



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It has been another busy week at The Hurlingham Academy. As you know, one of my favourite phrases is that good schools don't wind down. As I walked around school this week I saw pupils working hard in every classroom. It has also been lovely to see Key Stage 4 pupils starting to receive feedback from their mock papers, and see how pupils are responding to this feedback so positively. Lessons will be of their usual rigour right until

the end of term. As it is also the season of goodwill, on Tuesday 13th December we will be providing a free Christmas lunch for the entire school. There will be no packed lunches on that day, so please do not make one for your child. We think that Christmas lunch is an excellent time for the school to eat and spend time together as a community, reflecting on the considerable successes of the autumn term. We have also seen pupils be incredibly generous with the Christmas Hamper Competition with donations flooding in. I would love to see the hampers spilling over by the time we take them to the food bank next week so do bring in items on Monday.

Christmas Hamper Donations

Over the last six months, 320,000 people have been forced to turn to food bank in the UK for first time. In the face of the current cost of living crisis volunteers are set for the busiest winter yet as levels of need outstrip donations. In order to support our local community we are extending the Christmas hamper competition until Wednesday 15th December. The food banks are particularly asking for the following items:

- Long life juice and milk
- Tinned meat – corned beef, chicken, mince, tinned meat pies
- Tinned vegetables – sweetcorn, carrots, peats etc
- Tinned fish – preferably tuna
- Tinned fruit
- Sponge puddings – long life
- Coffee – small jars



Any donations will be very much appreciated.



House News with Mr Pudney

Lot's going on as always in the House system!

Rowing was an epic battle and winners were Caritas who have started to perform similar to their dominant performances at the start of the year.

We then did paper plane throwing on Wednesday at lunchtime, and Aequitas were the winners there. We must have some budding engineers in Aequitas!

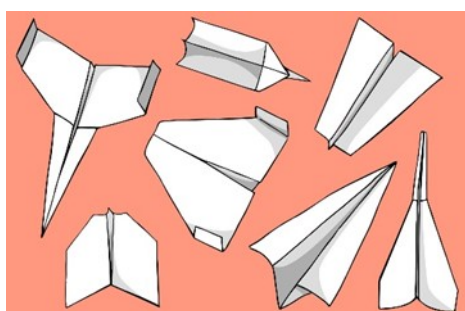
Countdown was won by Unitas who continue to perform well this half term!

Our Christmas hampers are out, so please bring in any food donations for the Hammer-smith and Fulham food bank – we always manage to be incredibly generous donors!

See below for scores!

Term 1

1 st	Aequitas	3700
2 nd	Unitas	3625
3 rd	Caritas	3560
4 th	Veritas	2875



PSHCE

In PSHCE this term, all students have been thinking about topics related to health and well-being. Topics have included mental health, sexual health, personal safety - both online and in the community, healthy lifestyles and identity and self-esteem. Students have explored a range of issues from County Lines to IVF to pornography and have done so with informed and factual resources and with the careful guidance of their form tutors. It is an incredibly important forum for our students to explore issues and learn about important aspects of health and well-being as part of their nurture and development as young people. A full overview of our PSHCE curriculum can be found on the school's website.



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Mr Wilson's Commendations

As Christmas draws ever closer, the pupils at The Hurlingham Academy continue to work hard on 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 leader boards:

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

Year 7 - Mya

Year 8 - Deja

Year 9 - Afran

Year 10 - Chloe

Year 11 - Kiaus



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

Year 7: Anissa

Year 8: Ahlam

Year 9: Amir

Year 10: Anais

Year 11: Danna Cassandra Acain



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

Year 7 - Ryan

Year 8 - Kenzo with 10,331 extra SRP! **That's a new school record, well done!!**

Year 9 - Hodan



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Year 7s creating 'Tiny Forests'

On Thursday afternoon a small number of Year 7 students participated in the 'Tiny Forest' initiative on Eel brook Common. Chloe, Zoe, Antonia, Jayden and Mohammed dug holes for new trees, then planting new saplings. They then covered the area in mulch to give nutrients to the soil and keep the new trees warm.

The students were taught about biodiversity and the positive impact that these 'tiny forests' around Hammersmith and Fulham will have, to reduce pollution and help control flooding. It was a great afternoon activity, the students extended and stretched their ecological (and horticultural!) knowledge and skills gained on the last conservation day. A big thank you to staff involved!

Christmas Present Donation

Every child deserves get to experience the joy of opening a gift on Christmas day. In order to support children in our local area, all tutor groups have also been busy collecting money and buying gifts to be donated to the childhood trust. Every tutor group is working together to buy and wrap a gift for a child in our borough. It really was a fantastic effort from all pupils. We would like to say a massive thank you to all pupils who contributed. It really is such a great cause and will make some children very happy on Christmas morning.



Key dates for weeks beginning 12th December

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 12 th December	08:30 - 09:00
Academic awards night	Monday 12 th December	17:00 - 18:30
Trip to Winter Wonderland	Wednesday 14 th December	All day
Year 10 trip to China town	Thursday 15 th December	09:00 - 13:30
Last day of term	Friday 16 th December	09:00 - 13:05
Christmas holidays	Monday 19 th December– Monday 2 nd January	All day
Staff inset– no school for pupils	Tuesday 3 rd January	All day
Spring term begins for all pupils	Wednesday 4 th January	08:30 - 15:25



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