



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



As a school, we believe that presentation matters. How you present your classwork and homework is very important and reflects how careful you have been with it. How you present your ideas can help someone to understand your perspective. How you present yourself matters just as much. This includes all aspects of our students' uniform from their school shoes to their House badge. Students must also remember that we set out our expectations very clearly in the Parent Handbook, which states that pupils must not dye their hair. We are proud of the high expectations that we have of our students and we hold them to account to show how much we care about them. Having the correct colour socks might not seem important, but it is vital that we pay attention to the details in our own presentation in order to give people the very best impression of ourselves. Do check the Parent Handbook to ensure that your child is properly presented for school.

Silly Sport's Day with Mme Subhan

Wednesday was a glorious day for sports ... of the silly kind! Veritas hosted Silly Sports' Day to reignite the enjoyment of participating in House events. Students from all four Houses took part in everything from three-legged races to dress-up-and-go, and how could we forget the traditional potato (to save us from the messy eggs) and spoon? After such enthusiastic participation, and counting up the scores from the various events, there was a turn of events with regards to the rankings. In joint first place this week, we had Aequitas and Veritas – both Heads of House were delighted to share the podium. They were trailed by Unitas in third and Caritas in fourth. The next half-term brings with it the joy of real Sports' Day! No doubt we will see as much, if not more, competitiveness from all of the Houses.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

This week saw the start of the GCSE season, and Year 11 have been working incredibly hard to ensure they are fully prepared. Once more it is nice to see this commitment to learning being reflected further down the school. Below are our top pupils for maths, English and science this week.

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



Year 11 - Yekram

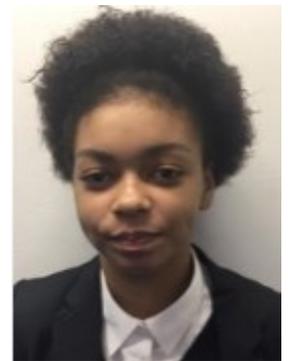
Year 10 - Sheena

Year 9 - Nam

Year 8 - Abdulahi

Year 7 - Phoebe

Top of the leader board this week we have Sheena. Sheena recently joined our Academy and is working incredibly hard to ensure she has caught up on all topics covered and is fully prepared for the end of year assessments. An amazing achievement and a real commitment to learning. Well done Sheena!



In **Tassomai** this week we have Ronald at the top of the leader board, having completed 95% of the course. I've no doubt this revision will be reflected in your GCSE results Ronald.



This week we have a complete change in the reading leader board. This week's top readers are Charlene, Gabriel-Aaron, Maryama and Callum. For the third week running it was Caritas who came top much to the annoyance of Mr Cheetham. An amazing effort by all pupils. Well done Caritas!



UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

As you may remember, last month some of our top mathematicians from Year 7 and 8 sat the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge and we are pleased to announce that we achieved two silver and twelve bronze awards. The bronze awards went to Adam, Adem, Kani, Valentin, Lorenzo, Shuab, Mischa, Ezana, Mohammed Ali, James, Tyler and Daniela. The two silver awards went to Arman and Melissa. This is a superb achievement; well done to all those who took part.



Getting to know you - Mme Francis

Name: Mme Francis

Job: Head of Art

Favourite Book: Bounce: The Myth of Talent and the Power of Practice by Matthew Syed. I love how it emphasises the importance of practice.

Interesting fact about me: I'm 4ft 10 and a half.... But I'm sure that one day I will make it to 5ft!

Favourite thing about working at THA: I like the fact that every morning I am greeted with a "good morning" and a smile from the pupils.



Key dates for week beginning May 21st - week 2

Description	Date	Time
GCSE exams continue	Monday 21 st May	All day
Student council meeting	Tuesday 22 nd May	Period 5
Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition	Friday 25 th May- Saturday 26 th May	All day



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