



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Good afternoon! October is my favourite month of the year as it is Black History Month and this week saw its annual launch here at The Hurlingham Academy. This year is particularly special as it is 75 years since the SS Windrush docked at Tilbury in Essex and one of the first communities of West Indians came to live in Britain and help rebuild the country following WWII. Students will be learning about this interesting part of British history and while sadly, many of these people had mixed experiences we will be actively celebrating the cultural enrichment that we all enjoy as a result. We are a diverse school and incredibly proud of this. We have students and their families from every inhabited continent and we work hard to ensure respect, tolerance, kindness and enjoyment of each other rule our relationships. On October 19th, we will be holding our annual Cultural Gala where we will celebrate our diverse and inclusive community, with national dress, dance, music and food from around the world. We very much hope you will join us and that you will consider proudly cooking a national dish to share with us all. The unity in diversity that we enjoy is special to me, the staff and the students at The Hurlingham Academy and we want to showcase it, celebrate it and share it. I will be bringing my famous jerk chicken dish! You are warmly welcome to come!

## We are proud of you!

Have you done anything amazing recently, been to any interesting places, been involved in something special? Please do tell us about it, send us any news or successes that you would like to share. We would be delighted to feature these in our newsletter each week and share how proud we are of our school community. Please email a photo and a quick note to Ms Francis at [cfrancis@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk](mailto:cfrancis@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk) to be featured in our weekly newsletter. We are proud of our community and want to share your good news far and wide!



## Subject in the Spotlight– MFL

What have we been learning in MFL this week?



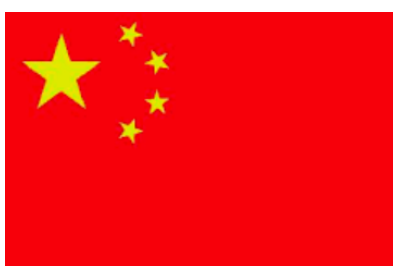
**Y7:** In French and Spanish, students have been learning about their life and themselves. They have previously seen how to give their name, age and personality and have also learn how to describe a family member. In Year 7, they're focusing on Chinese greetings and cultural norms.

**Y8:** In Spanish and French, students are covering the topic of Free time where they were introduced to leisure activities: technology, films and music. This week they will learn about the past tense in depth, and they will be able to use the past tense to talk about what they did in their free time and what they used to do when they were younger. In Mandarin, Year 8 is diving into holiday plans, discussing activities and companions, and making future travel arrangements in Chinese.

**Y9:** Students have covered the topic of Family and relationships. They will revisit vocabulary they have seen in Y7 and will be introduced to vocabulary related to relationship. They will be learning about the near future and conditional tense to talk about their opinion on marriage and ideal partners/friendships. Similarly, in Mandarin, Year 9 is enhancing their ability to describe friends and comparing similarities with peers.

**Y10:** In Spanish and French, students are building up their holiday vocabulary. They have reviewed the past tense, reinforcing the difference between the preterite and imperfect and they are now learning about their ideal holidays. In Mandarin, Year 10 is covering shopping, colours, items, and debating online vs. in-store shopping preferences.

**Y11:** Y 11 have been studying free time and this week. They have looked at movies, sports and will be focusing on how to talk about their role model in Spanish or French. They have also started to go back to the speaking booklets they started in Y10 to ensure they become confident for the speaking GCSE exam. In Mandarin, Year 11 is wrapping up festivals with Christmas or Eid celebrations and preparing to delve into high-tech topics like emails, computers, and phones. A week full of diverse learning experiences!



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## Sporting fixtures

### FULL TIME RESULT

THA 7-3 KEW

Where to start?!

After going 3-0 down within the first 20 minutes it wasn't looking great for THA. Despite us being the better team, we gave away three cheap goals caused by mistakes, underestimating our opponents, and perhaps a bit of nerves.

However, the boys showed unbelievable resilience and fight to come back to win 7-3. Captain Blake was phenomenal in the centre of the midfield; he maintained composure on the ball and belief in all his teammates - a real captain's performance from him today! Kyreece was unstoppable the entire game and ended up scoring 5 goals - however he could have easily scored 10 had it not been for a fantastic first half performance from the opposition's goalkeeper.

I am incredibly proud of every single player on the team and each player genuinely deserves a shout out! Bobby and Albie (Year 9) were fantastic and held their own against opponents a year older than them! Every individual player played an important part in the comeback, and they thoroughly deserved to win the match!

I am very much looking forward to seeing who we face in the next round of the cup and hopefully we can continue to progress further in the competition!

HALA HURLINGHAM!!!

Mr Rattray



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## Help us to fundraise!

Thank you so much for supporting our school by using Easy-Fund-Raising when shopping on line.

So far, we have raised £620 for new books for our library and we are currently at £170 in our efforts to raise funds for our new drama GCSE department and stocking the kit, costumes and technology students need to get great GCSE grades but also to be inspired to go into acting and theatre as a career

If you are not currently involved, please sign up to this cause. It is simply an email sign up and then a pop-up which shows when using an online site which is signed up to make a donation. It costs you nothing but makes a difference to our children's experience. Please also get family and friends involved. The link is below...

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-hurlingham-academy/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=clipboard&utm\\_content=rm-cpl](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/the-hurlingham-academy/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=rm-cpl)

Do get shopping!  
Ms Quinton



## Yr10 Artists at work this week



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## This week in the library...



This week in the library, we have a Black History Month display - with many Fiction and Non-Fiction books to peruse.

A Manga competition is also running, with all participants receiving a small prize.

Next week, we will be running a Poetry competition for National Poetry Day

**Pop in at break or lunch to get involved!**



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## Parental Support from LBHF

If you live in Hammersmith & Fulham or RBKC, West London Action for Children are offering a number of free therapeutic courses for parents. Dad's Matter is a 6 week, forward looking and solution focused group for dads and step-dads. Contact [team@wlac.org.uk](mailto:team@wlac.org.uk) for more information to self refer

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A forward-looking, solution focused group for Dads and Step-dads

**Topics include:**

- ✓ Being a Dad
- ✓ Setting limits
- ✓ Getting cooperation
- ✓ Being encouraging
- ✓ Passing on your values
- ✓ Keeping your cool
- ✓ Building memories
- ✓ Working with your partner



**West London  
Action for Children**

**1 session per week over 6 weeks**

**6 pm - 7.15pm at Gertrude Street**

**Contact us for next start date  
(Sep/Oct)**



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## 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 by study time:**

- 1– Nila Hunter (Yr11) 3hr 45mins
- 2– Blake Sousa Boyton (Yr10) 2hr 15 mins
- 3– Anthony Duncan-Smith (Yr8) 2hr 14 min



### **SPARX Reader leaderboard:**

- 1– Faith Muli (Yr7) 4362 points
- 2– Badis Bouchaoui (Yr7) 2393 points
- 3– Angela Morella (Yr9) 2904 points

### **SPARX Maths leaderboard:**

- Year 7: Zubayr Roble
- Year 8: Alfie Alli
- Year 9: Zlata Deinekhovska
- Year 10: Goldie Mok
- Year 11: Christine Barba

*Awaiting Yr7 professional photos, sorry!*

## Key dates

Description	Date	Time
Open mornings	Monday 9th, Wednesday 11th, Friday 13th October	9:00-12:00
New Scientist Live	Monday 9th October	9:00-15:00
Yr10 Welcome to GCSE Evening	Wednesday 11th October	17:00-18:00
Cultural Gala	Thursday 19th October	17:00-19:00



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