



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



With the general election this week, I have been reflecting on our responsibility to engage our young people in politics. On Monday, we welcomed Baroness Blower of Starch Green to come and speak during our whole school assembly. She spoke about the importance of using your voice and ensuring all ages are aware of the issues both locally and globally and what we can do to influence and inspire change. Her message was clear; the most important letter of the alphabet this week is x.

She spoke so passionately, really inspiring our pupils. Who knows, maybe we will have the next Greta Thunberg from The Hurlingham Academy. Pupils continued engaging in politics by holding our own General Election. On Tuesday, pupils research the main party manifests during tutor time, and it was so wonderful to be able to walk into every single classroom in the school and hear pupils debating the pros and cons of each party. On Thursday, pupils at The Hurlingham Academy exercised their right to vote with every member of the school putting that oh so important x in the box of their choice. The level of engagement from students across the school has been absolutely fantastic, and in the end, Labour took home a landslide victory! It makes me so immensely proud to see our pupils engaging in such an important issue. I hope we have inspired students to continue to engage politics throughout their adult life.



Tea Dance

On Tuesday we opened our doors for the highlight of Mr Wilson's year, our annual Tea Dance. Over 30 members of the local community joined us for an afternoon of festive cheer, with mince pies and Baileys for all (not the staff and students, I hasten to add). It was wonderful for our KS3 pupils to have the opportunity to spend some time getting to know the older members of our community and of course for Mr Wilson to show off his amazing skills as Bingo host once more.



Our musicians gave a beautiful performance, for which we must thank Mr Clarke. It was a great afternoon and a wonderful way to give back to our local community. Many thanks to all the staff who made it such a great success.



Winter Concert

On Wednesday we held our annual Winter Concert. With mulled wine (for parents only) and mince pies on arrival, it was an excellent way to bring in the festive season. It is so incredible to see the standard of performances by our pupils, and lovely to see the joy it brings them. We would like to say a massive congratulations to all those who performed and thank you to Mr Clarke and Mr Schlaeppi for all their hard work.



Academic Awards Night

On Thursday we celebrated all the hard work our pupils have produced over the last academic year with our Academic Awards Night. It was an excellent opportunity to celebrate all the outstanding achievements of our pupils, both current and alumni. It was great to welcome back our 2018-2019 year 11s and hear about their studies at 6th form and plans for the future. These evenings do demonstrate that hard work does pay off. Well done to all those who won awards and to our current pupils, we hope you feel inspired to continue your academic journey long after you have graduated from The Hurlingham Academy. We can't wait to be welcoming you all back in years to come to hear about your great achievements.



Christmas Lunch

Each year we have a Christmas lunch for all staff and pupils, with all the trimmings and this year was no different. Mr Wilson played the role of Father Christmas running a raffle and generally bringing the festive cheer. It is so lovely for all staff and pupils to be able to sit down, pull a cracker and enjoy the festivities together.



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Mr Wilson's Commendations

As Christmas draws ever closer, the pupils at The Hurlingham Academy continue to work hard on their studies both in the classroom and at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, science and Spanish leader boards:

Top of the leader board for Hegarty Maths this week are:

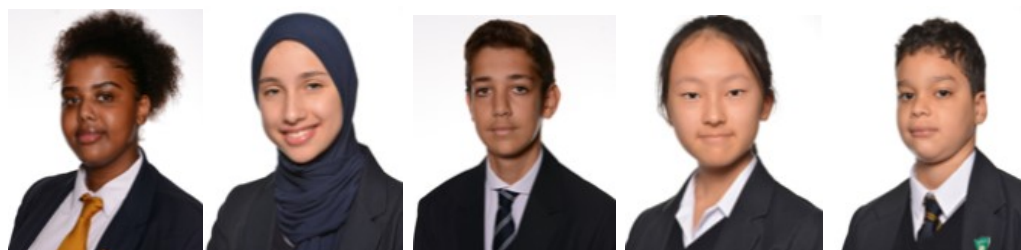
Year 11 - Samre

Year 10 - Souha

Year 9 - Adem

Year 8 - Chloe

Year 7 - Sofiane



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

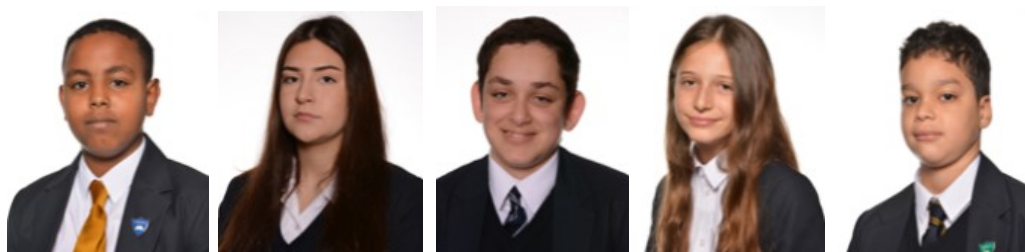
Year 11 - Hermon

Year 10 - Rafaela

Year 9 - Adam

Year 8 - Aola

Year 7 - Sofiane



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

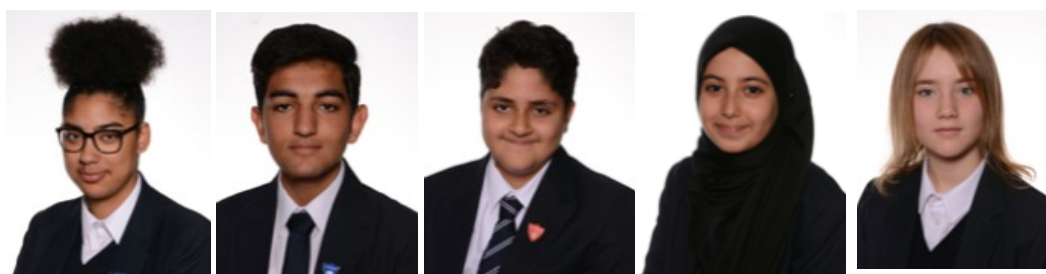
Year 11 - Amelia

Year 10 - Muhammad

Year 9 - Omar

Year 8 - Dalal

Year 7 - Kezia



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Christmas Card Competition with Miss Hiscocks

There was lots of creativity happening on Wednesday following a delicious Christmas lunch; all of the houses were feeling particularly festive. Each house got straight on with their cards, and there were lots of lovely Christmas themes coming out. The goal was to submit one card per house although Veritas started thinking out the box and tried to make a Christmas card out of a person! Eventually, all the houses submitted some very original pieces. It was a close call but, Aequitas came out on top with their giant snowman with the theme of diversity by putting 'Happy Christmas' in all of the different languages of the school.



Parent Survey

Don't miss out. You have until Friday 20 December to fill in the Parent Survey. It only takes 10 minutes to have your say and is being run by an independent company, and you can be in for the chance to win a £25 Amazon voucher. Check your inbox for the email from no-reply@edurio.com.

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Key dates for week beginning December 16th - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 16th December	08:25 - 9:00
Golden Postcard Trip	Tuesday 17th December	
Franklin Scholars Training	Wednesday 18th December	9:00—10:30
Break up for Christmas	<u>Thursday 19th December</u>	<u>15:25</u>



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