



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Well done to Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 this week who have finished their first formal exams of the year! Whilst students have been working incredibly hard, my thanks must go to our wonderful teachers who are working their hardest to get these exams marked and to get results to students before the end of term so that they know exactly what they need to work on over Christmas and next term. Year 8 and Year 9 exams will commence in January. In other results based news, I'm

pleased to say that we have had another week of COVID testing here with over 300 tests carried out and we have not had to send anyone home with a positive result. Fantastic!

Whilst we head toward the end of term and we are all feeling that little bit more tired, I must remind you that we do not wind down here at The Hurlingham Academy and all students are expected to give their very best all the way until the very end of school on Friday 18th. Do not ask your teachers for a 'fun lesson'; every lesson will be packed full of learning and learning is fun! However, there will also be lots of fun happening outside of lessons; we have our Year 7 disco today, Year 8 disco on Thursday, Christmas lunch on Tuesday which is free for all students and staff where I'll be looking out for the best Christmas Jumper, and our exciting rewards assemblies on Friday.

Cold weather

Please remember that to ensure appropriate ventilation in the school building it is essential that we keep some windows and doors open. Unfortunately this means that school feels a lot colder than usual at this time of year. Students can now wear coats at roll call but these must be taken off as soon as you are inside the building. We encourage you to consider an additional non-visible layer underneath to keep warm and we will be monitoring the school temperature daily in order to make changes to the classroom environments where necessary.



Artists of the week

We have some incredible entries at this year's 'Advent Hope Art Exhibition' which is open at St. Dionis Church next to Parsons Green.

The exhibition is free and open all day on Friday and Saturday so please go along and take a look to support our Year 7s, 8s and 9s who have taken part.

Due to COVID restrictions, tickets must be booked at www.st.Dionis.org.uk




Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th January - **Year 8 Parents' forum** — Discussion with Mr Wilson and Ms Reid-Nelson regarding Parents' Evening and forthcoming exams. See the school website **IMPORTANT DATES** for more information.

Mon 18th to Fri 29th January — **Year 8 and 9 assessments**

Tuesday January 19th — **Online anxiety workshops for parents** (delivered by the school Educational Psychologist) This workshop is designed to support parents understand anxiety. We will explore what may contribute to young people's anxiety (whether this is Covid and or exam related) and how we can build their resilience. We will also consider what helps and supports young people experiencing anxiety may need. See the school website **IMPORTANT DATES** for more information.

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Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

I am pleased to see our pupils working to a consistently high standard both in class and 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:

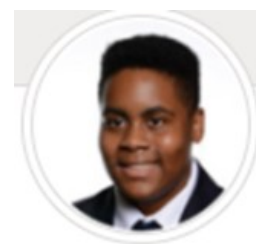
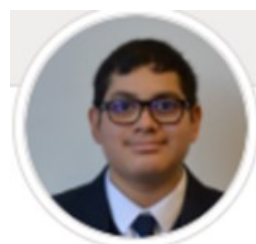
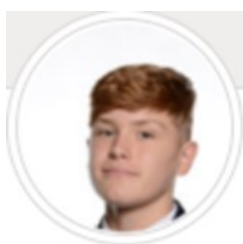
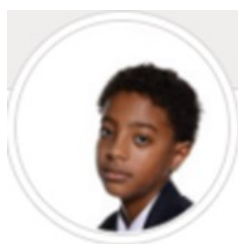
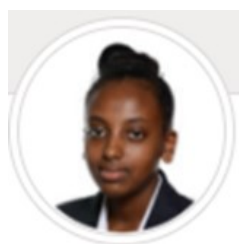
Year 7: Efrata

Year 8: Afran

Year 9: Hayden

Year 10: Alejandro

Year 11 Aquawn



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

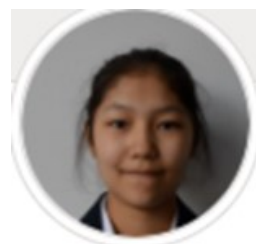
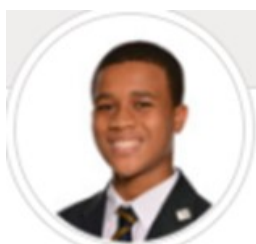
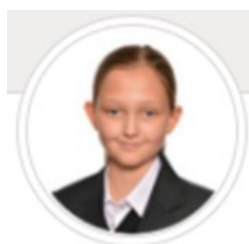
Year 7: Seren

