



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Good afternoon and welcome to half term! It has been a fantastic week for us. One of the highlights was our Valentine's Tea Dance for the elderly. Our students hosted a number of the elderly from our local community for an afternoon of bingo, music, tea, cake and dancing. They were exceptional hosts and I'd like to say a big well done to our House Captains! We also had our second DDD of the year and the launch of our computing curriculum. We had a senior software manager from Apple come in and deliver an assembly to Y7 and Y8 all through the medium of code! It was incredible and many were inspired to consider careers in computing, especially when hearing the salaries involved! Students had lessons looking at Vector and Bitmap images and had a go at graphic design themselves using Inkscape and GIMP. We are thrilled that our students now have this wider curriculum and look forward to seeing them develop their computing skills. Have a wonderful half term and please do send your Y11 in to their revision classes.

Valentines Tea Dance

We were delighted to be able to host a Valentine's Tea dance for our elderly community this week. Our visitors enjoyed tea, bingo, sweet treats and some gentle dancing. They enjoyed some beautiful tunes from our very excellent student musicians and had a wonderful afternoon. Our local community is so important to us and it was brilliant to be able to offer this event.



Join our wellbeing hub!

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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>

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Y7 Boys Match report 08/02

In a thrilling encounter between THA Y7 and Fulham Cross Y7, on Thursday 8th February, the spectators were treated to an electrifying display of football, with THA emerging victorious in a stunning showcase of skill and teamwork. The final score stood at THA 8 v 3 Fulham Cross.

The hero of the match undoubtedly was AJ, whose exceptional performance saw him find the back of the net an incredible four times, showcasing his clinical finishing and offensive proficiency. Rio wasn't far behind, contributing three goals of his own, displaying his versatility and knack for finding space in the opposition's defence. Sonny also made his mark on the game with a well-taken goal, adding to THA's dominant display.

However, it wasn't just about the goal scorers. Sebastian was a standout in attack, orchestrating THA's offensive movements with finesse and creativity, earning himself a remarkable five assists throughout the match. His vision and execution were key in unlocking Fulham Cross's defence time and time again.

In the heart of the midfield, Max P commanded the centre of the park with authority, showcasing his exceptional ball control and distribution skills. His presence provided stability to THA's midfield, allowing the team to control possession and dictate the tempo of the game.

Defensively, THA remained resolute, denying Fulham Cross any meaningful opportunities. The entire team exhibited commendable defensive discipline, ensuring that their opponents were kept at bay throughout the match.

Overall, it was a performance to remember for THA Y7, as they put on a footballing masterclass to secure a convincing victory. With such talent and determination on display, the future looks bright for this promising young team.' The team enjoyed a post-match burger with Mr Perkins afterwards. Lucky boys!



Subject in the Spotlight– Religion and Philosophy



Year 7 have started learning about the Abrahamic Religions, beginning with Judaism and key figures in the Hebrew Bible such as Noah and Moses. This week, they are continuing their studies on Christianity and learning about Jesus' key teaching such as 'love thy neighbour'.

Year 8 have a new module on Philosophy which means, the love of wisdom. They are starting off with learning about who God is and what his key attributes are. Later on in the term, they will explore philosophers such as Aristotle, Ibn Sina and Aquinas.

Year 9 have started a new unit of work surrounding Issues of Equality. They are exploring key themes such as racism, prejudice and discrimination. The aim of this module is to give students a broader understanding of the wider world and develop tolerance and empathy for others.

Year 10 are in the midst of their learning on Muslim practices. They have been learning about how Muslims practice their faith through prayer, fasting, charity and pilgrimage. Y10 are also learning about Shia Islam and festivals which many of our students celebrate every year.

Year 11 are studying GCSE Issues of Life and Death. They have learnt about religious and non-religious ideas about abortion, euthanasia and death penalty and reflecting on their own opinions. This week year 11 are exploring the soul and funerals within the Humanist, Christian and Muslim tradition.

Ms Ahmed



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Drop Down Day

On Thursday, we held our second Drop Down Day of the academic year. This is when our pupils compete in their vertical house groups in a range of competitions and activities. We have Performance, Debate, Sport, Taskmaster, Creative Writing, and Dragon's Den. The quality on show this term was unbelievable, with many teachers commenting how fantastic and engaged the pupils were.

4th - Unitas

3rd - Veritas

1st (joint) - Aequitas and Caritas

Well done to all of our pupils!



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)

Aemilia Ambrose Prieto



2. (Yr7)

Faith Muli



3. (Yr7)

Claudio Bux



SPARX Maths leaderboard:

1. (Yr7)

Tamiya Johnson



2. (Yr11)

Artyom Karapetyan



3. (Yr8)

Badis Bouchaoui



SPARX Reader leaderboard:

1. (Yr7)

Larushan Kalaichelvan



2. (Yr8)

Ciara Bennett



3. (Yr9)

Karleigh-May Murphy



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Key dates

Description	Date	Time
Beginning of Spring 2 term	Mon 19/02/20234	8:25
School Musical!	Wed 21/02/2024 Thurs 22/02/2024	17:00 - 19:00
Final dress rehearsals for Y5 and Y6	Wed 21/02/2024 Thurs 22/02/2024	14:00 - 15:30
Brilliant Club Graduation	Fri 23/02/2024	09:30 - 16:00



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