



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message

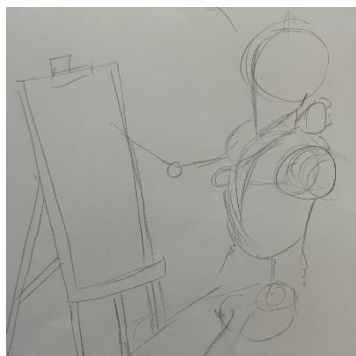


After a week of rest, reflection and revision, both staff and students have come back to school this week full of energy. For Years 10 and 11, I'm sure much of half term was spent creating revision timetables and preparing for their upcoming mocks. For all students, the ability to recall information that they have learned previously is vital. By revising and looking back through their notes and schoolwork, students are able to store this learning into their 'long term memory' and retrieve

it far more easily. As ever, the most important part of the mock exam process will be the feedback that students receive. As with all feedback, students must focus on their successes and their areas for improvement. Only by reflecting and learning from our mistakes can we become masters of a subject. I am grateful to parents for your ongoing support in helping our students to revise and to achieve the best possible outcomes. We look forward to another productive and enjoyable half term at The Hurlingham Academy.

THA at the Gallery

This week the Art department welcomed London based Cypriot portrait artist, Hamit Ucock of the Bomb Factory Art foundation and Gallery - to work with Year 9 and 10 students. Hamit shared his love of portraiture and emerged the students in a life drawing workshop, encouraging them to work quickly and work beyond their comfort zones to develop their observational drawing skills. Hamit returns to work with us next week to deliver the second part of the workshop. In the coming weeks we will be welcoming a series of additional artists from the Kings road-based gallery of whom work across different creative disciplines. This is a fantastic opportunity not only to develop pupils' creative skills, but in supporting students to link the subject of art and design to possible career prospects.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

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

Top of the leader board for Sparx in maths this week are:

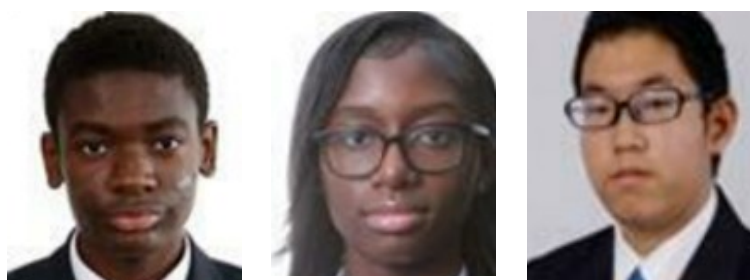
Year 7: Aminah

Year 8: Minnah

Year 9: Rafael

Year 10: Tim

Year 11: Rihanna



Top of the leader board for Sparx in English this week are:

Year 7- Saja

Year 8 - Kenzo

Year 9- Romaissa



Top of the leader board for Educake this week with most correct questions answered are:

Year 7: Aisha

Year 8: Marwa

Year 9: Rihana

Year 10: Miya

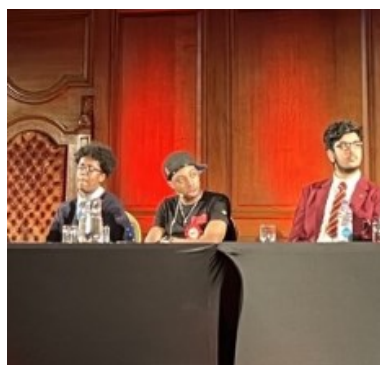
Year 11: Daniel



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Debate Mate

On Wednesday, some of our Year 10 students went to the launch of debate mate, a nationwide event where students will learn how to debate and then will have the opportunity to compete against their peers from all over the country. As always our students stood out from the other schools as Ridwan was selected to be the officially 'timekeeper' and Theo, Syriusz and Seyed Ali asking some excellent questions. The students now can't wait to get started!



KS4 Mocks

Mock exams for students in Year 10 and 11 begin on Monday 14th November. These exams are really important and will help you to see how your child is performing in each subject. Students have been given their exam timetable and revision manifests and should start their revision over the half term break. We particularly recommend the following revision techniques:

- Self quizzing to learn definitions from a knowledge organiser (see [this video](#))
- Testing yourself on flashcards using the Leitner system (see [this video](#))
- Completing practice questions - your teacher will provide you with these

Teachers will be giving out lots of revision tips in lessons after half term, so it's important for Year 10 and 11 students to be in school every day and to get plenty of rest each night. You can find the revision manifests and exam timetables available [here](#).

