



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I often talk with students about their results. Results matter; they give our young people choices about what they could do next and where they might go. They are the result of hard work and should be recognised. However, at the Hurlingham Academy we emphasise the importance of educating the whole child, and giving students meaningful and inspiring enrichment activities. This week has been all about delivering on just that. On Monday and Tuesday, we had our two

day House cross-curricular project followed by our 'Cultural Capital' trips into London, on Wednesday and Thursday, before rounding off with University Challenge on Friday. It has been truly fantastic to see how our students have responded to these opportunities. Speaking to many of them after the Cultural Capital trips, the value in taking students on these trips was self-evident: they were positively beaming about the days they'd had. I have also been overwhelmed by the number of messages I've received regarding the exceptional behaviour at our school. It is no secret that our standards are incredibly high, and it is when our students conduct themselves so impeccably in public that the fruits of this can be seen. As a Headteacher, I feel immense pride at the ambassadorship the students have displayed in representing The Hurlingham Academy. The public have affirmed what we as a staff already know: that students at The Hurlingham Academy are very special, and they are going to go far in life. Thank you for how you have approached this week with energy, enthusiasm, respect and humility. I am so proud of each and every one of you.

## Year 10 Work Experience

As part of our commitment to developing the whole child, each year our Year 10 pupils complete a weeks work experience with businesses within our local community. We have had some incredible feedback from managers, stating how hard working and committed our pupils are. Well done to all Year 10 – your first taste of adult life!



## House Drop Down Days

On Monday and Tuesday we had the return of the House Challenge. This year each House was given a decade from the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and over the two days they had to create a multi media presentation about their decade. It is fair to say pupils and staff went above and beyond, creating some of the highest quality presentations we have ever seen at the academy. From a 1980's style MTV music video to Kate Middleton's wedding dress from 2011, the creativity of our pupils was phenomenal. It was an absolutely fantastic team effort by all Houses, but of course there could only be one winner. First place went to Veritas, for their fantastic reflections of the 80's. This was closely followed by Caritas in second, Unitas in third and Aequitas in fourth. Every House should be so proud of their achievements, well done to all.



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## Cultural Capital Days

On Wednesday and Thursday, the entire KS3 ventured into London to experience the rich culture and history our capital city has to offer. Students, grouped in their Houses along with their House tutors, went out in groups of 35 to thirteen different locations in London. Students had fantastic opportunities to broaden their horizons. The two days really were an invaluable experience for staff and students alike, and here at the academy we are hugely proud with the both the engagement shown by students in their learning at the venues, as well as their exemplary behaviour.



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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 leader board:

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

Year 7 - Hamid

Year 8 - Rafael

Year 9 - Nila

Year 10 - Isaac



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

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	08:25 – 9:00
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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