



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week I have been thinking about Mondays, as this Monday was year 11's last Monday in school before the start of their GCSEs. I know that it may not be everyone's favourite day of the week, but it does happen to be mine. Every Monday morning I have the privilege of speaking to all pupils during whole school assembly and celebrating the successes of the previous week. Later, on a Monday afternoon, I watch as all year 7 pupils line up in the playground to go to their different Enrichment activities. I am so grateful to staff for offering such a range of clubs: it is so important that our pupils keep learning beyond the classroom. Then, I pop down the Maths department to see Year 11 in their intervention sessions. Year 11 - you are working so hard and we are behind each and every one of you. Finally, each week, I meet with my Senior Team on a Monday evening. We look at the week ahead and take time to discuss how we can continue to improve The Hurlingham Academy for our pupils. So, for me, Mondays are pretty great. Having said that, this Monday coming I will be at home catching up on some rest and some reading. A break from my usual Monday routine but I have no doubt I will enjoy the novelty of this, for one Monday only! I invite you all to do the same and to enjoy the Bank Holiday Monday. I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday morning.

Year 10 Hospitality

Last week the year 10 Hospitality pupils cooked their first complete meal from scratch - sausages, mashed potatoes, onion gravy and julienne carrots. They managed all the different elements fantastically and finished the cooking on time. It was amazing to see how well they have progressed and grown in confidence over the year.

A particular well done to Ayman won chef of the week for the most improved chef.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our Seneca and Sparx leaderboards.

Top pupils for Seneca are:

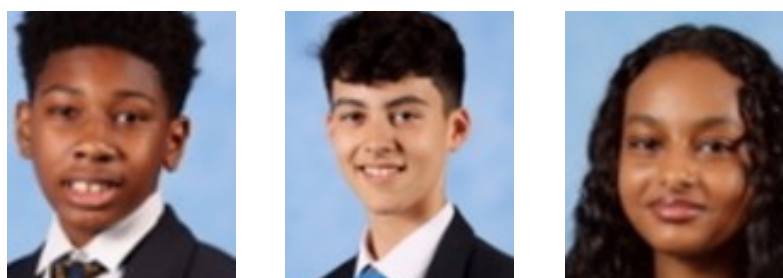
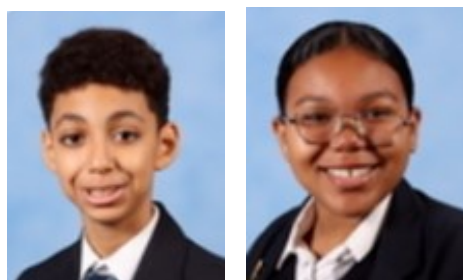
Year 7: Youness

Year 8: Alliya

Year 9: Tayonne

Year 10: Rodrigo

Year 11: Ameera



Top pupils for Sparx maths are:

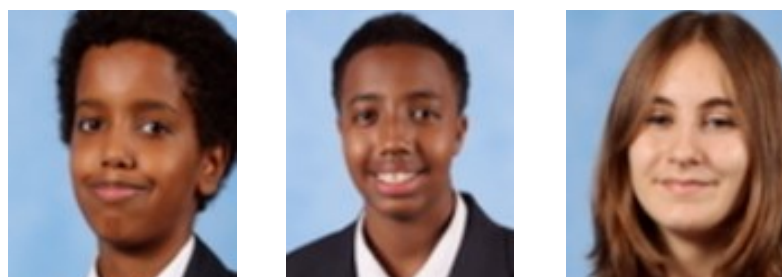
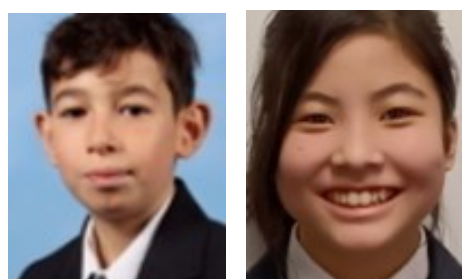
Year 7: Ali

Year 8: Serina

Year 9: Ali

Year 10: Kahlil

Year 11: Sofia



Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Dawoud and Dior

Year 8: Yurii and Princess

Year 9: Aminah and Elizabeth



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Year 7 PGL

Over the weekend 75 Year 7 pupils travelled to PGL Marchants' Hill for the weekend to do an array of activities including Survivor, Jacob's Ladder and Zipwire.

Our students showed great bravery do all of these activities and pushed themselves to make the most of the experience, even managing to rope some of our staff in to do some of the activities too.

We spent our final night roasting marshmallows around a bonfire and singing songs including Happy Birthday to one of the students who celebrated their birthday on Sunday.

It was an incredible trip and the Year 7s really made us proud!



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Free School Meals

We encourage all families to apply for Free School Meals, even if they are unsure if they are eligible. The new FSM application system is now live and we would appreciate all parents making a new application to check their eligibility and to update their details on the portal here <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/thehurlinghamacademy> by completing the online form.

Please speak to the Office if you have any questions or need help.

Free School Meals are available to any full-time student who is still at school and eligible. Meals are not available for students at further education level. You can get Free School Meals for your child if you or your partner gets either:

- ✦ Income Support.
- ✦ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ✦ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✦ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✦ The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school lunches. Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also eligible to receive Free School Meals

Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
May bank holiday	Monday 5th May	All day
Whole school assembly	Tuesday 6th May	8:30-9:00
GCSE Art exam	Tuesday 6th-Wednesday 7th May	All day
Year 9 Grammar stream trip	Wednesday 7th May	13:30-15:30
GCSE exams begin	Thursday 8th May	All day
Year 10 drama trip	Wednesday 14th May	12:50-16:20
Ibstock Place visit- 8H	Wednesday 14th May	13:30-16:30
Year 6 Parents coffee morning	Friday 16th May	9:00-11:00



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