



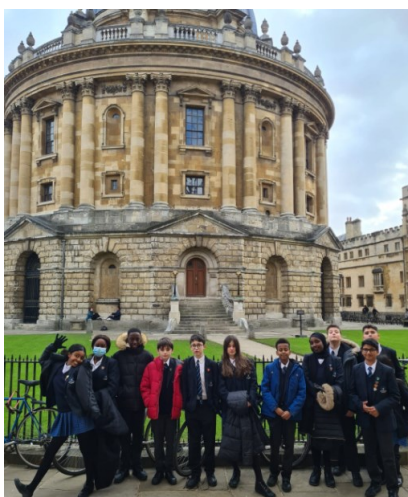
Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term. Over the half term I have been reflecting on the importance of maximising every minute of learning time in every lesson. I treated myself to a little maths calculation, and as a trained maths teacher I do hope that my maths is correct. I calculated that if just 3 minutes of lesson time is wasted each lesson, that would accumulate to 21 minutes per day, 1 hour 45 minutes per week and an astonishing 68 hours per school year. This is if just 3 minutes of lesson time wasted. Imagine the impact if a pupil misses a day of learning due to absence or poor behaviour. To ensure that this does not happen here at The Hurlingham Academy, we believe that consistency and clarity of routines is key. During assembly on Monday morning, I reminded pupils of the expectations of our school, and the importance of being in every lesson, every day. I have been absolutely thrilled to see our routines so well embedded as I walk around the school this week, meaning teachers can get on with doing what they do best, teaching the highest quality lessons to our pupils. Next week we are celebrating World Book Day. We have events happening throughout the week from visits to local libraries to dressing up as your favourite book character on Thursday. Do take an interest in these fantastic opportunities - I may even change my character. I have been told by Ms Quinton that I am not allowed to come as James Bond for the 7th year running.

Year 7 Trip to Oxford

On Monday, 33 students in Year 7 visited The University of Oxford to as part of the Brilliant Club Scholars' Programme that they took part in last term, for which they all wrote a 1500 word essay on different subjects. As part of the trip, students were given a tour of St Edmund's Hall and Wadham colleges, met with university students to ask questions, and had a graduation ceremony celebrating their success in the Scholars' Programme.



Safety Update: Covid-19

While it is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate with a positive case of COVID-19, it is still advised that people stay home and self-isolate for a minimum of five days. The guidance advises self-isolation until showing two negative test results on consecutive days. Therefore, this will be our recommendation as a school. This will be the expectation for all students and staff in order to protect everyone's health and well-being. We will continue to log reported positive cases and use this to guide our policy in the coming weeks. Face masks are no longer required to be worn on the school site.

Students who are self-isolating will still be expected to access the online curriculum and complete all work provided to their best ability.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and partnership throughout the pandemic.

House News with Mr Pudney

We were business as normal during the first week back after February half term.

Wednesday was our Egg and Spoon Race...I know, it's crazy! Pupils absolutely loved it and had a great time trying to balance their egg in the wind, and Caritas came out on top and performed brilliantly as a team to win. They were followed closely by Unitas and Veritas, and also a special mention to Aequitas who would have finished second, had it not been for forgetting the rule to sit down at the very end!

Tuesday was of course our House Rowing event, and see the picture below to see how popular it was this week. Some incredible athletic performances occurred! Caritas performed well in this event too and claimed victory by rowing 4532m, followed by Unitas, Veritas, and then Aequitas. I think Aequitas need Dr Payne or Mr Ives to return to the oars!

Adding in the Epraise totals and Countdown, the scores for this term and this year are below. It is still very close, and Caritas are working hard to catch Aequitas in 3rd, and Veritas are hot on the tails of Unitas for 1st place!



Term 2

1 st	Veritas	2450
2 nd	Caritas	2160
3 rd	Aequitas	2100
3 rd	Unitas	2050

Overall

1 st	Unitas	6820
2 nd	Veritas	6760
3 rd	Aequitas	6205
4 th	Caritas	6215



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Subject in the Spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is History, with Head of Department, Ms Mowbray

This week in: History....

It has been a big week for KS3 historians as many of them moved into their new tutor groups and met their new teachers!

Year 7: Y7 have continuing with our unit on the role of the Church during the Middle Ages and the methods it used to control people... This week we found out about what people thought caused disease in the Middle Ages, including punishment from God, an imbalance of the four humours (bodily fluids), movement of the planets or miasma (nasty smells)!

Year 8: Y8 have been considering which was the most important factor in the outbreak of the English Civil War in 1642. They argued whether they think religious, political or economic reasons were the main reason for the start of the war and evaluated the significance of Long-term, Short-term and trigger causes.

