



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



In assembly on Monday Mme Ling spoke to all pupils about integrity and to importance of acting in ways consistent with the values, beliefs, and moral principles we hold. We heard about a number of famous figures throughout history, who have shown integrity throughout their lives, and consequently, achieved great things. I think that far too often these days, we read about people in the news for not showing signs of integrity, when we should really be celebrating those who do. After the assembly, I started to reflect on the moral principals that I hold. I

really do value education and believe that every pupil deserves the opportunity to have access to the best possible education. I also believe that human character is just as important as exam grades, which is why here at Hurlingham, our vision is not only to develop happy and healthy learners who achieve the highest possible academic outcomes for success in life, but also to nurture responsible young citizens who care for their communities and who are committed to bettering them.

I also believe that it is important to keep ourselves healthy, both physically and mentally. This is where I fear I fall down in my integrity. I have to confess that my exercise bike has been gathering dust for the past couple of months, and I'm afraid that all the sweet treats in my office don't quite align with my beliefs in terms of the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Over the weekend, I urge us all to spend some time really thinking about the values, beliefs, and moral principles you hold, and reflecting on whether your actions today, this week, this month and this year are aligned with these beliefs. I know that I will be hopping on my exercise bike first thing tomorrow morning!!

First Give

This week Year 8 have been busy raising money for their chosen first give charities. The week kicked off with a fantastic staff vs students dodgeball on Monday. On Tuesday 8I really got in the spirit with a "sponge 8I" event. I hear there was also an opportunity to sponge Mme Lamb, which really saw the money rolling in! Finally, staff were treated to a charity car wash- the car park has never looked so sparkly! Well done to all pupils involved, you have raised a fantastic amount of money for some very worthy causes.



Year 8 Football Match – Tuesday 14th March

This week, in the Mr. Wilson cup, the two schools went head-to-head in a Y8 football match. THA looking to avenge the Year 7 team's heavy defeat a few weeks ago.

THA started the game the stronger side with some lovely passing combinations between captain Kenzo and left-back Kairon - who earned himself a call up from the Year 7 squad. Hurlingham continue to knock on Elms door, with Bobby-Rae orchestrating everything from the centre of the pitch. Multiple through balls were played, chips over the top, and crosses into the box – but THA just could not find the opening goal. In the 16th minute, THA did get their breakthrough after Bobby-Rae, again, tries to pick out Courtney, who has made a fantastic run into the box. The through ball is too accurate for the Elms left-back, who uses his hand to block the pass. Penalty awarded. Bobby-Rae steps up and calmly slots the ball into the back of the net. **THA 1 – 0 Elms.**

Hurlingham continued to be in the driving seat with nothing getting passed the defensive partnership of Albie and Daniel. In the 30th minute Elms are awarded a corner. Eris heads the ball clear and starts a counterattack. The 'orchestrator', Bobby-Rae, sends a ball over the top for Donte to chase. Donte is through on goal, with the keeper scrambling. The Elms number 1 pulls off a brilliant save to deny Donte the chance to put Hurlingham two goals ahead. Right on the stroke of half-time, Elms are awarded an indirect freekick just inside the box. THA defend the initial attack well but the ball pinballs around the box and eventually into the back of the net. **HALFTIME - THA 1 – 1 Elms.**

Start of the second half, Elms come flying out the traps – THA with their back against the wall. THA's defence were tested but they managed to weather the storm, with Year 7 Kairon digging deep and battling hard. The two teams are at a stalemate, both managers making changes, both teams doing everything they can to go ahead. With just 4 minutes left on the clock, THA are awarded a free kick about 25 yards out. With a bit of quick thinking and great execution, Albie takes a quick freekick, which cuts through the Elms defence. The quick freekick catches everyone off guard – everyone except Bobby, who takes a deadly first touch and smashes the ball passed the Elms goalkeeper.

Revenge secured for THA. Heartbreak for Elms.



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House Update

Due to the strike, we moved some competitions around this week – we had our competition on Monday to coincide with British Science Week and did a collection of merits to see which House received the most rewards this week!

Ms Wong kindly led the 'build a glider' competition, and this got the students working really hard in their small teams to make the best glider! See the pupils communicate and work with each other is always something to be proud of, but quite frankly, something that is so natural at The Hurlingham Academy. Aequitas and Veritas were announced as winners as they created the most designs, followed by Caritas and then Unitas. Thank you to the science department, and well done to those who participated!

The House with the most merits this week was Aequitas, followed closely by Unitas, and then Veritas in 3rd place.

