



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week Ms Reid-Nelson, Ms Venegas and myself have had the pleasure of visiting a number of our local primary schools to meet with Year 6 parents. I can honestly say that the feedback we have been hearing about The Hurlingham Academy and our pupils has been humbling. It makes me so proud to hear that The Hurlingham Academy is becoming a real landmark in the community, known for both our fantastic outcomes and our supportive culture. Hearing such fantastic feedback has really made me stop and reflect on just how far we have come and what we have achieved. Walking around the school this morning I observed calm and purposeful lessons, with all pupils engaged in their lessons. At break and lunch this week I have enjoyed observing the new friendships blossoming within our new Year 7 cohort as well as the great relationships between staff and pupils. This week Year 7 had their hotly anticipated House Sorting Assembly where they found out which House they will be a member of. It has been so lovely to observe them talking to their teachers about their Houses and seeing the friendly rivalry develop.

My primary school visits this week have made me even more excited for our annual Open Evening on Tuesday 28th September. I can't wait to be able to open our doors and show off all the fantastic work that is happening across the academy. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Open Events



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OPEN EVENTS

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 28th September
5.00pm - 7.30pm
Principal's talk at 6:15pm

OPEN MORNINGS

(ALL OPEN MORNINGS ARE FROM 9:00AM TO 12:00PM)

Monday 4th - Friday 8th October
Monday 11th October
Wednesday 13th October
Friday 15th October
Monday 18th October
Wednesday 20th October
Friday 22nd October

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Subjects in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... English with Head of English, Ms Mackay.

This week in: English

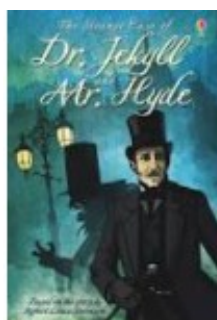
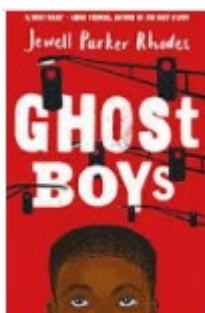
Year 7: For our first reading unit, Year 7 are enjoying exploring a range of new and exciting contemporary fiction. This week they are beginning three brilliant narratives: *Ghost Boys*, *The Jungle* and *A Kind of Spark*. Each text will immerse them in new and interesting parts of the world and will encourage students to consider themes of social injustice, tolerance and discrimination. We can't wait to hear their ideas!

Year 8: For our first Autumn unit Year 8 are studying one of Shakespeare's darkest and most diabolical plays: *Richard III*. Students are invited to explore the mind of a true Machiavellian villain and consider the extent to which an audience can sympathise with a moral deviant!

Year 9: For our first unit, Year 9 are studying Shakespeare's famous tragedy- *Romeo and Juliet*. Students will be delving into the rich language used to present the juxtaposing themes of romantic passion and brutal conflict...and considering the BIG question: can love really cure all?

Year 10: For the Autumn term unit Year 10 are exploring Stevenson's famous mystery, 'The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde'. Students will pull apart this tense and twisted narrative, exploring themes of addiction, madness and duplicity. Ultimately they will consider: is it possible that we are all 'monsters beneath our masks'?

Year 11: For our first unit Year 11 will be grappling with Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Full of murderous plots, supernatural entanglements and cruel betrayal - our literary analysis will focus on understanding and responding to Shakespeare's complex intentions towards his Jacobean audience. So far, their enthusiasm for discussion has been highly enthusiastic, keep it up guys!



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Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

With the new academic year in full swing, it has been great to see pupils getting straight back to their learning both in the classroom 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 Educake this week with most correct questions answered are:

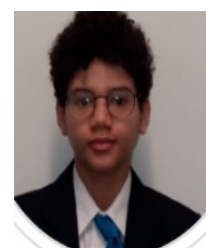
Year 7: Arshia

Year 8: Efrata

Year 9: Cecilia

Year 10: Jories

Year 11: Omer



Top of the leader board for maths this week are:

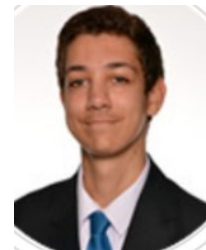
Year 7: Aryan

Year 8: Ruby

Year 9: Marley

Year 10: Chloe

Year 11: Adem



Getting to know you - Ms Eshelby

Name: Ms Eshelby

Job: Teacher of Business

Favourite Book: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Interesting fact about me: I used to live in Brisbane, Australia

Favourite thing about working at THA: I love the sense of community

House: Unitas



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House Competitions with Mr Pudney

After another busy week of House competitions and the Year 7 House Sorting Assembly, we had even more competitors than normal! Tuesday kicked off proceedings with House Rowing, and Unitas again flew out of the blocks and won the first competition of the week by rowing 3972m in 20 minutes. Another great start by Unitas members. We then had a Guess The Logo quiz where pupils had to use part of an image to determine which brand or company was shown. We had over 50 pupils take part in this competition, and it was a joint tie between Veritas and Aequitas. On Thursday, we continued with our new weekly addition to the House System and played Countdown in the library. This consists of two rounds each for letters and numbers, and pupils can participate in a particular round and choose to finish or play the entire game which lasts around 10 minutes. Our new competition has caused quite the stir with countdown's very own Susie Dent tweeting her support. Unitas again played considerably well in this competition, winning three of the four rounds! This meant a big swing in the House leader board...

Results at the end of the week mean that the current standings are -

1st - Unitas (820 points)

2nd - Veritas (725 points)

3rd - Aequitas (655 points)

4th - Caritas (595 points)

Well done, another great week!



Key dates for week beginning September 20th - week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 20 th September	8:30 - 9:00
Year 7 enrichment	Monday 20 th September	15:25 - 16:25
Open Evening	Tuesday 28 th September	17:30 - 19:00



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