Year 9: Y9 have been learning about the League of Nations and how it was set up to maintain peace and avoid the outbreak of another world war in 1920. Over the next few lessons students will consider why the League of Nations failed and whether there was any way it could have been avoided.

Year 10: This week Y10 students moved on to the final section of their 'Health and the People' GCSE unit - which will look at the developments in medicine from 1900 until the present day. In the final part of the course, we will look at the impact of the world wars, government reforms and the creation of the NHS, alongside the impact of the AIDs and Covid outbreaks on medicine today.

Year 11: Are coming to the end of their final GCSE unit 'Conflict and Tension 1918-1939 - the inter-war years' and considering how far Neville Chamberlain's policy of appeasement should be blamed for the outbreak of WW2. Next week Y11 will move on to revision ahead of their upcoming mock exams.

This week postcards of excellence went home to:

KS3: Archie, Mia, Adam and Courtney

KS4: Suleman for making a very focused start to the modern medicine unit and Sergej for his consistently positive attitude and Jesse.

For further curriculum information, please go to www.thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps



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Mr Wilson's Commendations

Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, science and English leader boards:

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

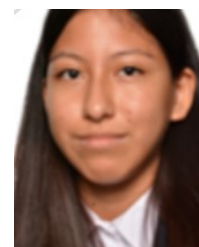
Year 7: Emmanuel

Year 8: Alba

Year 9: Amine

Year 10: Isaac

Year 11: Daniela



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

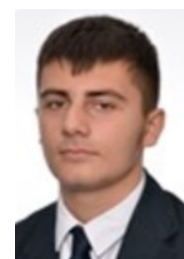
Year 7: Sofia

Year 8: Punnatron

Year 9: Taliyah

Year 10: Yll

Year 11: Mobina

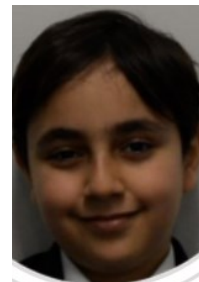


Top of the leader board for Bedrock English this week are:

Year 7: Aryan

Year 8: Laith

Year 9: Nila



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World book Day

March 3rd is World Book Day and at The Hurlingham Academy, we are looking forward to celebrating books and stories through a range of activities across the week.

World Book Day was created by UNESCO in 1995 to celebrate books and authors and encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading. The charity's mission is to change lives through a love of books and shared reading, especially by bringing books to the young people who need them most. Since then, World Book Day has become a world-wide celebration of reading, authors, illustrators, and books.

This year promises to be extra special as the charity celebrates its 25 years.

"We wanted to do something to reposition reading and our message is the same today as it was then – that reading is fun, relevant, accessible, exciting, and has the power to transform lives." World Book Day founder, Baroness Gail Rebuck.

Reading has the power to transform lives. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, more than family circumstances, parents' educational background or income (Organisation for economic Co-Operation & Development).

As World Book Day celebrates 25 years of developing a culture of reading for pleasure, it is vital that we continue to encourage even more children to be readers- because no child or young person should be without a book or miss out on shared reading.

World Book Day offers every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Your child will have access to a world book day token that allow them to collect a free book from participating bookstores until March 27th.

Families can also access information and activities for all ages at worldbookday.com. The family section includes activities, reading recommendations, free audiobooks, and opportunities to win free books. We encourage you to take time this week as a family to talk about stories and books that you enjoy and take time to share reading stories together. We look forward to sharing our World Book Day activities in next week's newsletter.

Don't forget!

Send your extreme reading pictures and your creative stories to the library for a chance to win the competitions!

On Thursday is your big chance to wow us with your World Book Day costumes... we want to see your book characters come to life! Have your photo taken in the library for your chance to win the contest.

Prizes will be announced at the next Whole School Assembly for the best costumes.

Good luck!



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Waterstones Children's Book Prize Shortlist 2022

Throughout the history of the prize, Waterstones has rewarded books that engage with complex issues in innovative and extraordinary ways. Their selection always put readers first and reward the books that matter to them and reflect the topics young people of all ages are most passionate about. Here are their selections for younger and older readers this year.

