



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



As we saw our Year 9s graduating this week, I found myself reflecting upon the importance of recognising significant achievements. At The Hurlingham Academy, we take every opportunity to publicly recognise the achievements of our young people. We hold our termly Rewards Assembly; we share the House Points and winning teams around the school and we name a 'Student of the Week' every week. Our newsletter recognises the hard work and great academic achievements of those pupils working on

Hegarty, Accelerated Reader and Tassomai every week. We do this because it is important to value hard work. We want to see those behaviours replicated around the school and encourage all students to be their very best selves. As I watched our Year 9 pupils receive their certificates and awards during the ceremony, something else struck me. Although these moments of public recognition help us to stay motivated to achieve our goals, it is our ability to motivate ourselves intrinsically that matters the most. For example, only one pupil can be nominated for their academic achievements per subject. However, that should not stop all pupils striving to do their best in that subject area; to continue to practise learning their content and developing their skills. So often, the people who are most successful in life are those who strive to be the best they can be because they want it. My hope for all our pupils is that they learn to be self-motivated for their own sense of pride and achievement, and enjoy the rewards as an added bonus!

House Competition with Mme Hateley

This week's House competition was all about team work. Pupils had to work together in their Houses to pass a hoop all the way around the circle without letting go of each other. There were some interesting, and sometimes questionable techniques at the beginning but students soon got the hang of it. It was Unitas who proved to be the most successful team on the day, with Caritas second, Veritas third and Aequitas fourth. I wonder if this is a preview of the Sports Day results? Not if Mme Hateley has anything to do with it!



Mr Wilson's Commendations

With end of year assessments in full swing, it's fair to say our pupils are working harder than ever at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and English leader boards:

This week's **Hegarty Leader Board** is as follows:

Year 10 - Adam

Year 9 - Lian

Year 8 - Hassan

Year 7 - Chamiah



Top of the leader board this week is Adam having completed over 7 hours in 1 week. This is real commitment Adam and I've no doubt that your end of year assessments in maths will reflect all your hard work.

It was all change in the reading leader board this week, with Unitas having an almighty fall from first to last place. It was Veritas' turn to take the winning points this week having read over 883,000 words. Our top readers are Hanad, Farah, Jabel and Adem. Well done to all.



Key dates for week beginning July 9th - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Cultural Capital trips	Monday 9 th - Tuesday 10 th July	08:30 - 15:00
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th July	All day
House Drop Down Day	Wednesday 11 th July	08:30 - 15:25
KS3- Normal school day	Thursday 12 th - Friday 13 th July	08:30 - 15:25



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