



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



What a week it has been for The Hurlingham Academy, with my favourite event in the calendar, open evening. It's fair to say this year's did not disappoint. Despite my pre-event nerves, it proved to be our busiest ever with over 420 potential parents and pupils visiting throughout the evening. It gave me such an overwhelming sense of pride when I stood to give my talk and looked out to an absolutely packed hall. There literally wasn't a spare seat in the house. Although our doors are always open to anyone who wishes to see The

Hurlingham Academy, open evenings and open mornings do serve as a special treat. They are a chance to see the students, staff and school shine as we discuss what we are most passionate about: learning. As I joined various tour groups throughout the evening, led by our exceptional Prefect team, I noticed how much pride our students have in their school. Year 11 Prefects spoke with authority as they described the rationale behind our systems and explained how they plan to achieve outstanding results this year. They were also able to share so many personal stories about how the school has helped them throughout their time with us. It has also been fantastic to receive so many emails since Tuesday, from prospective parents wanting to share how impressed they were with both their tour guide and the pupils helping in department areas. I believe pupils are the best reflection of a school, and it gives me such pride to see just how well they represented us on Tuesday evening. I am now looking forward to our upcoming open mornings, where parents will be able to come in and see the school in action. After open evening, we are expecting a very busy couple of weeks with tours. If you wish to attend an open morning, please visit our school website for more information.



Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... Science with Mme Deng.

Year 7:

Y7 have started their Science journey at THA learning about particles, which make up everything! They have learnt how particles behave in different states of matter and how everyday phenomena occur, such as diffusion and gas pressure. Y7 have also learnt about how to work in a Science lab safely as they start carry out Science practicals. Students will learn about Cell Biology next.

Year 8:

Y8 have started the year learning about atoms, and how they make up everything. Students are learning the differences between elements, mixtures, and compounds, and they will continue to look at metals and non-metals. In the next unit, Y8 will learn about diet and nutrition.

Year 9:

Y9 have started the year learning about different organ systems such as the skeletal system and the respiratory system. Students are also looking at lifestyle and diseases, learning the effects of smoking and alcohol on the human health. Next up, students will move on to Chemistry and learn about reactivity.

Year 10:

Year 10 students are learning about the digestive system, the circulatory system, and the long term effects of different lifestyle choices and risk factors on health. After this, students will be moving on to Structure and Bonding in Chemistry, learning about the properties and uses of various compounds.

Year 11:

Students are about to finish up the unit on Homeostasis and Response where they looked at how the nervous system works, how different hormones regulate internal conditions in the body, the menstrual cycle, contraception, and treating infertility. After this, Y11 will move on to Forces in Physics, looking at Newton's Laws and how they apply.



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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 English leaderboards:

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

Year 7: Zubayr

Year 8: Ashtian

Year 9: Asif

Year 10: Tre

Year 11: Chanunpat



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

Year 7– First Sparx Reader due next week

Year 8- Badis and Nuura

Year 9– Malika and Lorenzo



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Student Council

Have your say!

This week pupils have been voting for their form reps, who will come together to create our student council. At The Hurlingham Academy we aim to develop global citizens, and pupils who are committed not only to achieving good grades, but also to bettering their communities. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to step up and take responsibility, and be part of some of the decisions that get made around facilities, clubs, and other provision.

During tutor time on Thursday, all pupils who wished to be considered for the role of form rep gave a speech outlining why they believed they would be the best person for the job. There were some incredible speeches and in some tutor groups, fierce competition for the role. However, votes are now in and we now know the line up for student council 2023/2024. Well done to all pupils who put themselves forward, and we look forward to the first student council meeting on Monday. We can't wait to see the positive impact you will have on our community throughout the academic year.



Key dates for weeks beginning 2nd and 9th October

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 25th September	8:30-9:00
Open mornings	Monday 2nd October– Friday 6th October	9:00–12:00
Year 10 boys football match	Thursday 5th October	11:30-14:00
Year 11 final push evening	Thursday 5th October	17:00-18:00
Open mornings	Monday 9th, Wednesday 11th, Friday 13th October	9:00–12:00
New scientist live	Monday 9th October	9:00-15:00
LAMDA performance	Friday 13th October	9:00-10:20



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DONATE YOUR BOARDGAMES

Ready to part ways with your treasured board games that are in tip-top shape?

Consider donating them to our library and lunch club where they can be enjoyed again!

**Students, please
bring your
donations to the
LSA office**

