



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Although we have only been back for just over a week, it feels like we are well into this half term. I say this not because it has felt long, to the contrary the week has flown by, but because of how settled and focussed pupils are. I always marvel at how quickly pupils get back into the swing of things after an extended break. From the depth of understanding and level of work I have observed throughout the academy, you wouldn't believe that in some lessons, pupils only started covering these modules a week ago. This week saw the start of the KS3 assessment cycle.

This is the first set of formal assessments for pupils in Years 7 - 9 and are incredibly important for both the pupils and teachers here at The Hurlingham Academy. In order to ensure pupils are fully prepared for their GCSEs in Year 11, these assessments are being invigilated by external invigilators, just as their GCSEs will be. I have been so impressed with the pupils attitudes both before and during their assessments. All pupils are working incredibly hard to ensure they achieve the best grades possible.

As always, assessments are cumulative, testing their knowledge of all topics they have learnt since September, so pupils need to ensure they are prepared. Some useful revision strategies include creating a mind-map of key topics; learning key vocabulary and memorising information and then self-quizzing to check your own understanding. It is vitally important that the pupils perform to the best of their ability throughout the assessment week, as the results will be used to move pupils into new groups in all subjects. Pupils have assessment manifests outlining exactly what knowledge will be tested during each exam. I encourage pupils to use these and ensure they are planning their revision carefully. Pupils have been working incredibly hard since September and so should feel confident and prepared for every assessment. I hope all pupils continue to focus on their revision over their weekend and come back on Monday ready to demonstrate all their knowledge and skills in their remaining assessments. The assessment timetable for next two weeks can be found below:

Mon 16th	Tues 17th	Weds 18th	Thurs 19th	Fri 20th
	Y9 Maths	Y7 English Reading	Y7 Science	
	Y9 Maths		Y7 Science	
Y8 English Reading	Y8 Geography			Y7 English Writing
Y7 Geography	Y9 History	Y8 Maths	Y9 English R&J	Y7 & 8 Spanish (GS only)
Y7 Music	Y9 History	Y8 Maths	Y9 English R&J	Y7 & 8 Spanish (GS only)
Y9 Geography		Y7 MFL		Y8 History
Y9 Geography	Y7 RE	Y7 MFL		Y8 History

Mon 23rd	Tues 24th	Weds 25th
Y9 English Poetry	Y11 English	
Y7 History	Y11 English	
Y7 History		
Y8 Science	Y8 MFL	Y9 MFL
Y8 Science	Y8 MFL	Y9 MFL
Y9 RE		
Y9 Music	Y8 English Writing	



## House News with Mr Pudney



Welcome back to the House updates!

We had a fantastic last few days which meant we were inundated with donations for the Hammersmith and Fulham Food Bank. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to donate an item. They were incredibly grateful, and we have built up a fantastic relationship with them because of your support and that from staff.

What a great return to the House system after the Christmas holidays. We started with Articulate on Wednesday which was such good fun. Thank you so much to Ms Guron for organising this. It was Unitas who continued their emphatic form going into the holiday as they took the win. Veritas followed in 2<sup>nd</sup> place – could this be the term that Veritas win the termly competition?! On Thursday we hosted Count-down and it was another busy one. It was also Unitas who have their regular participants attending, but a big shout out to Veritas who have finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in two competitions this week, which I think signals a resurgence like they had last academic year when they won the whole competition. We have Drop Down Day 2 fast approaching, so watch this space!

See below for scores!

### Term 1

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Unitas</b>	<b>275</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Aequitas</b>	<b>200</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Veritas</b>	<b>200</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Caritas</b>	<b>75</b>

### Overall

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Unitas</b>	<b>4250</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Aequitas</b>	<b>4100</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Caritas</b>	<b>3975</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Veritas</b>	<b>3275</b>

## Easy Fundraising

The school is now registered with easyfundraising, so you can raise FREE donations for us when you do your everyday online shopping. All you have to do is find the brand you want to shop with on the easyfundraising website or App and they will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no extra cost to you!

