



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Good afternoon everyone and happy new year! It has been lovely to have the students back in school this week and so many have come back keen to do well in their assessments or mock exams. These are obviously an important opportunity for students and teachers to see how students are doing in their learning and whether there are any gaps in their education which could be detrimental at a later stage. It is also about promoting engagement and ownership of education in students. However and as ever, we do want to get the balance right and ensure that students do not become over-stressed or anxious or tired by revision or the assessments themselves. Monday Clubs have never been more important and I know that assemblies next week will also focus on self-care and ensuring sleep, diet and exercise are all priorities. We will also be offering yoga, sport and walks at lunch times next week to help too alongside a Film Club special for students to relax in and enjoy some distraction. Lots happening! Have a lovely weekend!

As the school assessments approach, your child undoubtedly wants to do well. As a means of supporting them, please be aware that we will be holding a revision club every Tues, Wed and Thursday from 3.30-4.30pm.

Should you wish for your child to attend the revision club, please complete the form below



January assessments

Students' mid-year exams will take place from Monday 15th January to Thursday 25th January:

Year 7-9 students will have exams in all subjects, except for Art, PE and Food Technology. These exams will be used to set the first rank order for this year, and will lead to changes in tutor groups after February half term.

Year 10 students will have exams in English, Maths and Science. This will be the first time students receive a GCSE grade in these subjects.

Year 11 students will have one exam in English Language (Paper 2)

Students received their revision manifests and exam timetables before Christmas, and these can also be found here: <https://www.thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk/students/assessment-manifest>

These exams provide teachers and students with an important opportunity to review what has been learned and for students to receive feedback on their strengths and weaknesses in each subject. Please ensure your child has a quiet place to revise at home, and help them to eat well and get a good night's sleep before each exam. Contact your child's Head of Year with any questions.

wb 15th Jan					
	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
1	Y8 RE 45	Y7 MFL 90		Y10 English Lang 105	
2		Y7 MFL 90		Y10 English Lang 105	Y7 Maths 60
3	Y9 RE 45				Y7 Maths 60
4	Y9 Geography 60	Y9 MFL 90	Y10 Science 1 45	Y8 English Reading 45	Y9 History 60
5	Y9 Geography 60	Y9 MFL 90	Y10 Science 1 45		Y9 History 60
6	Y7 RE 45	Y8 Maths 60	Y8 Science 60	Y9 English 45	Y8 History 55
7		Y8 Maths 60	Y8 Science 60	Y9 Music 35	Y8 History 55

wb 22nd Jan					
	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
1	Y10 Maths 90	Y11 English 105	Y8 English Writing 45	Y10 English Lit 60	
2	Y10 Maths 90	Y11 English 105		Y10 English Lit 60	
3				Y7 English 45	
4	Y8 Geography 60	Y7 Science 60	Y10 Science 2 45	Y7 History 50	INSET DAY (Y11 in school)
5	Y8 Geography 60	Y7 Science 60	Y10 Science 2 45	Y7 History 50	
6	Y9 Maths 60	Y9 Science 60	Y7 Geography 60	Y8 MFL 90	
7	Y9 Maths 60	Y9 Science 60	Y7 Geography 60	Y8 MFL 90	



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Subject in the Spotlight– Drama



In Autumn term, THA's first ever GCSE Drama cohort began their KS4 learning looking at Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible'. The class have been exploring the play through both practical and theoretical lessons, diving into various characters each week and considering the wider themes of deception, morality and mass hysteria against the backdrop of the Puritanical USA and the Salem witch trials. Year 10 will continue their exploration of 'The Crucible' into Spring 1 as they focus on understanding how to write about their performances in the written portion of the GCSE course.

KS3 have been busy completing their Drama assessments in the Autumn term, culminating in some fantastic performances in the final two weeks from a range of studied plays including: 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' and 'Noughts and Crosses'. Having completed their Drama assessments at the end of last term, KS3 can breathe a sigh of relief as they move into their new Spring term unit: live theatre evaluation. This is a unit designed to practice a skill crucial to Drama GCSE: the ability to analyse and evaluate theatrical productions and the production elements that are used within them. Every KS3 class will work on this skill, watching a high-quality theatrical production online which capitalises on cross-curricular links in English. Year 7 are watching the National Theatre's 'Peter Pan', Year 8 are watching the National Theatre's 'Jane Eyre', and Year 9 are watching a modernised 'Romeo and Juliet'. By the end of the unit, all students across KS3 will have been exposed to an extremely high quality theatrical production. Every student will also don their 'theatre critic' hat to evaluate the productions, and hopefully we will discover some budding theatre critics this year!

Ms Mayall – Head of Drama



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Autism & Parenting in Conversation

Are you a parent or carer to an Autistic child? Do you have a friend or family member that you wish to understand and support better?

I am an openly Autistic specialist with a life-long experience living in a world designed for neurotypicals. I facilitate group sessions where I help educate others about the Autistic neurotype.

The sessions are designed to be informal, entertaining and positive. Giving you plenty of opportunities to ask any questions you may have about your loved ones.

Co-delivered with a mother that knows first-hand how to raise happy Autistic children, it will change what you believe about our nature.

We will be delivering two one-hour sessions at The Hurlingham Academy on January 25th and February 1st from 11.30am.

We look forward to meeting you then!
Jane & Israel

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Mr Wilson's commendations

It has been another impressive week here at the academy, with pupils once more working hard on their studies both in the classroom and at home. Congratulations go to all the following pupils who made it to the top of our leader boards this week. Photos of 1st places below

SENECA leaderboard:

1. (Yr8)

Yana Antonyuk



2. (Yr11)

Javohirbek Nematillaev



3. (Yr10)

Mia Benson



SPARX Maths leaderboard:

1. (Yr7)

Tamiya Johnson



2. (Yr7)

Kiara Murray



3. (Yr8)

Alfie Alli



SPARX Reader leaderboard:

1. (Yr7)

Sapphire Card



2. (Yr8)

Badis Bouchaoui



3. (Yr9)

Lorenzo Ballester



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Key dates

Description	Date	Time
KS3 Assessments and Y10 Core Begin	Mon 15/01/2024	All day
Student Council	Mon 15/01/2024	11:30 - 13:00
Y8 boys and Y7/Y8 Girls Football Fixture	Thu 18/01/2024	16:00 - 19:00
Y9/10 Girls and Y9 Boys Football Fixtures	Thu 25/01/2024	16:00 - 19:00
Old Operating Theatre Y10 history trip	Mon 29/01/2024	11:00 - 15:30



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