



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I often talk with students about their results. Results matter; they give our young people choices about what they could do next and where they might go. They are the result of hard work and should be recognised. However, at the Hurlingham Academy we emphasise the importance of educating the whole child, and giving students meaningful and inspiring enrichment activities. This week has been all about delivering on just that. On Monday and Tuesday, we had our 'Cultural Capital' trips into London, followed by a two day House cross-curricular project on Wednesday and

Thursday, before rounding off with University Challenge on Friday. It has been truly fantastic to see how our students have responded to these opportunities. Speaking to many of them after the Cultural Capital trips, the value in taking students on these trips was self-evident: they were positively beaming about the days they'd had. I have also been overwhelmed by the number of messages I've received regarding the exceptional behaviour at our school. It is no secret that our standards are incredibly high, and it is when our students conduct themselves so impeccably in public that the fruits of this can be seen. As a Headteacher, I feel immense pride at the ambassadorship the students have displayed in representing The Hurlingham Academy. The public have affirmed what we as a staff already know: that students at The Hurlingham Academy are very special, and they are going to go far in life. Thank you for how you have approached this week with energy, enthusiasm, respect and humility. I am so proud of each and every one of you.

University Challenge

On Friday we held one of Mr Wilson's favourite events of the year, our annual University Challenge. It is the third time we have hosted this event and once more standard of quizzing did not disappoint. From rivers and oceans history to muscles in the body it's fair to say their knowledge really was tested at the highest level. It was a closely fought battle but in the end it was Caritas who came out on top. Well done to all pupils involved, I have to say the depth of knowledge was nothing short of outstanding.



Cultural Capital Days

On Monday and Tuesday, the entire KS3 ventured into London to experience the rich culture and history our capital city has to offer. Students, grouped in their Houses along with their House tutors, went out in groups of 35 to eleven different locations in London. Students had fantastic opportunities to broaden their horizons. The two days really were an invaluable experience for staff and students alike, and here at the academy we are hugely proud with the both the engagement shown by students in their learning at the venues, as well as their exemplary behaviour.



Sports Day

Last Friday was a big day for the academy, with our annual Sports Day. The atmosphere in the academy was one of anticipation and excitement during line-up in the morning as students prepared to make the journey across west London to the fantastic athletics track at Brunel University. We had a new edition to the sports day kit this year, with sweat bands for each House and as they were handed out in line-up battle lines were drawn. It was clear to see that all pupils were in it to win it. After some brilliant performances from both pupils and staff it was Aequitas who finished top of the points board, and gained a huge 800 points for their House in the overall competition! Well done to all pupils who took part, it was a fantastic day.



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House Drop Down Days

On Wednesday and Thursday we had the return of the House Challenge. This year each House was given a decade from the 20th century, and over the two days they had to create a multi media presentation about their decade. It is fair to say pupils and staff went above and beyond, creating some of the highest quality presentations we have ever seen at the academy. From a secret speakeasy complete with a silent movie and 1920's flappers to the falling Berlin wall of the 1980's the creativity of our pupils was phenomenal. I never thought I would see Mr Wilson doing star jumps with the Veritas army of the 40's or doing the twist with the Caritas Jackson 5. It truly was a sight to behold. It was an absolutely fantastic team effort by all Houses, but of course there could only be one winner. Although in this case, actually there were 2! Mr Wilson found it so hard to judge and was so impressed by the standard of all he found it impossible to pick just 1 winner. First place went to Unitas and Aequitas, with Veritas second and Caritas third. Every House should be so proud of their achievements, well done to all.



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Mr Wilson's Commendations

Despite all the phenomenal events that have taken place over the past week, our pupils continue to work hard on their studies at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and English leaderboards:

This week's **Hegarty Leaderboard** is as follows:

Year 10 - Carla

Year 9 - Abdulahi

Year 8 - Julia

Year 7- Toghrul



Once more top of the leaderboard this week is Abdulahi having completed over 23 hours in one week. Well done Abdulahi.

Unitas regained their crown as reading champions this week having read over 2,400,00 words. Mr Charkham will be relieved, he is not used to coming second! Our top readers for the week are Khayriyyah, Miguel and Luqmaan. Well done to all.



Key dates for week beginning July 15th - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 15 th July	08:30 - 9:00
Thorpe Park Rewards Trip	Tuesday 16 th July	08:30 - 15:25
Half Day – End Of School Year	Friday 19th July	08:30 - 13:00



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