Sign up for free at:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-hurlingham-academy/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-sch-n3](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-hurlingham-academy/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-sch-n3)



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## Mr Wilson's Commendations

It's been another busy week with pupils revising hard for the assessments. 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:

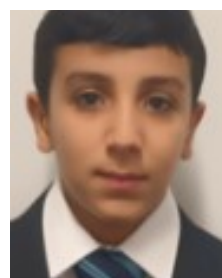
Year 7: Mohammedali

Year 8: Yousuf

Year 9: Ellie

Year 10: Kumar

Year 11: Shakira



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

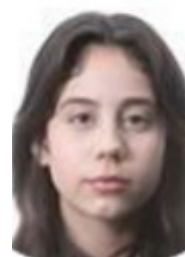
Year 7: Yong-Zheng

Year 8: Harry

Year 9: Lou

Year 10: Amir

Year 11: Andzhi



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

Year 7: Omar

Year 8: Lorenzo

Year 9: Daria



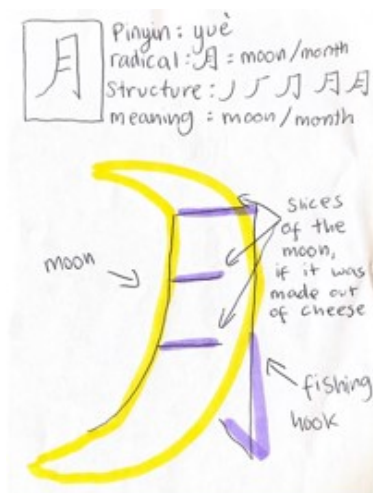
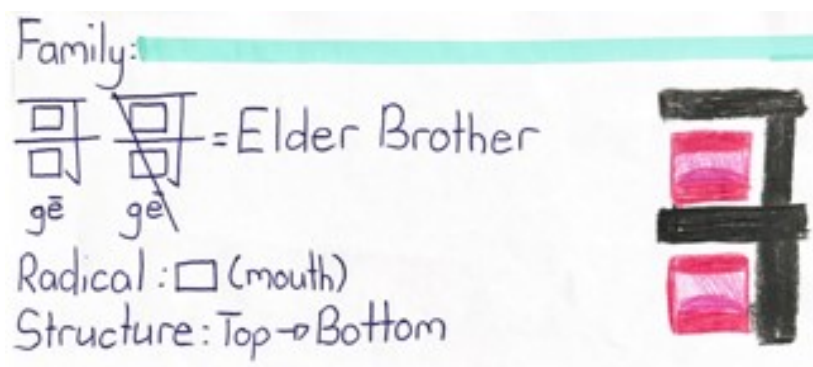
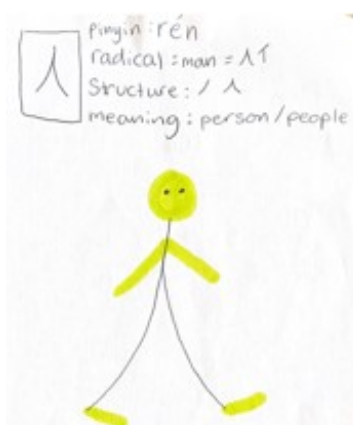
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## Year 7 Mandarin

During the Christmas holiday, Y7 Mandarin students revised characters (the written form of Chinese language) and created amazing work to display. Students used their own imaginations and their knowledge about radicals (a meaningful component of Chinese characters). They managed to uncover / create a link between the meaning of a character and its shape or part of the shape. As you can see from a few great illustrations from different students, unique associations were made by learners themselves. The characters are friends that they can recognise and understand, which will help them to recall the characters from memory.



## Key dates for weeks beginning 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	8:30 - 9:00
KS3 assessments	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	08:25 - 15:30
Year 10 GCSE field trip	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	All day
Year 7 athletics competition	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	15:45 - 17:45
Year 7 girls netball fixture	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	15:00 - 17:30
Year 7 brilliance club launch trip	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	All day
<b>Inset day- no school for pupils</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	All day



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