



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Good afternoon everyone and let me start by saying how proud I am of our students this week. Their focus and dedication to their assessments has been exemplary. I really hope all the hard work and commitment they have invested since September pays off and gives them the grades that they deserve. There has also been lots of extra curricular as usual. Our Y7-10 girls and boys football teams continue to win matches while we also have a new dance club for Y8 and Y9 students. Clubs for Y7 also started back this week with a great new selection while Y10 went off to a gallery in Marylebone today to paint to live classical music! This weekly extra-curricular experience matters and ensures our students enjoy a healthy and balanced education. Finally, the weekends matter for all of us to wind down and rest. I hope you have a lovely one!

## Assessments continue

Students' mid-year exams will continue this week until 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)

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	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	





### **Year 7:**

Year 7 units are continuing their secondary English curriculum with a creative unit on narrative writing. The students will be enjoying creative workshop style lessons which will allow them to explore descriptive methods, and imaginative

individual word choice. The students will be crafting evocative settings, layered characters and dramatic moments of tension and climax! Students will have lots of opportunities to share their work and benefit from feedback to improve and refine their writer's craft to produce extended pieces of fiction writing that they are proud of.

### **Year 8:**

Year 8 are exploring one of William Shakespeare's darkest and most dramatic plays: Richard III. They will be grappling with the ways in which Shakespeare presents us with a terrifying Machiavellian villain, and the extremely clever way that he manipulates words to generate a surprising amount of sympathy for this ruthless character. The students will be encouraged to discuss important topics such as the consequences of power and the themes of betrayal and greed, trying to decipher Shakespeare's clever messages to the reader.

### **Year 9:**

Year 9 will be engaging with a new writing unit, this term focused on Non-Fiction writing. They will be exposed to a range of provocative and challenging non-fiction sources, from speeches, to letters, to newspaper articles- all of which grapple with important and relevant themes. Through carefully facilitated class debate, students will purposefully consider the best way to use their voice passionately and purposefully to present a convincing and compelling argument.

### **Year 10:**

Year 10 continue their KS4 study with the completion of their next Literature text: the Power and Conflict poetry cluster. This collection of 15 poems is a vast and varied presentation of internal and external conflicts from a diverse range of writers. Students will be coming up with interesting comparisons between these perspectives and asking themselves what their own views are on the same big questions!

### **Year 11:**

Year 11 have now completed the curriculum content for both their Language and Literature GCSEs. They are on to the important process of reviewing and revising all of their core knowledge - and practising all of the exam style questions as much as possible to build confidence and expertise. Good luck Year 11- you can do it!

Ms Mackay





Bring in cake, biscuits, muffins, and other sweet items on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January for us to sell at break and lunchtime in the Front Quad.

Money will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Be generous!



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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 25<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Alya Hamdan (Yr9)



2. Mohammad Barakat (Yr11)



3. Samir Ali (Yr11)



### SPARX Maths leaderboard:

1. Adam Janjua (Yr7)



2. Lexi Whiteside (Yr7)



3. Tamiya Johnson (Yr7)



### SPARX Reader leaderboard:

Ino Simonovski (Yr7)



Badis Bouchaoui (Yr8)



Louisa Thomas (Yr9)



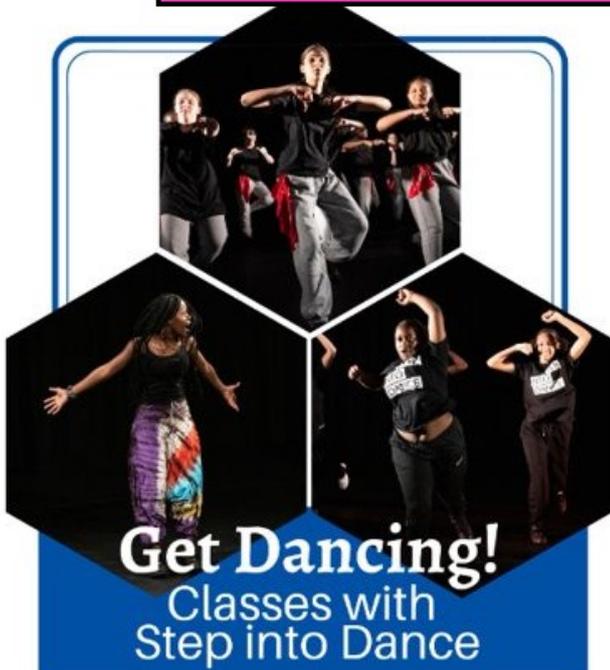
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New club for Year 8 and Year 9!

## Y8 & 9 STREET DANCE CLUB!



**Where?** Dance studio

**When?** Every Tuesday 3:40-4:40pm

**What do I need?** PE kit



### Key dates

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assessments	22nd-25th January 2024	8:25-15:30
Yr9/Yr10 girls and Yr9 boys football fixtures	25th January 2024	16:00-19:00
Staff INSET day (Yr11 students only in school)	26th January 2024	8:25-15:30
Yr10 Old operating Theatre History trip	29th January 2024	11:00-15:30



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