

### Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



The start of a new academic year marks the start of many new opportunities for our pupils and one team of pupils who have embraced these opportunities over the first few weeks are our year 11 prefects. It has been so great to see them all stepping up and taking on the responsibility and really having pride in their roles. I am so grateful for the work they do around school serving as excellent role models for younger years. I am looking forward to seeing them run open evening next week, really showcasing just how phenomenal our

pupils here are. At The Hurlingham Academy, we believe that student voice and participation in school is vital. We recognise that as a key stakeholder, the student body is fundamental in driving progress. During assembly on Monday Mme Ling spoke to the academy about another fantastic leadership opportunity that is open to all pupils; the Student Council. As outlined in assembly, pupils selected to sit on the council will work closely alongside prefects and the senior management team to help further improve the school. This is a real opportunity for pupils to step up and take ownership, and an excellent stepping stone to becoming a prefect in year 11 and maybe even the politicians of the future. Last year's Student Council played an integral part in implementing a number of positive changes at The Hurlingham Academy, and I have no doubt that this year's representatives will be even more successful than last. I look forward to reading all the applications over the next week. Remember, there is still time to apply. If you wish to be considered for the position, please speak to your Head of House and complete the application form by Friday 27th September. I wish you all the very best of luck with your applications.

## **Open Evening and Open Mornings**

We would like to remind all parents and members of our community that our annual open evening is on Thursday 26th September where we will be showcasing some of our pupil's fantastic work across the academy, and showing just why The Hurlingham Academy is so special. We will also be running a series of open mornings throughout October. However, once more, we would like to reiterate that our door truly is always open. 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.







#### **Wobbly Pens with Mme Hiscocks**

This weeks house competition was a tense game of the wobbly pen game. Houses had to get in teams, and it was a relay to see who could get the pen in the bottle the quickest. However, there was a catch as the pen was tied around their waist with a piece of string, so it took patience, skill and balance! Unitas was out in front with the other houses getting off to a slower start, but Veritas had a few super speedy players and just managed to take the winning spot at the end. Everyone participated very well, and there was some great team spirit.



#### Getting to know you - Mr Yousif

Name: Mr Yousif

Job: Teacher of Science

Favourite Book: Factfulness by Hans Rosling

Interesting fact about me: I'm (slowly) learning to

play the harmonica

Favourite thing about working at THA: The huge range of

enrichment/clubs available.

**House:** Aequitas



# Key dates for week beginning September 23rd - week 4

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 23rd September	8:30 - 9:00
KS3 Enrichment Programme	Monday 23rd September	15:25 - 16:25
		17:30 - 19:00
Open Evening	Thursday 26th September	(School will close for pupils at 13:45)