Year 8: Jordan

Year 9: Justin

Year 10: Adam

Year 11: Erika



The following students are top of the Accelerated Reader leader board for most points earned and books read in KS3:

Hamza Year 9	87.2
Jasmine Year 9	84
Asiya Year 8	61
Ibrahim Year 8	59.7
Auriana Year 7	44



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Christmas Hampers

The competition for the Christmas Hampers is heating up and we are so pleased to see so many of you emptying your kitchen cupboards to give to others. The final day for donations is Wednesday 16th December. Please continue to give generously! At the moment the leade board for the House donating the most number of items is as follows:



68



142



103



102



Books of the week from Ms Ferdinand

Book of the week- KS3



The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, Nizrana Farook

THIEF. REBEL. BANDIT, HERO?

Chaya can talk her way out of anything – except stealing the Queen's jewels. Even if she had the best of reasons...

So she escapes on the back of a stolen elephant and leads her friends on a jungle adventure, where leeches lurk and revolution is stirring. And this gives Chaya an idea. Maybe she can leave her village a thief but return a hero?

Nizrana Farook sets her story on the island of Serendib, now known as Sri Lanka, and transports readers to a vivid, larger-than-life world where young people can be bold, true and have some extraordinary adventures.

Book of the week- KS4

Love, Hate & Other Filters, Samira Ahmed

A romantic and relevant debut about Islamophobia and how it affects the normal life of a teenage girl.

Maya Aziz dreams of being a film maker in New York. Her family have other ideas. They want her to be a dutiful daughter who wears gold jewellery and high heels and trains to be a doctor. But jewellery and heels are so uncomfortable . . .

She's also caught between the guy she SHOULD like and the guy she DOES like. But she doesn't want to let Kareem down and things with Phil would never work out anyway. Would they? Then a suicide bomber who shares her last name strikes in a city hundreds of miles away and everything changes . .

Perfect for fans of Annabel Pitcher, When Dimple Met Rishi and The Hate U Give.



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Getting to know you - Mme Mayall

Name: Mme Mayall

Job: Trainee English Teacher

Favourite Book: *100 Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Interesting fact about me: I can play the harp!

Favourite thing about working at THA: The wonderfully supportive and friendly atmosphere - among both staff and students.

House: Veritas



Lunch menu 2 week beginning 14/12/20

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot food	Chicken stir fry with egg noodles Roasted vegetable quiche	Beef/ vegetable lasagne served with garlic bread	BBQ chicken drumstick served with new potatoes and gravy Tortellini formaggio	Chicken Thai Green curry served with rice Jungle curry served with rice	Fish fingers served with chips and tartare sauce Cherry tomato macaroni cheese
	Pasta bar	Panini Tuna melt, Cheese and tomato, BBQ chicken	Pasta bar	Panini Tuna melt, Cheese and tomato, BBQ chicken	
Vegetables	Steamed Carrots Broccoli Florets	Roasted cauliflower, sweetcorn and peas	Green Beans Savoy cabbage	Kale Carrots	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Jack	Various fillings on offer daily such as cheddar cheese, tuna with low calorie mayo and baked beans				
Sweet	Banana tempura with toffee sauce	Plum sponge with vanilla custard	Apple strudel with custard	Oaty fruit crumble with custard	Ice Cream or Fruit Lolly
Fruit	Daily selection of seasonal fruit				

Key dates for week beginning 14/12/20

Description	Date	Time
Covid testing	Monday 14 th December	8:25 -15:00
All students off site by 4.15pm	Monday 14 th December	16:15
No enrichment for KS3 for rest of term	Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th December	15:00 -16:15
Christmas lunch and jumpers	Tuesday 15 th December	12:15 -13:30
End of term	Friday 18 th December	13:30



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