



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It is hard to believe that the half term holiday is already upon us. It has been a busy week here at The Hurlingham Academy, with our usual House competitions, African drumming and dancing workshops and the Cultural Gala. Events such as these are why I love coming to work; we are here to deliver education with character. We strive to ensure our pupils are learning facts and progressing academically, but we also work hard ensuring they

are developing as well rounded and thoughtful individuals. It has also been a fantastic week for me as the GCSE league tables were released and it gives me such great pleasure to announce that **out of the 3,569 secondary schools in the country, The Hurlingham Academy was ranked 9th. We have also come top in the borough.** These results just prove what I have known for a long time– that we have something really special here and I am so proud of each and every one of our pupils. When I first started here I made a promise to the pupils, parents and the community. I promised that we would grow to become one of the top schools in London, and that every pupil would receive the very best education. This promise remains true today, and now I have my sights set on that number 1 position!

As ever, please be safe and sensible over the half-term holiday. Take the time to relax after such a busy half term, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 1st November for another fantastic term.

Taste of Hurlingham

On Thursday night, staff, students and parents came together for our Cultural Gala. After two years it felt amazing to be able to open our doors once more and celebrate the multicultural community that makes up our school. And boy did we celebrate! The evening began with a range of musical and dance performances followed by the fashion show: one by one, students took turns strutting down the catwalk in their national dress, beaming with pride. Then, to end the night, everyone moved through to the canteen where an incredible feast of multinational cuisine had been laid out. Thank you to all parents and staff who contributed, it really was a fantastic celebration of diversity.



THA at the farm

This week 12 of our Key Stage 3 pupils have spent the week at Jamie's Farm. It has been a really amazing experience for these pupils. They have supported in the running of the farm, mucking in with everything from feeding the animals to cooking their meals. One of the most special moments of the trip was the final night, when pupils sat around the campfire and sharing their highlights from the week and what they have learnt to take back with them to school. We look forward to hearing about all their adventures in more detail after half term, and would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Cheetham, Ms Hiscocks and Ms Dunwell for giving up their time to take them.



Grammar Stream Events

Last Friday, Year 7 and Year 8 Grammar Stream students took part in a STEM workshop run by the Smallpeice trust. Students spent the day working in teams to design, build and code self-driving vehicles. They also learnt about different careers in engineering. Thursday last week also saw the official launch of the Grammar Stream in Year 7, with an evening for parents to learn about the grammar curriculum and the extra-curricular programme, including the Brilliant Club programme which students will be taking part in the Spring term.



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Mr Wilson's Commendations

It may be the last week of the term but there is no winding down for our pupils. 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 Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 7: Omar

Year 8: Omar

Year 9: Goldie

Year 10: Abubakar

Year 11: Nazar



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

Year 7: Paul

Year 8: Mostafa

Year 9: Cameron

Year 10: Amir

Year 11: Filip



Getting to know you– Mr Cheetham

Name: Mr Cheetham

Job: KS3 Academic Leader and PE teacher

Favourite Book: Holes

Interesting fact about me: Treble winner of the House cup with Unitas

Favourite thing about working at THA: Without question the students

House: Veritas



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House Update!

A busy final week as we held a three-day long competition in celebration of Black History Month.

Various staff members were given a Black British Icon ID Card to wear, and pupils had to find as many of them as possible between Wednesday and Friday lunchtime! We are yet to reach the deadline, so the winners will be announced in the first week after half term.

Unitas had Mr Charkham at the reigns while Ms Eshelby was unavailable for Tuesday rowing, and he worked his socks off to throw pupils into the fitness suite to row...but it wasn't to be. Caritas once again dominated rowing with their regular core attenders, followed closely this week by Aequitas, and then an improved Veritas effort saw them finish in third place ahead of Unitas.

Countdown was busy! We had some great seven letter words, such as **greased**, and it was Unitas who finished with the most points in the library on Thursday, followed closely by Caritas, then Veritas and Aequitas. Veritas scoring more points this week than before, but they will be looking forward to Drop Down Day in November to claw back some points from this half term!

Have a lovely break over the October half term.

See below for scores!

Term 1

1 st	Caritas	1450
2 nd	Aequitas	1250
3 rd	Unitas	1175
4 th	Veritas	850



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Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... History with Ms Mowbray

Year 7: This week Y7 have been coming to the end of our first unit of the year on 'Medieval worldviews' we have been considering the question of how connected the world was in the year 1000, through looking at Medieval Constantinople, Baghdad and the story of St Foy in Europe. After half term students will begin learning about the events which led up to the Norman conquest in 1066.

Year 8: Y8 have been concluding their unit on the reasons for Henry VIII's Break from Rome and evaluating how each of the causes interlink to help them to justify what was the most important factor. After half term students will move on to look at the impact of the Break from Rome and the 'religious rollercoaster' which followed, throughout the reigns of the remaining Tudor monarchs.

Year 9: Y9 have been learning about the MAIN causes of the First World War (militarism, alliances, imperialism and nationalism) by exploring how the combination of long-term, short-term and trigger causes led to war and whether it was inevitable all along. After half term we will be learning about the experience of 'the Great War', looking at the role of propaganda in recruitment, conscientious objectors, trench warfare, Empire soldiers and the women's suffrage movement.

Year 10: Y10 have been learning about the Early Modern section of their study of medicine through time. We learnt about how this period moved away from the Middle Ages as a period of continuity when medicine and Public Health were heavily controlled by the Church, to the beginning of a period of change. After half term we will continue to explore the cultural and social changes during the Renaissance and the impact of the decline of the power of the Church.

Year 11: Y11 have completed their unit on the USA 1920-73 this week. Students have explored a whole range of social and political changes this half term including the rise of popular culture in the 1950s, the impact of McCarthyism, the Civil Rights Movement and the Women's liberation movement. Next half term we will be moving onto our unit on Elizabeth I, where we will explore the challenges and successes of her 45 year reign!

This week postcards of excellence went home to:

Ray in 8I

Mariam in 9I

Gracie in 9N

Lucas in Y11

For all their hard work in History this term!



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LAMDA performances

It's been a bumper week for Theatre lovers at THA with LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) gifting us with not one, but two performances in one week! First off on Tuesday was an in school production of Macbeth - a high energy 60 minute adaptation of one of the world's greatest tragedies, performed for our Year 11 cohort. With bloody Jester costumes, heartfelt moments of musicality and some unexpected audience participation- it was an exhilarating experience!

Then on Thursday, it was Year 9s turn. Two of our most highly engaged Year 9 Drama classes were selected to attend a performance of Twelfth Night at the LAMDA school itself. A raucous and ridiculous in-the-round performance of this fantastic comedy was enjoyed by all. Afterwards, some lucky students were selected to stay for a Q&A with the actors and director, learning all about careers in Theatre and getting some acting top tips to help them with their upcoming assessments!



Key dates for weeks beginning 24th and 31st October

Description	Date	Time
October half term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October	All day
Staff inset – no school for pupils	Monday 31 st October	All day
Term 2 begins for all pupils	Tuesday 1 st November	08:25 – 15:30
Tear 10 speak out challenge	Friday 4 th November	08:25 – 15:30



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