

### Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week has seen the start of the Year 11 exams and I could not be prouder of the way our pupils have taken these in their stride. Pupils have turned up prepared, on time and focused. It is clear to see that all of their hard work and revision is absolutely going to pay off and I can't wait to celebrate with them at the end of this busy period.

We have our second virtual Parents' Evening next week for Year 7 and whilst I won't see as many of you as I would in a normal evening, please be reminded that every concern, comment and credit is passed on to the Heads of Department and Heads of Year and that these do get back to me. I was delighted by an email after our last Year 8 evening from a parent commenting just how smoothly the evening went and how grateful she was for the support of an 'amazing set of teachers' for her son. I could not have said it better myself!

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish any families, staff and pupils who are celebrating next week... Eid Mubarak! We hope that the time spent together is a joyful one and, despite this Ramadan being the second in a pandemic and the obstacles that this presents, that it has been one full of reflection and charity for all. Enjoy yourselves!

### **Parents Evenings**

Thank you to all those who attended our first virtual Parents' Evening for Year 8 last week. We would be grateful for your feedback on the event, which will help us improve future parents' evenings. Please complete the 2



minute survey **HERE**. The survey will be open until Thursday 13th May.

- Year 7 Parents' Evening will be on Wednesday 12th May, from 4:00-7:00pm. Appointments will be held online via video call. Booking information has been emailed to all parents - if you have any questions, please contact parentsevening@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk.
- Lessons will finish at 2.15pm on Wednesday 12th May and students will be dismissed early. School resumes at normal time on Thursday 13th May.



### Subject in the Spotlight!

This week's subject in the spotlight is.... **MATHS** with Head of Maths, Mr Matt Capes



This week in Maths we have been:

**Year 7:** Learning the fundamentals of Angles and Shapes: Types of angles, measuring angles, finding missing angles, types of polygons and types of quadrilaterals and their properties. In the next few weeks, we will also be looking at coordinates.

**Year 8:** Learning all the Area and Perimeter topics that students need to know in the GCSE (Triangles, Parallelograms, Trapezia, Circles and Compound shapes). Next week, we will be learning how to create and analyse statistical diagrams such as bar charts and pie charts and learn about measures of average and spread.

**Year 9:** Learning the core Geometry needed for the Maths GCSE (Angle rules, Circles, Volume and Surface Area). Next half term we will be learning Sequences and Vectors.

**Year 10:** Learning the entire GCSE Data and Statistics unit, learning how to analyse data, and draw and interpret statistical graphs. Next half term, we will be looking at more further GCSE topics and revising key content so that students are well prepared to start Year 11 in September.

**Year 11:** We wish Year 11 the best of luck in their exams this week and can't wait to celebrate with you!

The participation and hard work of our students has been outstanding so far this term. Thank you to all of you for your positivity and commitment. The focus now has to be on closing the gaps from lockdown and working hard to build your mathematical fluency so you are well prepared for September. This weeks shout out goes to Chloe Salmon, who has worked really hard term to produce perfect homework and score 100% on her most recent fluency test!

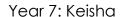
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### **Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations**

I am pleased to see our pupils working to a consistently high standard both in their online lessons and at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, science and English leader boards:

Top of the leader board for **Hegarty Maths** this **term** are:



Year 8: Omar

Year 9: Anais

Year 10: Mohamed

Year 11: Erika











The following students are top of the **Educake science** leader board this week for most correct questions answered:

Year 7: Abdulrahman

Year 8: Kezia

Year 9: Justin

Year 10: Arya

Year 11: Calvin











Our top readers in KS3 as recorded on **Accelerated Reader** are:

