



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Over the month of October here at The Hurlingham Academy we are very much looking outwards at the world around us, with the commencement of Black History Month. For me, this is one of the most intellectually and emotionally engaging months of the year, as we take the opportunity to consider the impact on the world of some truly inspirational people. During tutor time throughout the month pupils have been looking at black British icons who have helped reduce inequality both in Britain and around the world.

I want our pupils to understand that they can be the driving force for change, and in tutor times they have been reflecting on what this change might look like and how they can support it. I am so excited that next week we will be celebrating the diverse community here at the Hurlingham Academy with our cultural gala on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October. I encourage as many of you as possible to come and celebrate with us. There will be fashion, music and of course my world famous jerk chicken!

Next week we also continue with our open mornings. Again, it has been such a pleasure to see so many prospective parents touring the school, and hearing the positive feedback. This week it was the turn of Year 9 to act as tour guides, and I am pleased to say they have really stepped up to the role. I'd like to thank all the pupils who have supported with open mornings and look forward to seeing many more families next week.

## SEN Coffee Morning

Join our SEN department for a coffee morning on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November to meet with the SEN team and discuss additional needs provision here at The Hurlingham Academy.

# SEN COFFEE MORNING



WITH THE SEN DEPARTMENT



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**  
**FROM 9-10.15.**

Join us to discuss the support the SEN Department offer children with additional needs, our intervention programme, what a Key Person is, how progress is reviewed and a Q&A.



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

When walking around the school, I am always struck by how committed our pupils are to their studies. This is also reflected in their studies at home. 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:

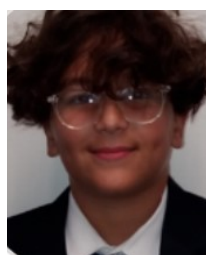
Year 7: Mohammed

Year 8: Omar

Year 9: Irfan

Year 10: Annie

Year 11: Rihanna



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

Year 7: Ato

Year 8: Marwa

Year 9: Goldie

Year 10: Zsa Zsa

Year 11: Josh



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## Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is... Religion and Philosophy with Ms Ahmed.

This week in: Religion and Philosophy...

**Year 7** have started learning about the Abrahamic Religions, beginning with the exploration of the Creation Story; did God really create the world in 7 days? Next term they will explore the life of Jesus, his birth, crucifixion and resurrection.

**Year 8** have begun their learning on Islamic beliefs about God, prophets, the Quran, and have made an excellent start learning Arabic terminology. Next term, they will continue their studies on Islam with thought-provoking topics such as what should Muslim women wear and what Muslims believe will happen after death.

**Year 9** have started a unit of work on Philosophy. They've been considering questions surrounding epistemology, discussing what we know and how we know it. For example, do we gain knowledge through reason or experience? Next term Y9 will continue their inquiry into philosophers such as Aristotle, Plato and analysing the role of Arab philosophers in Western thinking.

**Year 10** have been studying Islam, exploring eschatology: Judgement Day, heaven and hell. This is in greater depth to what they have covered in Y8 and making links with the role of angels and the afterlife.

**Year 11** are studying GCSE Issues of Good and Evil. This week they are grappling with the problem of evil and how the free will argument can explain moral evil. Y11 evaluate why an all-loving God allows his creation to suffer, both at the hand of other humans and also the natural world (natural evil such as earthquakes).



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## Getting to know you– Ms Alexander

**Name:** Ms Alexander

**Job:** Teacher of science

**Favourite Book:** Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

**Interesting fact about me:** I am a qualified botanist and specialised in succulent plants.

**Favourite thing about working at THA:** The friendly and polite staff and students. There is a real sense of community!

**House:** Caritas



## Key dates for October

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	08:30 - 09:00
KS3 Jamie's farm visit	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	All day
Year 11 LAMDA performance	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	09:00 - 10:30
THA Cultural Gala	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	17:00 - 19:00
Wear the colours of your flag	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	All day
October half term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	All day
Staff inset – no school for pupils	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	All day
Term 2 begins for all pupils	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	08:25 - 15:30



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