



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I cannot believe that on Monday we will be starting our end of year assessments as this means that we are coming to the end of another academic year here at The Hurlingham Academy. Every year around this time, I find myself reflecting on the year we have had, and I think "I could not be more grateful to my staff or more proud of these pupils". Yet, every year, here I find myself, amazed at the successes we have shared throughout the year and the journey we are on together. This year has challenged our community like no other I can remember and we have all faced challenges, both professionally and personally, far greater than we could have ever imagined. I have had to adapt to a whole new way of working, living, communicating, and not to forget a new hairstyle! One of the biggest challenges I have had to face is ensuring that we best protect our pupils education during this difficult time. I may sound like a broken record, but I honestly could not be more proud of everything we have achieved. I am proud to say that all pupils are receiving excellent, tailored lessons online and we have successfully and safely opened our gates to Year 10 to ensure they received some vital face to face teaching. I urge all pupils to finish this year well. Ensure you revise carefully for your end of year assessments so you can show your teachers all you have learnt over the past couple of months, and really make the most of these last 3 weeks of lessons.

THA Art Attack

This week Year 10 were introduced to textile design to broaden their experimentation in their natural forms project. Students learnt how to paint and add hand embroidery to fabrics. Ms Sullivan has been incredibly impressed with how quickly pupils have acquired these new skills, and it has been great to see the experimental designs that have been produced. Well done year 10, we can't wait to see the finished products.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

It's been another busy week of learning, both at school with Year 10 and at home with years 7-9. This week's commendations are as follows:

Mr Lewis would like to congratulate the following pupils for their fantastic work submission on Show My Home work; Kemal, Zunaira, Haydn, Siobhan, Abubakar (7U), Jack, Ellis, Ashari, Amir, Harun (7R), Anais, Natalia, Undram, Kashmita, Chloe L (8H), Mahad, Jude, Thomas, Pedro, Adam (8R), Molly, Julia, Alexandra, Jacopo, Arya (9H), Jesse, Isadora, Mary, Enrique and Pimmy (9R).

Team English would like to say well done to the following top readers this week; Taurie Palmer, Kumar Price, Jordan Alexander, Anas Koudy, Misty Ougan-Goldsmith, Na-Sean Card, Omar Abdel-Hamied, Adem Yahiaoui and Rebecca Aparicio Vega.

Finally, Ms Coulson would like to congratulate the following pupils for being Seneca superstars, topping the table this week; Mikail, Maria (7L), Raheem, Jordan, Ema (7H), Malach, Erisa (8I), Erion and Victoria (Year 10).

Well done to all the above pupils and keep up the hard work.

THA Gets Creative

One of the real positives to come out of the school closures and lockdown is that it has inspired our pupils to develop their creative side. Whether it is through art, music or creative writing, the teachers have absolutely loved receiving emails from pupils showing them what they have created. Below is an incredible poem by Lexi Greenman, Year 7, titled Coronavirus. Well done Lexi, I look forward to reading more of your poems in the future.

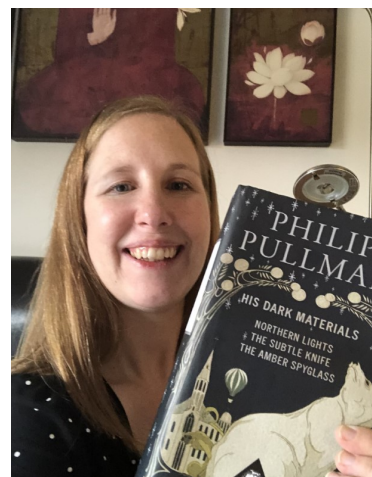
We're stuck inside with nothing to do,
If only I could visit you.
A wave from the window or a 2 metre chat,
We stand on either side of your "Welcome Home" door-mat.
No hug from a friend or even a family member,
Unaware of when we can meet again, maybe December.
We clapped for the NHS and carers too,
If we continue to work together, we can end this killer flu.
Sadly thousands had to part,
It eased their suffering, but it broke many hearts.
We must stay alert or at home we shall remain,
No matter what happens, the virus we will contain.



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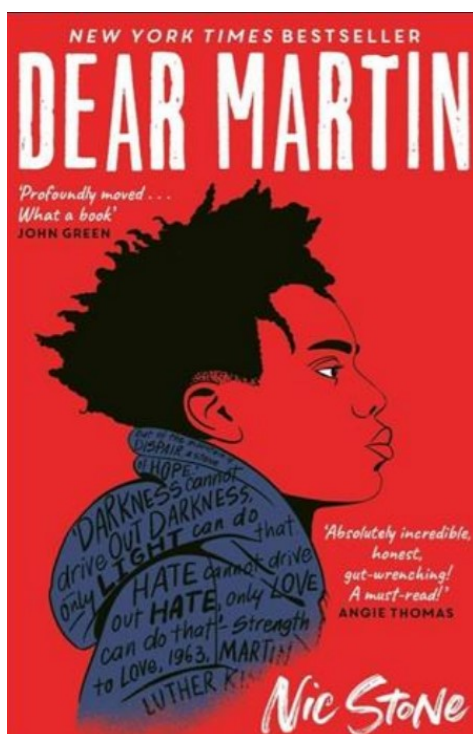
What are you currently reading?– Dr Sanderson

I am currently reading 'His Dark Materials' by Philip Pullman. Reading a small section of this amazing book every night before I go to bed helps me relax. All my worries disappear as I become immersed in the magical world of daemons, witches and armoured bears. Definitely recommended!



Recommended Reading– Dear Martin, Nic Stone

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Raw, captivating and undeniably real, Nic Stone boldly tackles American race relations in this stunning debut.

Justyce McAllister is top of his class and set for the Ivy League—but none of this matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. And despite leaving his neighbourhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers and the ridicule of his new classmates.

Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.

Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—way up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty police officer beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs. In the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack.

THA House Competitions

After the success of the toilet roll challenge, the heads of house have been busy working with Mr Clarke to get the next house challenge underway. This week we are looking for the best homemade drum kit and drum beat. See Show My Homework for more information regarding how to enter the competition. We look forward to seeing your entries.



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