



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message

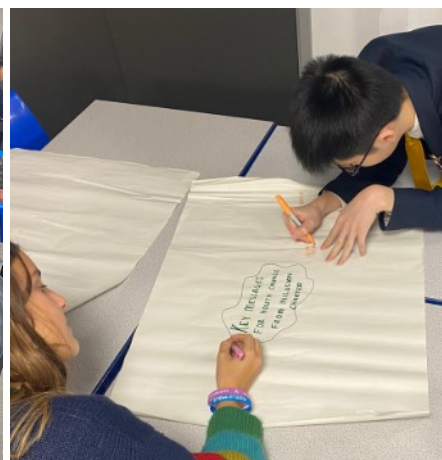
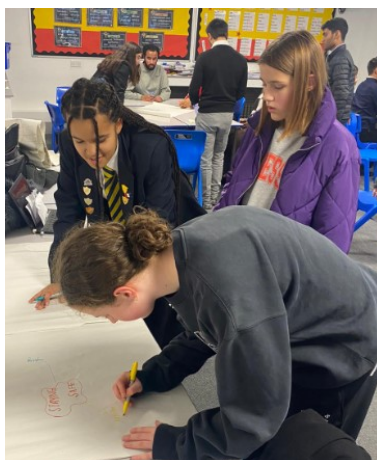


This week, pupils in Years 10 and 11 began their first set of formal assessments. These assessments are cumulative, testing their knowledge on all topics they have learnt since the start of KS4. Pupils need to ensure they are prepared. Some useful revision strategies include creating a mind-map of key topics; learning key vocabulary and memorising information and then self-quizzing to check your own understanding. It is vitally important that the pupils perform to the best of

their ability in all their assessments, as the results will be used to inform predictions and set changes. Pupils have revision materials from their teachers, and they should use these to ensure they feel confident and prepared for every assessment. The manifests, revision materials and additional material are available on the school website and Show My Homework. I encourage all pupils to make best use of all your resources and I would like to remind you all about the importance of checking their exam timetable and revision manifests, and of course getting a good night's sleep each night. I would also like to thank all parents and carers for your support throughout the mock period. All pupils need to come back on Monday, ready to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in their assessments for the rest of the week.

Youth Council

On Tuesday, we hosted a youth council meeting here at Hurlingham. The meeting was hosted by our Head girl and youth council member Niamh. It was fantastic to see so many pupils both from our school and schools in the surrounding area, coming together to discuss the issues that matter to them most. We would like to say well done to Niamh for hosting such a successful and purposeful event.



Year 7 Green Futures Trip

On Wednesday all our Year 7 students travelled to Kensington Gardens to participate in a day of conservation activities facilitated by Royal Parks.

The theme of the day was 'the power of plants', and the activities were aimed at increasing the biodiversity of the park and increasing its resilience to climate change and other related threats.

Students learned traditional skills such as coppicing, a sustainable way of cutting branches off trees to be used for fences and to create woodland wildlife habitats. A popular activity was 'sucker pulling', here students learned how trees in distress send up new branches and growths with an aim to ensure their survival. The students learned that the best way to ensure the survival of these trees in distress was in fact to pull up and remove these 'suckers', directing energy and nutrients back into the main tree itself - a task they set about doing with great enthusiasm!



Always the favourite activity in a similar vein is 'bramble bashing and deadhedging'. Students used sheers and loppers to cut back bramble so that more nutrients went to the surrounding trees. They created great environments for insects and invertebrates with the dead matter which will boost local biodiversity further.

But it wasn't all destruction! Students dug a hole for and planted our own tree in the park, and groups planted thousands of bluebell and snowdrop bulbs for growing next spring. They prepared the ground for a new meadow by harrowing in teams of 16, and overseeding the area with yellow rattle seeds.

It was a fantastic day, the first of three conservation days that Year 7 will be participating in this year. Bring on the next one in the Spring!



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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, English and science leader boards:

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

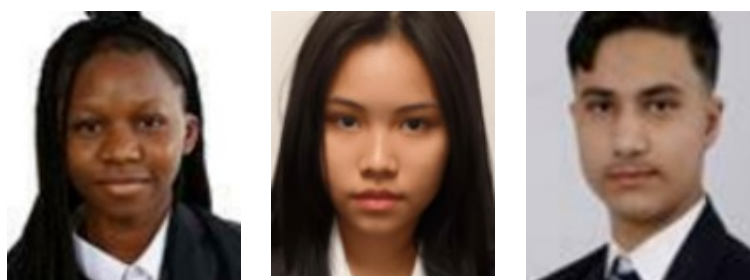
Year 7: Ashtian

Year 8: Zlata

Year 9: Irfan

Year 10: Chanunpat

Year 11: Faith



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

Year 7: Peculiar

Year 8: Nicoleta

Year 9: Daria



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

Year 7: Zoe

Year 8: Max

Year 9: Goldie

Year 10: Christine

Year 11: Alessandro



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THA in the news

On Wednesday a small number of Key Stage 4 pupils attended a youth COP22 event. Pupils had the opportunity to discuss key issues around climate change, as well as developing their negotiation skills. It gave us great pleasure to see our pupils representing our school at such an important event, and even greater pride to see our pupils discussing the issue so eloquently on the BBC news. Well done to all those who took part.



Key dates for weeks beginning 21st and 28th November

| Description | Date | Time |
|---|--|----------------|
| Whole School Assembly | Monday 21 st November | 08:30 - 9:00 |
| KS4 mocks | Monday 21 st - Thursday 24 th November | 08:25 - 15:30 |
| BBC share your story event for years 7 and 9 | Wednesday 23 rd November | 09:00 - 13:00 |
| Parent forum | Thursday 24 th November | 18:00 - 19:00 |
| Whole school inset- no school for pupils | Friday 25th November | All day |
| Year 11 visit to Elms Academy | Thursday 1 st December | 16:00 - 19:00 |
| Year 9 parents evening | Thursday 1 st December | 16:00 - 18:30 |



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