



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Another week has truly flown by. Just last week, I spoke about the opportunities a new academic year brings — and already, I've seen so many pupils stepping up, getting involved, and even taking the lead.

Mme Quinton and I had the pleasure of interviewing candidates for our new Head Boy and Head Girl roles, and I must say, it's always a highlight of the year. These interviews are a powerful reminder of how much pride our pupils take in our school, how seriously they approach their education, and how deeply they value the community we've built together. They're also a great chance to hear honest feedback about where we can improve.

The calibre of the candidates this year was so impressive that I couldn't choose just one deputy! So, I'm thrilled to announce our Head Boy and Head Girl for 2025–26: Kassius and Malika. Congratulations also to our deputies: Asif, Harry, Nicoleta, and Madeleine. I'm very much looking forward to working with you, and the wider prefect team, throughout the year.

It's not only Year 11 pupils who have shown leadership this week. I've seen our entire student body extend a warm welcome to new members of our community, helping them settle in and feel at home. Year 7s are already taking great ownership of their learning and supporting one another, and Mme Sroya tells me she's received a record number of applications for student librarian roles!

These are just a few examples of the incredible initiative and ownership our pupils have demonstrated since the start of term. It's been fantastic to witness such enthusiasm and engagement.

## Hurlingham Star Shines on International Ice Hockey Stage

Rising ice hockey ace Cooper enjoyed an unforgettable weekend after being called up at short notice to represent the Czech team at the prestigious British Selects International Tournament, held in Nottingham from 18–21 July.

The opportunity came after the Czech squad found themselves short of a defender, with the Director of the British Selects program reaching out to Cooper's family to see if he was available. Cooper seized the chance, pulling on the Czech jersey for the four-day event.

Not only did Cooper rise to the challenge of playing with an international side, but he also played a key role in their success. The Czech team went on to win the entire tournament, capping off a memorable debut for the young defender.

The experience of competing against high-level opposition alongside international teammates is set to be a huge boost for Cooper's development and marks another exciting step forward in his ice hockey journey.



## A message from the Heads of Year

Year 7, welcome to The Hurlingham Academy! We've had a brilliant start to term, and it's been wonderful getting to know you all. There is a lot to look forward to this year from new subjects and friendships to opportunities to grow and challenge yourselves. Well done on settling in so well - here's to a fantastic year ahead!



Welcome back to a new school year! It's fantastic to have you back, looking sharp and ready to take on Year 8. This is a great opportunity to build on the progress made last year, take on new challenges, and continue developing both inside and outside the classroom. I'm looking forward to supporting you as you settle back into routines and make the most of what's to come!

Welcome back, Year 9! We hope you've had a well-deserved break and are ready for the big year ahead. This year is your chance to challenge yourselves, develop new skills, and work towards graduating into KS4. It's time to step up and hit the ground running!



I am delighted to welcome Year 10 back and it has been fantastic to see such a positive and mature start to the year. As they begin their GCSE and BTEC courses, this is a crucial stage in their journey, and I'm excited to see the progress they will make.

Alongside their studies, pupils can look forward to exciting opportunities including work experience, individualised careers meetings, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Geography and Spanish trips, and their final Sports Day.

This year, our motto remains at the heart of everything we do: *"Be the best version of yourself."* I look forward to seeing Year 10 live up to this each day and to celebrating their achievements both in and out of the classroom.

I can hardly believe how quickly the time has gone - it feels like only yesterday you were starting your academic journey at THA. Now you are in your final year, most important year - preparing for your GCSEs. Looking back, it is amazing to see how much progress you have all made - both academically and personally.

It has been a joy to welcome you back after the Summer holidays. You seem more hardworking and determined than ever. My key message is to keep this up! This is such an important year for you all - do not lose sight of your goals and keep making the right choices. Of course, there is hard work ahead. Year 11 will challenge you at times, but every bit of effort you put in now will pay off later. I cannot wait to celebrate with you all in August 2026!



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## Open Evening 2025

Wednesday 1st October, 4:30pm - 7.30pm.

Principal's talk at 6.15pm

## Open Mornings 2025

Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm

Monday 6th to Friday 10th October • Monday 13th to Friday 17th October

Monday 20th & Wednesday 22nd October

If you would like to know more, do come and see us for yourself.

You do not need to make an appointment – just turn up!



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## FITNESS SUITE FOR KS4 AND GIRLS

### Y11- fitness suite



Every Monday and Friday  
lunchtime  
- Mr Totic

### KS4 girls – fitness suite



Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm  
– Mr Rattray  
Thursday 7-7:45am  
- Ms Reid



## Changes to the end of the school day

As you may know, The Hurlingham Academy is now one of the most oversubscribed schools in the borough—a milestone we are incredibly proud of. However, with every year group now full, we are facing new challenges, particularly around pupil safety at dismissal time.

Last week highlighted a concern: the large number of students leaving at 3:30pm created congestion at the school gates, where fast-moving vehicles can pose a serious risk. To address this, we are proposing a staggered dismissal schedule to ensure that no more than two year groups leave the school at any one time. Staff will be on duty at the school gate and at Wandsworth Bridge to supervise and support students as they make their way home.

Please find below the proposed staggered **dismissal times for Year 10:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 3:25pm

Thursday – 3:35pm

We appreciate your support in helping us keep all students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Don't miss a thing

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## Key dates for weeks beginning 15th and 22nd September

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 15th September	8:30-9:00
Year 7 Prep	Monday 15th – Thursday 18th September	15:30 - 16:30
Year 10 Geography field trip	Friday 19th September	All day
Year 11 Final Push evening	Thursday 25th September	17:00-18:30



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