



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



The month of June brings with it many things. For our hard-working Year 11s, their external exams start to draw to a close and they will look ahead to their next journey at sixth form. For the school, June marks the beginning of the last half-term of a very busy and successful academic year. This year, June also sees the start of the World Cup. Football is a popular sport with our students and we have players who spend many hours a week practising their skills to be the best they can be. So what will give England's team the greatest

chance of success in this international tournament? If they want a Headteacher's perspective: teamwork. The players must feel that they are a part of a community and that each member of the team is willing to support the others. The England players spend a lot of time together and will have learnt about each other's strengths and weaknesses. It strikes me that this is the key to success. Structures and processes are hugely important, but it is ultimately what you are willing to do for others as a result of that shared sense of being, that pushes you to the highest level in team sport. It is true of communities anywhere, including schools. I firmly believe that the key to the future success of our school is how much we are willing to work together and strive to continue to improve our community. There are plenty of opportunities to be a part of that team during the summer term and I trust that all of us will play a part in developing our team spirit.

## The HA does Macbeth

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, a group of intrepid thespians-the THA cast of Macbeth- went on a trip to the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA). This is a world renowned, prestigious acting school where there are students studying to be professional actors – something that our cast may one day hope to emulate! During our time at LAMDA, we toured two working theatre sets and then set about rehearsing ourselves for our Enrichment Showcase piece- which we are very excited to perform. In just three hours the improvement was unbelievable. We brought alive the witches scene – creating thunder, lightning and cauldrons – learned countless lines, and pushed ourselves to some physical and vocal limits. We were helped along the way by some fantastic LAMDA students who helped us unlock our talents even further. We can't wait to show you our Macbeth trailer on the 19<sup>th</sup> June – make sure you come along to watch!



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

It is always so nice to recognise all the positive work our pupils do both in lessons and outside. I would like to start my commendations this week by recognising a phenomenal act of kindness by one of our pupils. On Tuesday I received a lovely email from a member of the public stating the following:



“While getting on a bus, a Year 10 student saw an elderly woman having difficulty walking and so offered her arm and helped the lady off the bus. This took some considerable time, all the while she reassured her to take her time and treated her with such kindness, patience and respect that she was truly an example to us all. I asked the student her name, it was Arina”

It is wonderful to hear stories like this; it is an excellent demonstration of the community we have built here at The Hurlingham Academy. Well done Arina!

Congratulations also go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and English leader boards this week:

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

Year 10 - Mark

Year 9 - Lian

Year 8 - Mariam

Year 7 - Molly

We had a new face at the top of the leader board. Congratulations this week go to Mariam. I've no doubt your hard work will be reflected in your end of year assessment in August.

This week we have a lot of familiar faces at the top of our reading leader board, with our **top readers** Jabel, Younis, Adam and Adem. It was Unitas who took the house points this week having read over 1,600,000 in a week! Well done Unitas and all our top readers.



## Enrichment Showcase

At The Hurlingham Academy, we are committed to creating challenging learning experiences for our pupils both within and outside of the classroom in order to build their confidence, resilience and curiosity. To celebrate the wide range of Enrichment activities that our pupils have enjoyed this year, we are hosting our very first Enrichment Showcase.

The Enrichment Showcase begins at 4.30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets are free and you are very welcome to attend. There will be performances from the Performing Arts Team at 5pm. You can enjoy performances from our Choir, Jam Band and Brass Band as well as watch a live trailer for the school production of Shakespeare's Macbeth. We will also have demonstrations and displays to exhibit all that pupils have achieved throughout their year taking part in the Enrichment programme.

## House Quiz with Mme Robinson

This week's house competition saw the students competing in a general knowledge quiz, answering questions ranging from guessing famous faces, to determining the location of landmarks around the world. Aequitas stormed to victory, with Caritas and Unitas closely behind in joint second, and Veritas in fourth place. Well done to all who took part!



## Getting to know you - Mr Jessel

**Name:** Mr Jessel

**Job:** Data Manager and Exams Officer

**Favourite Book:** Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari

**Interesting fact about me:** A cousin was Elizabeth Jane Howard

**Favourite thing about working at THA:** Enthusiastic and friendly staff and students



## Key dates for week beginning June 11<sup>th</sup> - week 2

Description	Date	Time
GCSE Exams continue	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	All day
Duke of Edinburgh expedition	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	8:30am



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