



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



With the new academic year now well and truly underway, we at The Hurlingham Academy have settled nicely into what we do best: teaching and learning. The school has very much picked up where we left off, with wonderfully calm, focused classrooms led by passionate, expert teachers. Our new Year 7 cohort have settled in brilliantly and are already thriving, and I, for one, am hugely excited to see them reach their potential over the course of their five year journey at The Hurlingham Academy.

I am really looking forward to our annual open evening on Thursday 26th September where we will be showcasing some of our pupils fantastic work across the Academy, and showing just why The Hurlingham Academy is so special. I would also like to remind all parents and members of our community that we pride ourselves in having an open door policy that extends further than the classroom door. Truly, our doors are open to the public every day, as anyone who would like to see The Hurlingham Academy in action is welcome to a tour without appointment. You do not need to wait for an open morning or evening to come in and find out what makes us so special. I look forward to seeing many prospective parents and pupils over the next couple of weeks.

## Pictionary with Mr Charkham

The first house competition of the year was Pictionary in the Gym with Mr Charkham. Heads of Houses were eager to set a good tone for the long year ahead, and pupils responded by attending in good numbers to form teams from across year groups. Teams generally blitzed through the early stages, and only when asked to draw and guess 'the APSC' did real differences start to emerge. Aequitas and Unitas both made strong starts, with Caritas and Veritas taking a longer to draw a recognisable likeness of Mr Wilson. The Coomber brothers in partnership with Unitas members from years 10, 8 & 7 showed strong cultural knowledge through Romeo and Juliette and Woody from Toy Story to win outright, with Mr Lewis's Aequitas coming a close second. Caritas took third with Veritas fourth this time, despite the best effort from Malachi Johnson-Wright to mount a late charge with a young year 7 team. Despite this Mr Wells was proud of their efforts and collaboration, a sign of great things to come.



## Mr Wilsons Commendations

At The Hurlingham Academy we pride ourselves in developing well rounded pupils, and I speak to the pupils a lot about the importance of manners and helping others. On Monday morning I received the following email from a member of the public regarding one of our year 11 pupils.

"On Friday I was on my way home from shopping at about 4pm I was carrying a large quantity of bags and as I was walking down Wandsworth Bridge Road my bags broke, and a student from your school came up to me and helped me retrieve my shopping from the road. She was well mannered and a great help. I believe her name was Savannah if I heard her correctly and I would just like to thank her again for her help."



Well done Savannah. I look forward to hearing many more reports of our pupils helping those in the community over the next academic year.

## Getting to know you - Mr Lye

**Name:** Mr Lye

**Job:** Teacher of modern foreign languages

**Favourite Book:** The Wheel of Time by Robert Jordan

**Interesting fact about me:** I have previously worked at the London Eye.

**Favourite thing about working at THA:** The sense of community in the school.

**House:** Unitas

## Key dates for week beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> - week 3

Description	Date	Time
School photos	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	8:30—15:25
KS3 Enrichment Programme	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	15:25 - 16:25
Year 11 Final Push Evening	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	17:30—18:30
Open Evening	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	17:30— 19:00 (School to close for pupils at 13:45)



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