



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



One of my favourite sayings is that "good schools don't wind down" and wow, this could not be more true at the Hurlingham Academy. I have been blown away by everything the staff have organised over the past few weeks. In the past two weeks alone we have had PGL, Prom, Year 9 Graduation, a conservation trip to Hyde Park, a trip to the National Theatre, a trip to London Zoo, the Summer Concert, the Art Exhibition, Year 7 Parents Evening, Year 6 Induction Day and of course Sports Day. I had to ask my senior management team what day it was yesterday as I just can't keep up! And whilst all this is happening, staff continue to plan and deliver high quality lessons. I really am in awe of all our staff do for our pupils here. Next week we have our Cultural Capital week. I am so excited to be able to put on weeks like this once more. When your child first came to us, I made a commitment not only to their academic education, but to developing the whole person. It is during weeks like this that I feel we can really develop some of those core skill that will ensure our pupils are successful in the future. I can't wait to see all the fantastic work they produce next week, and hear about all their adventures around London.

## PGL

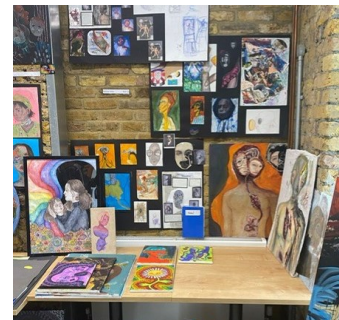
The Year 7s enjoyed a fantastic weekend away to Marchants hill for our annual PGL trip. At around 2.00 pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, the long and anticipated wait was over and all 47 of us were packed up, strapped in and ready to go. As the coach pulled away, we waved good-bye to afternoon lessons and let the excitement sink in. We arrived in good time and were introduced to Elsa, our team leader, who wasted no time in making the fun begin. We were led straight into the woods - singing as we went - to play 21, followed by bulldog and chaos tag. In a flash, we were unpacked and heading out to a welcome campfire where the tone for a wicked weekend was set - with help from Tallulah and her storytelling; and Trae with his singing. The days that followed involved raft building, archery, trapeze, orienteering, climbing, buggy building, sports day, a disco and our very own THA's Got Talent-hosted by the Master of ALL Ceremonies...Karim from 7U. These students made some unforgettable memories and left their own lasting impression on Elsa and the rest of the PGL staff, who praised them every day for being such a polite, respectful and FUN group - a super squad to be proud of!!





## Summer Concert and Art Exhibition

This week was the week of the creative arts here at THA. On Tuesday we had our annual Summer Concert, followed by our Art Exhibition on the Wednesday. It was so fantastic to see so many of our pupils showcasing their talent. We must say a big thank you for Mr Clarke, Mme Stephenson, Mme Sullivan and Mme Pitcher for all their hard work not only with organising the events this week but for all the extra clubs they put on during lunch and afterschool throughout the year, which make events like this possible.



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## Year 7 Greener Futures Trip

This week the Hurlingham Academy's geography department took the whole of Year 7 out to Kensington Gardens for a day filled with conservation activities. Students have been on two previous conservation days, in which they focused on the conservation of bats and invertebrates. The third and final conservation day was focused on future proofing the Royal Parks, in the face of the climate emergency, unpredictable weather events, rising temperatures and population growth.

Students took part in a range of activities including invertebrate monitoring, problematic species removal and even met some shire horses and helped to rake up the meadow arisings which the horses are used to cut down. This range of activities have deepened their understanding of what conservation is and why it is important. This has helped students to understand what it means to 'think like a geographer', through geographical enquiry and has also given students an insight into what a career in conservation could be like for them.



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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 and science leader boards:

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

Year 7 - Jonas

Year 8 - Olivia

Year 9 - Tamila

Year 10 - Leif



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

Year 7: Niamh

Year 8: Hanin

Year 9: Tamila

Year 10: Alessandro



## Sporting Achievements

Here at THA we love to hear about our pupils successes both in school and at home. This week we would like to congratulate two pupils on their fantastic sporting achievements. Firstly we must say a huge congratulations to Yara, who was awarded player of the year for her football team. This shows real hard work and dedication, well done.

We must also say a huge congratulations to Elijah who, not content with playing basketball for England, is down to the final selection for the GB U16 team! Out of 2000 players who initially trialled nationally, he has made it to the last 16 - from which they will select the final 12 at the end of this month. Elijah is one of only 2 players in the last 16 to be in Year 10 - everyone else is in Year 11. Several players are at basketball specialist schools in the US. This really is a phenomenal achievement to have made it this far. Please wish him luck for the last round.



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## Year 8 Drama Trip

Year 8 went on a Drama rewards trip to the National Theatre to watch a show as part of the youth theatre festival, 'Connections'. The show was spectacular and Year 8 really enjoyed watching and critiquing the performance. There was even time for an ice cream in the sunshine next to the river! Well done to these budding actors and theatre critics for their engagement with Drama over the course of the year.



## Key dates for weeks beginning 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July

Description	Date	Time
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
PSHCE and House Drop Down Days	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
KS3 Cultural Capital Trips	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Thorpe Park Rewards Trip	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Year 9 Mandarin trip	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Last Day of School	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	08:25 – 13:05
GCSE Results Day	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	



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