Younger Readers Shortlist



Children of the Quicksands



Amari and the Night Brothers



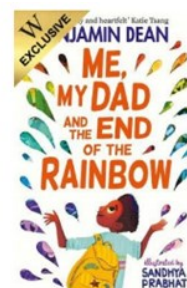
The Last Bear



Bumble and Snug and the Angry Pirates

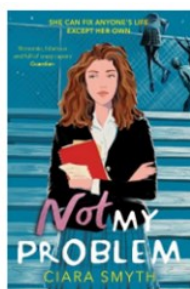


Front Desk



Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow

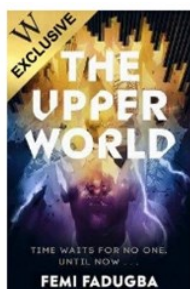
Older Readers Shortlist



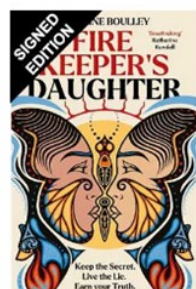
Not My Problem



The Crossing



The Upper World



Firekeeper's Daughter



The Gilded Ones

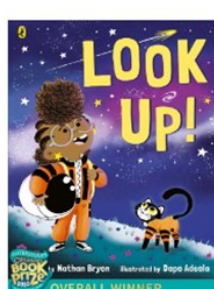


Not Here To Be Liked

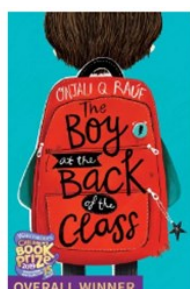
Previous Overall Winners



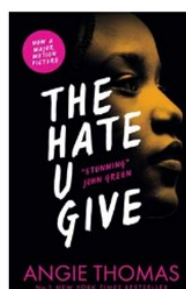
A Kind of Spark



Look Up!



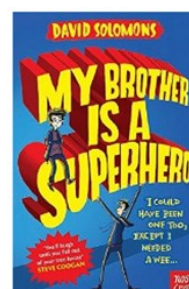
The Boy At the Back of the Class



The Hate U Give



The Girl of Ink & Stars



My Brother Is a Superhero



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Enrichment opportunities – Music



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

MARIMBA CLUB
Main Hall
(After School)

NEW
LEARN TO PLAY ...
BRASS
Mu3
(Lunch)

VOX
Mu3
(Lunch)

NEW
LEARN TO PLAY ...
WOODWIND
Mu3
(Lunch)

CLOSED

Key Stage 3
Independent Practice

Year 7 Big Band
Independent Practice

Key Stage 3
Independent Practice

*KS3 students may practice independently on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes only
KS4 Music students may use the department resources on any day*



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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

We offer private 1:1 lessons on
the following instruments:

- Piano
- Acoustic / Bass Guitar
- Singing
- Drum Kit
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Trombone

**Excellent for sixth form /
college applications!**



Speak to Mr Clarke if you would
like more information!



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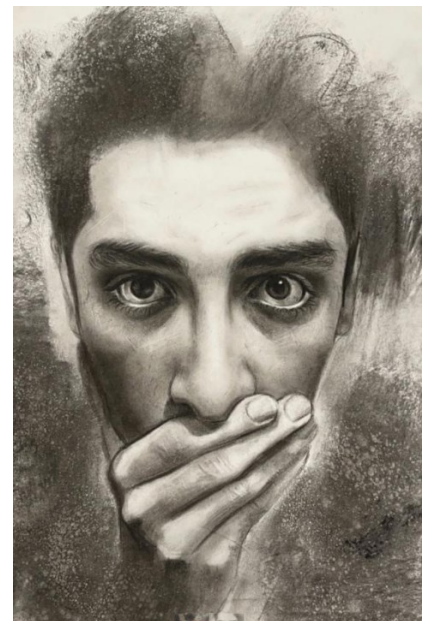
Year 7 Netball



Year 7 competed at the Fulham Cross Netball Tournament on Thursday 24th February. Despite this being their first Netball Tournament, they played exceptionally well. The student's enthusiasm for the sport was noticed by other teachers and they were praised for their kind, sportsmanship behaviour on and off the court. Player of the match goes to Poppy for her fantastic defending skills as GD, which prevented many opposing goals. Well done to all those pupils who took part.

UL International Art Competition

We are incredibly proud to announce that two of our Year 11 pupils, Jesse and Sofia, have been shortlisted for the UL international art competition. Their artworks will now be progressing to the final round, along with 8 other entries, where they will be judged by United Learning Headteachers and professional artist and curator, Apapat J. Glynn. We wish them the best of luck.



Key dates for week beginning February 28th - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 28 th February	08:25 - 09:00
KS4 Mock Exams	Tuesday 1 st March – Friday 18 th March	8:25 - 15:30
Year 8 Samba Workshop	Wednesday 2 nd March	8:25 - 15:30
Year 10 Debate Mate	Wednesday 2 nd March	15:15 - 18:15
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March	8:25 - 15:30



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