



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Good afternoon and what a lovely sunny end to another busy week! We have student visitors from China in school this week. They are with us until Tuesday learning about school life in the UK. It is a fantastic opportunity for our children to host them and learn more about their culture. My hope is that their understanding and love for diversity increases as a result of this rich exposure and they consequently work harder to promote inclusion in this great cosmopolitan city. I am very proud of our KS3 students who

are acting as buddies and for how they are taking such great care of our foreign visitors. They give me great hope for a more unified and understanding world in the future. Have a great weekend, Mr. Wilson.

## Puzzle champions!

Jacob and Max in year 7 have spent each lunchtime this week in the library completing a huge 500 piece puzzle that even the Year 11s gave up on! They finally completed it yesterday and are ready for their next mission. If you have any puzzles you'd like to donate, please send them in to the library!



## Subject in the Spotlight– Science

Year 7 is learning about the human reproductive system. Students will learn about the process of fertilisation, gestation as well as the process of birth. Furthermore, students will develop a better understanding of how their bodies will develop in this module.



Year 8 students completed their learning of light waves and the universe. They have learnt how light refracts and reflects off surfaces and what light waves carry. Students are now learning about electricity and electromagnets.

Year 9 students have been developing their understanding on sound waves. They have studied the properties of longitudinal waves and ultrasound. Students have also learnt about the application of sound and ultrasound in our daily life, such as how ultrasound produces an image of an unborn baby. They will be finishing the module on waves and move onto learn about forces and turning moments.

Year 10 students are now learning about electricity and currently polishing their skills in connecting voltmeters and ammeters. They are going to investigate the resistance of nichrome wires using Ohm's law.

Year 11 completed the waves module under physics. They have calculated wave speeds of waves using the ripple tank and the signal generator. They have also learnt about the electromagnetic waves that allow us to communicate, cook and treat cancer. They are now starting the new module on electromagnetism.

Ms Wong (KS3 Science) and Dr Deng (KS4 Science)



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## Year 10 at The Old Operating Theatre

On Monday Year10 historians went on a trip to the Old Operating Theatre in central London - the oldest surviving operating theatre in Europe to consolidate their Health and the People GCSE unit.

Students were given a talk from a medical history expert who gave students a walkthrough of two of the most common 19th century operations: amputations and removing bladder stones. There were a lot of pale faces, particularly during the description of the methods for breaking down bladder stones! Ahlam bravely volunteered to become our amputee for the day, although she looked quite uncomfortable on the tiny operating table, complete with grooves for draining the blood so it could be collected in a tray of sawdust underneath. In the herb garret and museum, there were lots of interesting artifacts detailing other operations and the tools used to perform them, some of the childbirth tools looked horrific, especially the ones used to induce labour; however some of the tools haven't changed much over time, like the forceps or clamps. As well as a model apothecary and different herbal remedies and natural medicines.

Well done to Year 10 for their brilliant engagement on the trip



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**Open Evening:**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**7:30pm**

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### Accessing The Wellbeing Hub

Instructions on how to register and links for accessing The Wellbeing Hub are detailed in our private parents' portal <https://club.teentips.co.uk/register/parents/?ca=b4356473a4a6592de0a52d336ba0e761>

If you have any specific queries about access, please contact the team at [info@teentips.co.uk](mailto:info@teentips.co.uk)

This week's content - 5th February



Blog: Authoritative and authoritarian parenting  
by Julia Philpott, Parenting Coach

Live Q&A: With Tessa Morton Act for Autism,  
Wednesday 7th February at 1pm



[Live Q&A with Tessa Morton \(online\) - Teentips Wellbeing Hub](#)



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# Are you on a CAMHS waiting list?

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**NHS**  
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## Contact Helping Hand Project

*(Empowering Parents Embracing Neurodiversity)*



**Family Support for parents of children on the waiting lists for CAMHS  
NDTs and Child Development Services in Ealing, Hounslow and  
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***Is your child on a waiting list for an assessment for ADHD or Autism? Are you confused  
about what it all means and how you can support your child while you wait?***

**Join our Parent Support Group meetings on topics such as:**

*Encouraging positive behaviour / Support for your child in school or college / How  
to support your child with positive communication / Wellbeing for parent carers /  
Coping with anxiety / Understanding and supporting your child's sensory needs  
and other topics*

- **Topics will be chosen by you and the other parents in the group in session 1.**
- **Group sessions 1-5 are held online (via zoom), different morning or evening slots are available to choose from.**
- **Group session 6 will offer an opportunity to meet face to face.**
- **Individual (one to one) parent support and advice outside of the group sessions is also available.**

If you would like our support, please complete the form below and send it to:  
[nwlcontactfsp@contact.org.uk](mailto:nwlcontactfsp@contact.org.uk) or call us on **07529 222724**.

**We look forward to hearing from you! The Contact Helping Hand Team**

*Our support to you will be confidential. Contact will look after your details  
according to our data protection policy <https://contact.org.uk/privacy>.*



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## Key dates

Description	Date	Time
Y7 Parent Forum	Mon 05/02/2024	18:00 - 19:00
Ibstock Place Scholarship Trip	Tue 06/02/2024	15:00 - 18:30
Y11 Music Exams	Thu 08/02/2024 to Fri 09/02/2024	
HALF-TERM BREAK	Mon 12/02/2024 to Fri 16/02/2024	
Start of Spring 2 term	Mon 19/02/2024	

## The Mousetrap, Theatre Visit

The Hurlingham Academy is taking part in the National Literacy Trust Programmes for the very first time!

A group of Year 9 students will participate in the Young Mystery Writers opportunity. They watched the famous Mousetrap Theatre show, to be inspired for creating a suspenseful Mystery piece of writing.



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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. (Yr9)**

Daniel Barbosa

#### **3. (Yr9)**

Alya Hamdan



### **SPARX Maths leaderboard:**

#### **1. (Yr7)**

Tamiya Johnson

#### **2. (Yr8)**

Alfie Alli

#### **3. (Yr7)**

Naiara Proboste Aguirre



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