



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week I have been thinking about Mondays, as this Monday was Year 11's last Monday in school before the start of their GCSEs. I know that it may not be everyone's favourite day of the week, but it does happen to be mine. Every Monday morning I have the privilege of speaking to all pupils during whole school assembly and celebrating the successes of the previous week. Later, on a Monday afternoon, I watch as all Year 7 pupils line up in the playground to go to their different Enrichment activities. I am so grateful to staff for offering such a range of clubs: it is so important that our pupils keep learning beyond the classroom. Then, I pop down the English department to see Year 11 in their intervention sessions. Year 11 - you are working so hard and we are behind each and every one of you. Finally, each week, I meet with my Senior Team on a Monday evening. We look at the week ahead and take time to discuss how we can continue to improve The Hurlingham Academy for our pupils. So, for me, Mondays are pretty great. This Monday I will be at home catching up on some rest and some reading. I invite you all to do the same and to enjoy the Bank Holiday Monday. I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday morning.

Trinity Book Awards

On Wednesday evening, our TSBA committee attended an awards ceremony at Ibstock place where the winners of the prize were revealed. The TSBA is a celebration of young adult fiction - students read a shortlisted selection and then vote for their favourites, deciding who the winner should be. For our students who completed the award, it's a great achievement and demonstrates true dedication to reading. This year the theme was 'Facing the Future' with books selected which explore important topics for our students to be thinking about: climate change, social justice, artificial intelligence... just to name a few.

The awards ceremony itself was a 'giant book party' for the students who attended and was full of fun and joy - a real celebration of the power of literature! Perhaps, the most exciting part of the evening was the fact that seven of the authors attended the ceremony in person. Students were able to meet the authors of their favourite books, ask them questions and get books signed. A truly inspiring event!



Year 10 History Trip

On Wednesday Y10 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! Jacob bravely volunteered to become our amputee for the day, although he looked quite uncomfortable on the tiny operating table, complete with grooves for draining the blood so it could be collected in a tray 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.



Year 9 Rowing

This week Year 9 had their first rowing session on the River Thames with Fulham Boat Reach Club. They're the first groups to experience this fantastic opportunity to upgrade from the ergometer rowers in the fitness suite, to a four-person rowing boat on the water!

After the initial questions regarding falling in were answered, they listened to the coaches intently and progressed rapidly. They're incredibly excited to return next week and complete their 6- week course.



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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 and science leader boards:

Top of the leader board for sparx in maths this week are:

Year 7: Omar

Year 8: Raami

Year 9: Goldie

Year 10: Charlie

Year 11: Dania



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

Year 7: Cassie

Year 8: Kassius

Year 9: Tamir and Angelo

Year 10: Ali

Year 11: Zaid and Justin



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Year 7 Enrichment

On Monday Year 7 started their new round of enrichment clubs. There was a real buzz around school, with so many pupils taking themselves out of their comfort zone and trying new skills. From knitting to outdoor pursuits, there really is a fantastic range of opportunities available this term. I was very impressed with the standard of the creations in origami club– if this is the standard pupils are creating in week 1, I can't wait to see what is being produced by the end of the term.



As mentioned last week, if any Year 8s or 9s would like to participate in any of the enrichment opportunities, please speak to Mme Ling or Mme Cabo.

Key dates for weeks beginning 1st and 8th May

Description	Date	Time
May bank holiday	Monday 1st May	All day
Teaching strike	Tuesday 2 nd May	All day
GCSE MLF speaking exams begin	Tuesday 2 nd May	All day
GCSE art exam	Wednesday 3 rd – Thursday 4 th May	All day
First Give final	Wednesday 3 rd May	15:15 - 16:45
Year 10 parents evening	Thursday 4 th May	16:30 - 19:00
Brilliant club graduation trip	Friday 5 th May	All day
Bank holiday	Monday 8th May	All day
GCSE MLF speaking exams continue	Tuesday 9 th May	All day



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