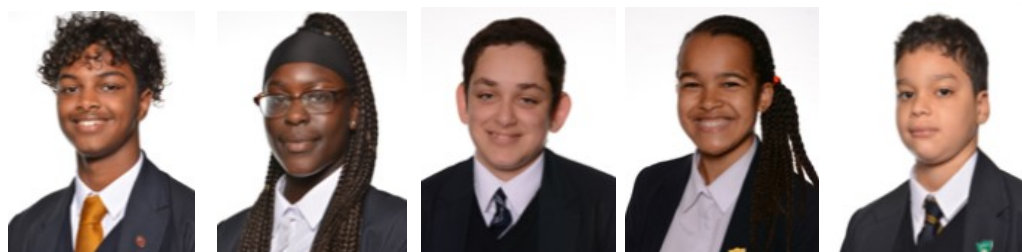
Year 11 - Haytham

Year 10 - Charlene

Year 9 - Adam

Year 8 - Niamh

Year 7 - Sofiane



We would like to say a particular congratulations to Sofiane, who both made it to the top of the leader board in all three subjects. This is a great achievement, well done.



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House Football with Mr Wells

The second house football tournament of the year took place this week. Once again, the turnout for the event was fantastic, and the spirits were high for a closely fought tournament. It looked to be Veritas' day as they comfortably won their first two games. However, a late charge from Unitas saw them take the victory home, with Veritas a close second and Aequitas taking the third spot. Congratulations to all for their efforts!!



Parent Survey

HAVE YOU ANSWERED OUR PARENT SURVEY? It only takes 10 minutes to share your views on school, communication, and your child's future. The survey is run by an independent company and you can be in with a chance to win a £25 Amazon voucher. Check your inbox for an email from no-reply@edurio.com

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Getting to know you - Mme Karmer

Name: Mme Kramer

Job: Cover Supervisor

Favourite Book: How to Build a Girl by Caitlin Moran and The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America by Thomas King

Interesting fact about me: I was born and raised in Canada and I am Metis, which is one of three recognised Aboriginal Peoples of Canada

Favourite thing about working at THA: I love the people I work with, they're all so friendly

House: Unitas

Key dates for week beginning December 9th - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 9th December	08:25 - 9:00
Parent Forum	Monday 9th December	18:00—19:00
Tea Dance	Tuesday 10th December	14:00—16:00
Winter Concert	Wednesday 11th December	17:30—19:30
Academic Awards Night	Thursday 12th December	17:30
Break up for Christmas	<u>Thursday 19th December</u>	<u>15:25</u>



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