



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



On Monday we held our termly parent forum. This is always one of my favourite evenings of the term. Of course, it is fantastic to hear all the things that you think we are doing well here at the school, but it was also great to hear your suggestions about how we can improve. I always say that it is only by working together that we will achieve the best for our children. We had some fantastic discussions about education and creating the best environment for our whole community.

It was also lovely to hear how we can all work together to support home learning. As always if you have any further suggestions, or anything you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Over the last couple of weeks year 6 parents found out which schools their children had been allocated for next year. I am so proud to say that here at The Hurlingham Academy, we are oversubscribed. I have never seen so many parents put us down as first choice, and this truly is a reflection of all the hard work staff and students have put in to ensuring we really are providing the best education. We can't wait to welcome our new cohort of year 6 into our community in September.

## Supporting your child with home learning

Thank you to everyone who attended Monday's parent forum. During the forum, we talked about different ways of supporting your child with their learning at home. You can find resources to help you with this on our website, as below:

Curriculum maps, showing content students are currently covering in lessons, can be found [here](#).

Online lessons, which students can use to catch up after they have been absent, can be found [here](#), arranged by subject and date.

Homework guidance can be found [here](#), along with a video on self-quizzing knowledge organiser definitions, [here](#).

Your child's personal homework diary can be found on Satchel One, [here](#). You will need your parent PIN to log in - contact your child's Head of Year if you need a reminder.

Our Read, Watch, Listen, Do lists, to support learning beyond the curriculum, will be launched soon - look out for an email in the next couple of weeks!

If you would like further support with supporting your child's learning at home, please contact your child's Head of Year.



## Spring Recital

On Thursday we held our Spring Recital. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase all the fantastic work that our pupils are doing in their music lessons. Once again, we were absolutely blown away by the talent and commitment of our pupils. We would like to say thank you to all who came and supported, and a particular thank you to Mr Clarke and the music department for all their hard work not only with the recital, but throughout the year in championing our young musicians.



## London Book Fair

Also on Thursday 30 year 9 pupils were lucky enough to attend the London Book Fair at London Olympia. Pupils had a fantastic day exploring the world of books and publishing. Rumour has it the English department also had a brilliant day themselves. We would like to say well done to all those who attended, hopefully a few may have even been inspired to pursue a career in publishing themselves.



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## Social Action Celebration

On Monday, four Y9 pupils who have been planning for a social action project got to present this at Oxford University to several United Learning schools and visitors. Their plan is to look at educating pupils at The Hurlingham Academy around more sustainable travel to schools and in their own time. A number of meetings and rehearsals took place to prepare them, and they presented with confidence and clear understanding of their idea. During this trip, they also took part in a sample seminar led by an Oxford professor! Well done to Funmilayo, Etana, Patrick, and Yasmin for their excellent planning and presentation skills!



## Food Technology Notices

Thank you to all Year 7 and 8 parents/carers who have paid the contribution towards ingredients for this term - it is much appreciated. If you have not yet paid, please look for the option on the 'General Product Manager' tab in WisePay.

Please remind your child to collect their cooking from the Food Tech room at the end of the day - we would love families to have the chance to taste what they have made, and we hate to see food go to waste!

## Fun and Games at THA



It's not all work here at The Hurlingham Academy. We do find time to relax from time to time. Mr Wilson has invested in some more games and equipment for pupils to play with at break and lunch, although I have to say so far this is proving very popular with the teachers too. Well done to Mme Quinton for winning at connect 4- clear evidence of who the strategic thinker is of the two is!



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### THE HURLINGHAM ACADEMY ACTIVE TRAVEL WEEK



As part of United Learning's pledge to cut carbon by 50,000 tones by 2030, we are encouraging students and staff to actively travel to school next week. Active travel includes walking, running, cycling, scooting, or just by reducing the amount of travel by car/bus/train.

There are huge benefits that make us more prepared for a day of work or learning if we choose to travel more actively to The Hurlingham Academy.

On Friday, staff at The Hurlingham Academy are taking car in a Car-Free Day! Even Mr Wilson has pledged to use public transport as he leads from the front.