Year 7: Deja

Year 8: Adea

Year 9: YII



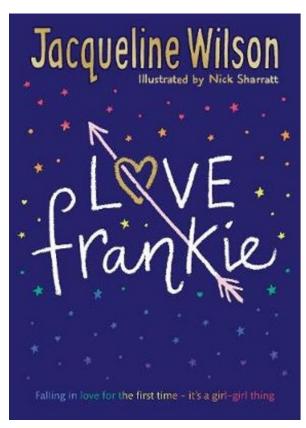






#### Books of the week – love and identity





# KS3 Love Frankie Jacqueline Wilson

Frankie is nearly fourteen and teenage life certainly comes with its ups and downs. Her mum is seriously ill with MS and Frankie can feel herself growing up quickly, no thanks to Sally and her gang of bullies at school. When Sally turns out to be not-so-mean after all, they strike up a friendship and are suddenly spending all of their time together.

But Frankie starts to wonder whether these feelings she has for Sally are stronger than her other friendships. Might she really be in love? Frankie doesn't want Sally to just be her friend. She wants her to be her girlfriend. But does Sally feel the same?

The must-have new novel about falling in love for the first time from bestselling, much-loved children's author, Jacqueline Wilson.



# **KS4**Frankly in Love David Yoon

Frank loves Joy. Joy loves Frank. At least, that's what they tell their parents . . . Frank Li is caught between his parents' expectations and his own California life. Frank's parents emigrated from Korea, and have pretty much one big rule for Frank - he must only date Korean girls. But Frank has fallen for Brit, who is smart, beautiful and white. His friend Joy Song is in the same boat and so they make a pact: they'll pretend to date each other in order to gain their freedom. Frank thinks fake-dating is the perfect plan, but it leaves him wondering if he ever really understood love - or himself - at all.

'A love story, a treatise on racism, a peek into adolescence, and a welcome to Korean-American culture, all at once.'





# Join the Competition!

Get creative and show us how nature makes you feel

Draw a picture

Record a video

Make a Jance



Write a letter

Create a poem

Sing a song

This year's Mental Health Awareness Week's theme is **nature** (May 10th—16th).

#### How to enter:

- Send your piece to <u>dutyyouthservices@hfehmind.org.uk</u>
- Title the email: "Mental Health Awareness Week Competition"
- Include your name, school, age, and parent/ carer's email address.

Submit your piece by May 16th.

Winners will be announced on HFEH Mind's social media





### Getting to know you - Mr Johnson

Name: Mr Johnson

Job: Learning Support Assistant

Favourite Book: Harry Potter and the Chamber of secrets by J.K.

Rowling

Interesting fact about me: I make the best banana cake

Favourite thing about working at THA: We have the best students

House: Caritas



Lunch menu 2 w/c 10.05.21					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL #ONE	Ratatouille with herby scones & Sides	Flavoured Chicken Strips in Flatbread with salads & sauces	Roasted Turkey or Chicken & Trimmings	Kheema or Chicken curry Garlic Rice & Sides	Battered Fish, Chips, Peas, Lemon & Tartare Sauce
MAIN MEAL #TWO	<i>Vegan</i> Veggie Chilli Garlic & Herb Seasoned wedges	Falafels & Houmous In Flatbread with salads & sauces	Mac n' Cheese	Mughlai Chickpea & Lentil Dahl Garlic Rice & Sides	Saveloy Fishcake
HANDHELD	Pizza Slice Cheese Panini	Cheese & Red Onion Panini Chicken Flatbread	Cheeseburger Margherita Pizza Slice	Tikka Folded Naan with mint yoghurt & Bombay slaw	Quorn Dog, Onions & Salsa
BOWLED OVER	Oriental Noodles	Flavoured Chicken & Cous Cous	Pasta Kitchen	Noodle Street	Pasta Kitchen
DESSERTS	Chocolate Cake	Orange Bread & Butter Pudding	Berry Crumble	Carrot & Courgette Sponge	American Pancakes & topper

## Key dates for week beginning 10/05/21

Description	Date	Time
Year 11 exams	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	08:30-15:00
Early finish on <u>Wednesday only</u>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	From 14:15
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 12th May	16:00-19:00



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