



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Once again it has been a busy week here at The Hurlingham Academy. Key stage 3 continued to work hard on their assessments. I have been so incredibly impressed with the maturity and resilience pupils have shown throughout the exam period. It has been fantastic to hear the conversations pupils have been having with their teachers about the upcoming assessments, and to see pupils revising both in lessons and outside school.

Mme Francis even bumped into some of our Year 7 pupils revising at the local library on Saturday. I would like to congratulate all pupils for taking their exams so seriously, and for Year 7, well done for making it through your first exam period here at Hurlingham. I know that exams can be stressful, and I am incredibly proud of how you have all navigated the last week and a half. In assembly on Monday Mme Ling spoke about the importance of having the courage to really go for the things you want to achieve. I get the sense that this week, pupils have really taken this on board. Some have had the courage to put themselves forward for the upcoming drama showcase, some have had the courage to attend an enrichment or sports club for the first time and others have had the courage to really commit to their revision, even if this meant missing out on social time at break and lunch. Whatever you aspire to achieve in the upcoming week, month or year, I hope you have the courage to go for it, knowing that you are all part of a community that is here to support you in achieving your goals. I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday morning for another fantastic week.

HPV Vaccines

In line with Government policy, we will shortly be visited by a team of nurses, who will offer the HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccine to children in Year 8, both males and females. The vaccination is important because it helps to prevent some cancers later in life. The team of nurses will visit us on **Wednesday 1st February**. Please use this online form to indicate whether you would like to accept or reject the HPV vaccine on behalf of your child: <https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/CNWLLon/imms/CNWL36/100361>.

You may need to create an account if you have not previously used the online consent system. **Please complete the form by Friday 27th January.**



Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... English with Head of English, Mme Mackay. This week in: English.....

Year 7: We will be introducing our new creative writing unit which will focus on exploring the multitude of methods used by writers to 'build new worlds' for a reader. We will start by exploring the setting of new narratives, considering the ways that a writer truly immerses their audience in new places, time periods and realities.

Year 8: For our Spring term unit Year 8 are beginning their study of the wonderful Shakespearean text 'Richard III'. The students will be both actively reading and watching this tense historical play, focusing on themes of power and corruption and considering the extent to which they can relate to and understand the behaviour of the despicable protagonist...Richard III!

Year 9: For our first unit, Year 9 are studying non-fiction writing and will be exploring contemporary speeches written from a hugely diverse range of speakers. We will start by exploring contemporary attitudes towards love, relationships and gender and students will have ample opportunities to respond with their own thoughts and perspectives.

Year 10: For the Spring term unit Year 10 are grappling with JB Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'. Full of dark twists and turns...and terrible remorseless characters - our literary analysis will focus on understanding and responding to hierarchical politics and social injustices that existed within the Edwardian world.

Year 11: Year 11 will be considering their final Literature unit, an exploration of Unseen Poetry. During this unit, the students will be exposed to a range of poetic responses to key themes such as family, friendship and conflict- and asked to respond with their own unique interpretations of the poets' words and structural methods.

For further curriculum information, please go to www.thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps



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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: Mohammedali

Year 8: Max

Year 9: Romaissa

Year 10: Karis

Year 11: Favor



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

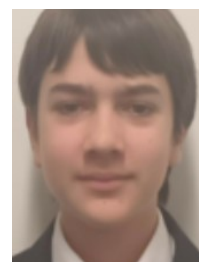
Year 7: Paul

Year 8: Illia

Year 9: Bo Wen

Year 10: Annie

Year 11: Daniel and Liam



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

Year 7: Omar

Year 8: Sienna

Year 9: Ameera



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Easy Fundraising

We would like to remind all member of our community that the school is now registered with easyfundraising, so you can raise FREE donations for us when you do your everyday online shopping. All you have to do is find the brand you want to shop with on the easyfundraising website or App and they will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no extra cost to you!



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Year 8 Parents' Evening

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding Parents' Evening for Year 8 in person, in the school hall on **Thursday 9th Feb**, from **4.30-7.00pm**.

During the evening, you will receive a copy of your child's end of year report, which will contain the results of their recent assessments. You will then have the opportunity to meet with each of your child's teachers, to discuss their progress.

Appointments with teachers are offered on a first-come-first-served basis. However, we would be grateful if you could use our online form to let us know whether or not you are able to attend. You can access the form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/h57vx0cmqe>.

Students are expected to attend parents' evening with their parents. As this is a formal school occasion, they are expected to wear their uniform.

Key dates for weeks beginning 23rd and 30th January

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 23 rd January	8:30 - 9:00
Year 7 brilliance club launch trip	Tuesday 24 th January	All day
Inset day– no school for pupils	Friday 27 th January	All day
HPV vaccinations	Wednesday 1 st February	08:30 - 15:30
Drama Showcase	Thursday 2 nd February	17:00 - 17:45



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