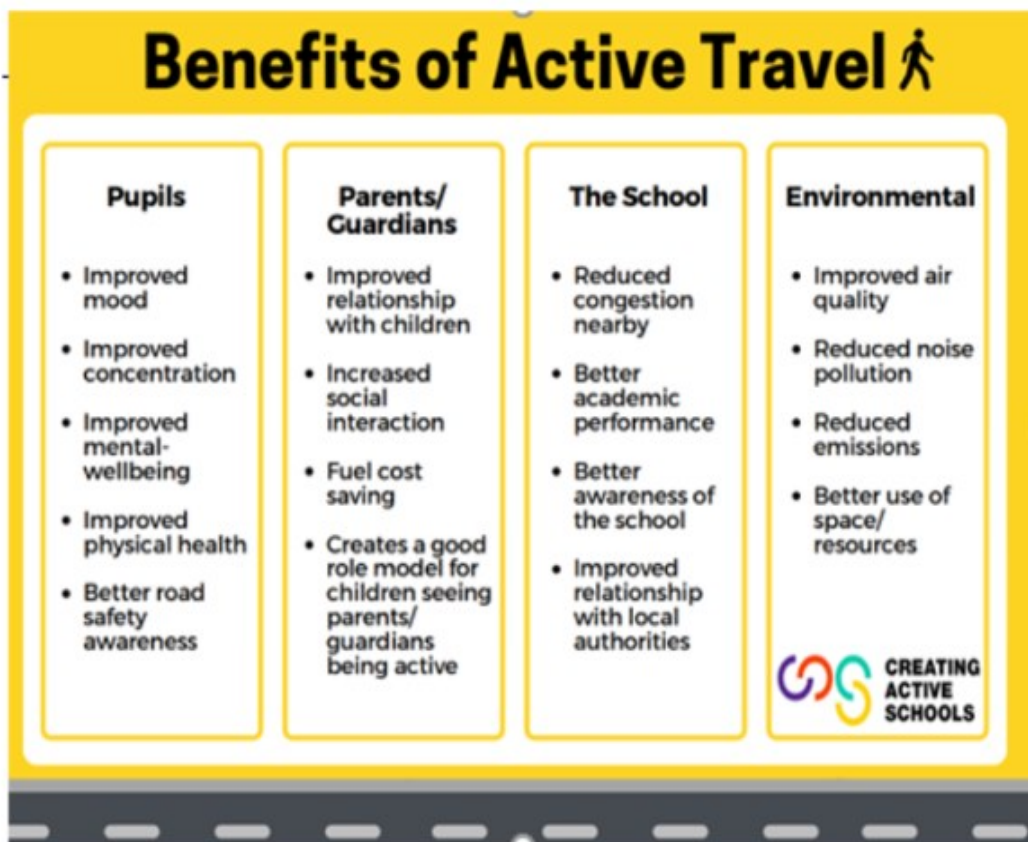
We already have several Active Travel ambassadors – Ms Quinton, Ms Burton, Ms Bryan, Ms Curl (ICT), Mr Perkins, Mr Baker and Ms Kramer, all cycle from home to work, regardless of the challenging elements! Many staff also walk to work every day.

- ◇ Please see below the benefits for our community by choosing an active mode of travel.

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## 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 Sparx maths are:

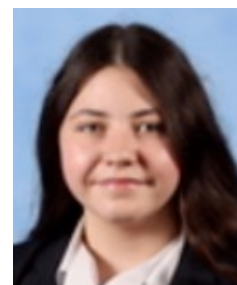
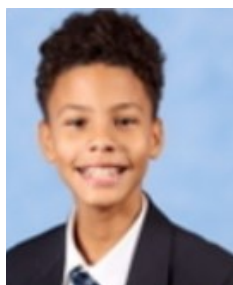
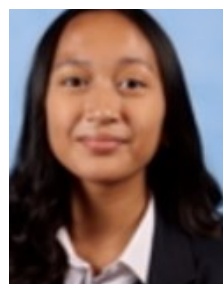
Year 7: Nikai

Year 8: Serina

Year 9: Elizabeth

Year 10: Christina

Year 11: Sofia



Top pupils for Seneca are:

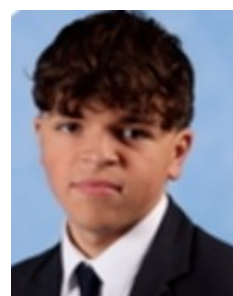
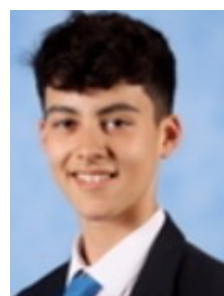
Year 7: Firdaws

Year 8: Max

Year 9: Samaan

Year 10: Rodrigo

Year 11: Gabriel

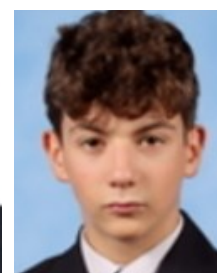


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Sabiha and Ali

Year 8: Ollie and Natanim

Year 9: Keira and Gabor



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## Year 8 Food Technology

This week, our talented Year 8 students have been exploring the science of aeration in Food Technology. They put their knowledge to the test by making Swiss Rolls, whisking away to create the perfect light and airy sponge.

There was plenty of excitement (and a little tension!) as students carefully checked if their mixtures could hold shape. Their hard work paid off, with many achieving flawless Swiss Rolls- the perfect rise, a springy sponge, a beautifully defined swirl, and no cracks in sight!

The moment of truth came when we sliced through to reveal the swirl, followed by a wave of relief and pride. Well done to our Year 8 chefs—you should be so proud of your delicious creations!



### Key dates for weeks beginning 17th and 24th March

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 17th March	8:30-9:00
Golden postcard trip	Tuesday 18th March	9:00-12:00
Year 10 Globe Theatre Trip	Thursday 20th March	12:45-17:00
Ibstock Place Interviews	Thursday 21st March	14:00-16:00
Jamie's Farm	Monday 24th-Friday 28th March	All day
Year 7 Grammar Stream trip	Monday 24th March	9:00-15:30
Barcelona	Wednesday 26th—Saturday 29th March	All day
First Give Final	Wednesday 26th March	13:45– 16:45



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