We have a really big next couple of weeks of school as we look ahead to Charity Week in our final week so lots of events and fund raising happening!

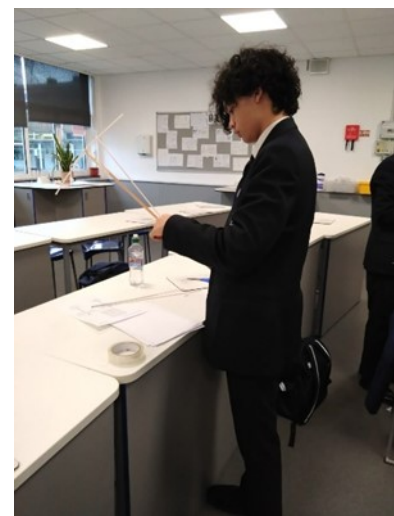
See below for the latest points!

Term 2

1 st	Unitas	2800
2 nd	Aequitas	2625
3 rd	Caritas	2450
4 th	Veritas	2100

Overall

1 st	Unitas	6775
2 nd	Aequitas	6525
3 rd	Caritas	6350
4 th	Veritas	5175



Science week House competition
Who can build a glider that can fly the furthest?

- When? Lunch time, Monday 13th March
- Where? S5
- Bring your creativity and problem-solving skills!



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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, science and English leader boards:

Top of the leader board for Sparx in maths this week are:

Year 7: Mohammed

Year 8: Hamid

Year 9: Rafael

Year 10: Bradley

Year 11: Eduarda



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

Year 7: Ava

Year 8: Nikolay

Year 9: Ahlam

Year 10: Tim

Year 11: Daniel, Sonny and Liam

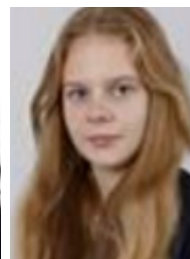


Top of the leader board for Sparx in English this week are:

Year 7: Elizabeth and Alfie

Year 8: Aryan and Mya

Year 9: Daria and Yuliia



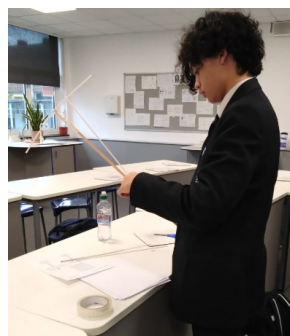
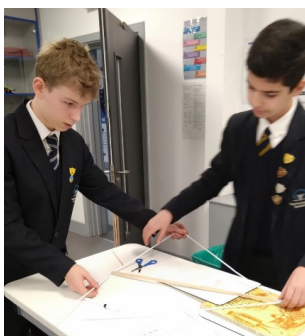
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Science Week

This week is our exciting annual British Science Week in the Hurlingham Academy. The theme this year is Connections. We hope to connect students with STEM subjects more through a series of activities in KS3 and KS4. On Monday, students participated in a glider building House competition, during which small gliders are built from scratch. Students also had the chance to apply what they have learnt about surface area and pressure into a paper boat building competition. Sam, in Year 11, was able to keep 69 marbles afloat using one sheet of A4 paper. On Wednesday, we were very lucky to have Dr. Haltalli joining Year 10 and talk to them about her career as a stem cell research associate in Cambridge University. Lastly, Dr. Ntentas, a medical physicist working for the NHS, joined us on Friday and shared his tips in becoming a medical professional with Year 9 students. Students had so much fun and were very much inspired!



Key dates for weeks beginning 20th and 27th March

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 20 th March	08:25 - 09:00
Year 8 science museum trip	Monday 20 th March	11:30 - 15:30
Btec media and film trip	Wednesday 22 nd March	11:30 - 15:30
Spanish restaurant trip	Wednesday 22 nd March	17:30 - 20:30
Year 9 Brighton trip	Thursday 23 rd and Friday 24 th March	08:25 - 15:30
Year 9 Magistrates Court trip	Monday 27 th March	09:00 - 13:00
Academic awards night	Monday 27 th March	17:00 - 18:00
Careers in film trip	Tuesday 28 th March	09:00 - 12:30
Year 11 golden envelope evening	Wednesday 29 th March	16:30 - 18:00
Old Vic theatre trip	Wednesday 29 th March	18:00 - 22:30
Year 7 green futures trip	Thursday 30 th March	All day
Year 9 pathways evening	Thursday 30 th March	17:00 - 18:30
Last day of spring term– school finishes at 13:05 for all pupils	Friday 31 st March	08:25 - 13:05



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