



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



As ever, this week was a busy one at The Hurlingham Academy. I was really pleased to see excellent teaching taking place right up until Thursday and, despite this being our longest term, I was proud to see both students and staff work together to maintain focus and discipline all week. That shows true resilience and a commitment to learning. Our Rewards' assembly demonstrated just how hard pupils have worked this term. There were so many pupils to congratulate and such a buzz in the hall as we cheered one another on. Pupils who received golden postcards from me will join me on an extra special trip in the New Year. Our students have thought of others this holiday season both at the Tea Dance and through their generous donations to the hampers and the gift tree. Hammersmith and Fulham food bank and The Childhood Trust charity expressed their sincere gratitude for these acts of kindness which will brighten others' Christmas holidays.

In keeping with this theme of kindness and generosity, students expressed their gratitude to all staff at the end of our last day. Every member of staff works hard so that every child at The Hurlingham Academy can succeed. From dedicated teachers who go above and beyond what is asked of them to support their students, to the office staff, kitchen and site teams who keep our school running smoothly. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to staff, parents and students for making this term so rich and rewarding. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year. Take care, be safe and I look forward to seeing our students back at school on time and in correct uniform, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2019!

## Christmas Hamper Collection

On Wednesday our Hamper Competition came to an end and before the results are announced I would just like to say an enormous thank you to all the students, parents, carers and members of staff who donated. Once again the hampers were overflowing with treats. I'm sure the donations will make a real difference to many families in our local area over the Christmas period. Although, giving to those less fortunate was the real drive behind the Hamper competition, as always there were House points up for grabs. And I am pleased to announce the winning house is Unitas. Veritas came in second place, Caritas in third and Aequitas in fourth. Once again I would just like to stress the kindness and generosity shown by all Houses.



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

It may be the last week of term but this doesn't stop the pupils at The Hurlingham Academy going above and beyond in 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 English leaderboards:

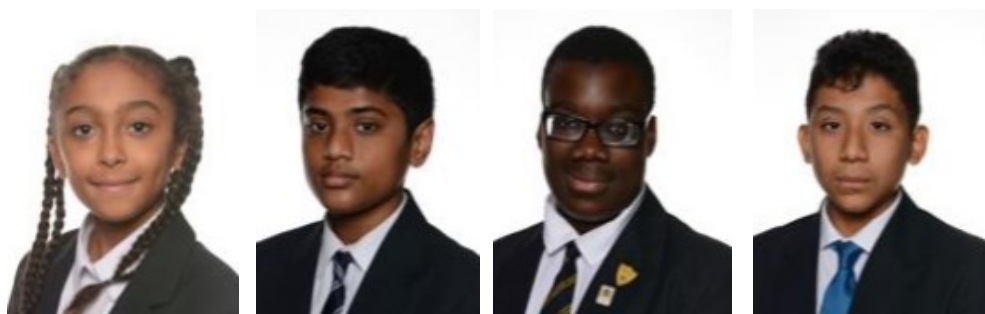
Top of the leaderboard for Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 11 - Melak  
Year 10 - Isabella  
Year 9 - Abdulahi  
Year 8 - Zane  
Year 7 - Sonia



Particular congratulations to Abdulahi who topped the whole school leaderboard for an amazing third consecutive week!

It was Aequitas who regained the title of top readers this week having read over 2,400,000 words in one week. Well done Aequitas. Our top readers for the week are Riarna Arya, Jabel and Raul.



Topping the Year 11 leaderboard for Tassomai this week are Susana, Machi, Leah, Daniel and Elias. Well done to these pupils.



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## Christmas Card Competition with Mme Grubb

In true festive spirit, this week's inter-House competition was a Giant Christmas Card Design contest. Each of the four Houses were given arts and crafts materials to create their own unique card, including a festive message inside. Due to such unique ideas and presentation, it was a very difficult one to judge. However, it was Aequitas that ended up taking away the prize for our last lunchtime competition of 2018.



## Tea Dance

On Thursday, we opened our doors for the highlight of Mr Wilson's year, our annual Tea Dance. Almost 40 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 Year 7 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 choir 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.



## Key dates for week beginning January 7<sup>th</sup> - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Staff INSET Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	08:25 - 15:30
Whole School Assembly	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	08:25 - 9:00
Year 11 Mock Cycle 2	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	08:25 - 15:30



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