Meet the tutor evening

Following Year 7 students' first half term in secondary school, we will be holding Year 7 Tutor Consultations on Thursday 10th November. This will be an opportunity for you to hear feedback from your child's form tutor about their transition to The Hurlingham Academy and for you to ask any questions you may have about his/her secondary school experience so far. Following feedback from parents in previous years, consultations will take place via phone call. You can book a convenient time to speak with your child's tutor via the Arbor app. Further details have been sent by email. Please contact Ms May with any questions.



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House update

Welcome back to the weekly House updates!

We kick started our week with House Rowing, and it was a surprising (although this might be a new habit for Unitas who have had a great week) win for Unitas who rowed 3380m in 15 minutes! Caritas only managed third after absolutely demolishing their opponents almost every week during the first half term.

On Wednesday, Miss Dainty ran a great competition for Day of the Dead (Dia de Muertos) and had printed an A3 image for the pupils to colour in. It was wonderful to see the interaction between both boys and girls, and from all different year groups. The Heads of House got together to go over results and determined that Caritas won, followed by Veritas, Aequitas, and then Unitas. But, it was a great effort from everyone and all produced great pieces. We finished the week with Countdown in the library, and this was, as always, a close affair! Unitas came out on top with a solid seven-letter word, 'orchard', as well as completing the maths and finishing joint winners of the other letters round.

Finally, Caritas had the fewest Epraise awarded so got the least number of points for the weekly Epraise collection, which means their lead has shortened! It is very close at the top, with 150 points separating 1st and 3rd, with Veritas looking ahead to Drop Down Day on Wednesday 9th to gain some greatly needed points!

Join us again next week.

See below for scores!



Term 1

1 st	Caritas	1725
2 nd	Aequitas	1625
3 rd	Unitas	1575
4 th	Veritas	850



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Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... Geography with Mrs Coulson.

It's been another exciting week for the THA geographers as they continue to further their knowledge and understanding about world.

Year 7: Yr7 have been continuing with their unit about 'What is a geographer?' where they learn about locations of continents, oceans and lines of latitude & longitude as well as map skills. The focus this week has been on decision-making when it comes to locating specific facilities such as a camp site, using their knowledge of map skills.

Year 8: Yr8 are currently studying population & migration and have been focusing this week's learning on migration to the UK.

Year 9: Yr9 continue to learn about the emerging economies. They have been looking at trans-national corporations (TNCs) - what they are and the positive and negative impacts of them on specific countries.

Year 10: Yr10 are currently studying tectonics and have recently been focusing on plate boundaries and how volcanoes and earthquakes occur at these boundaries. They are also working hard on their revision for their upcoming mock exam.

Year 11: Yr11 are currently studying re-visiting paper 3, with the focus being on ecosystems. They are also working hard on their revision for their upcoming mock exam.

KS3 Geographers of the Week

7H - Daisy

8I - Pongpop

KS4 Geographers of the Week

Year 10 - Ali

Year 11 - Jasmine B



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Parent Survey

Our parent survey is open now and we would love to hear from you. Let us know what we do well and where you think we can improve here: <https://edurio.com/poll/GeKvR1> All entries are eligible for entry into a prize draw for a £25 Amazon voucher!



Getting to know you – Ms Myers

Name: Ms Myers

Job: Teacher of food technology

Favourite Book: The Kite Runner

Interesting fact about me: I adopted a dog from the RSPCA, training is ongoing, she's not the best student!

Favourite thing about working at THA: The lovely students and friendly atmosphere

House: Unitas



Key dates for weeks beginning 7th and 14th November

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 7 th November	08:30 - 9:00
PSHCE drop down day	Wednesday 9 th November	08:25 - 15:30
Year 7 meet the tutor evening	Thursday 10 th November	16:30 - 19:00
KS4 mocks	Monday 14 th - Thursday 24 th November	08:25 - 15:30
Youth council drop in	Tuesday 15 th November	17:00 - 18:00
Year 7 conservation trip	Wednesday 16 th November	08:25 - 15:30



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