



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week, our pupils have once again been at the heart of everything we do at the Academy. On Thursday, Mr Pudney hosted our first school council meeting of the academic year. I always look forward to hearing the feedback from these sessions. It's inspiring to learn what our pupils appreciate about the Academy, as well as the areas where they see room for improvement. Their voices drive positive change, and every decision I make is guided by what's best for them. Tutors have shared how passionate and thoughtful this year's election speeches were, so I'm really looking forward to hearing the council's priorities for the year ahead. I'm thrilled to also share that we will once again be celebrating the rich diversity of our community at The Hurlingham Academy with our annual Cultural Gala on Thursday 23rd October. This is always a highlight of the year, and I warmly encourage as many of you as possible to join us for an evening of celebration. Expect vibrant fashion, fantastic music—and yes, my (now world-famous!) jerk chicken will be making a return!

Black History Month

October brings a fantastic opportunity for us here at The Hurlingham Academy as its Black History Month. Throughout the month students are learning more in depth information about significant iconic figures that have impacted life today. Our house events and house competitions have been adapted to have a Black History Month and Cultural Diversity theme as well as students getting the opportunity to enter the competition entitled 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride. This competition challenges the students to select an iconic individual from a BAME background and create a fact sheet with images about this individual.

The end of Black History Month culminates in our 'Taste of Hurlingham' event with our Cultural Gala. The culture and diversity of our school is something we are extremely proud of at The Hurlingham Academy and this event brings it to life. The cultural gala is an evening of music, student performances, and food from all over the world together in one building.

We want to take this opportunity to say a huge thanks to those of you who have expressed an interest in attending our cultural gala and even more so for opting to supply a dish from your own culture. Should you wish to express an interest and contribute a dish from your culture, please use the link. The Hurlingham Academy Cultural Gala 2025

<https://forms.office.com/e/CTuFVv7ikC>

We can't wait to see you all there.



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:

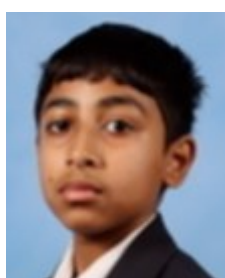
Year 7: Nabeel

Year 8: Amran

Year 9: Larushan

Year 10: Eglentina

Year 11: Maryama



Top pupils for sparx maths are:

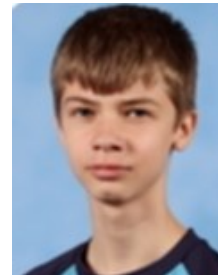
Year 7: Neriah

Year 8: Ellis

Year 9: Riley

Year 10: Esraa

Year 11: Theo

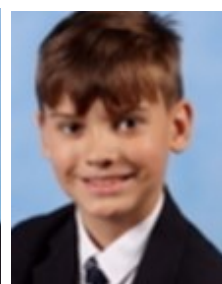
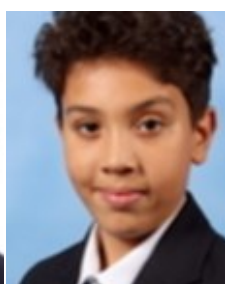


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Ronnie and Hani

Year 8: Yazid and Ali

Year 9: Ryan and Kirra



Year 9 Boys Football

The Year 9 boys put on a fantastic display in their cup fixture against Holland Park last Monday, securing a confident 5-2 victory to progress to the next round.

Hurlingham started brightly, with **Kyron** opening the scoring from a corner. Holland Park responded with pressure from long throws, and a defensive mix-up allowed them to level the score. However, Hurlingham's set pieces proved deadly throughout the match, with excellent deliveries causing chaos in the opposition box.

Rio restored the lead with a superb free-kick, and **Beau** quickly followed suit with a wonder strike of his own to make it 3-1 at half-time.

The second half began at a slower tempo, but **Jerome** continued to trouble the Holland Park defence with his blistering pace and strength. **Claudio** then stole the show, bagging two well-taken goals to put the game out of reach at 5-1. Holland Park managed a late consolation, but it wasn't enough to spark a comeback.

A dominant performance from the boys - Hurlingham march on to the next round!

Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 20th October	8:30-9:00
Open Morning	Monday 20th & Wednesday 22nd October	9:00– 11:00
Year 9 New Scientist Trip	Monday 20th October	9:00-15:30
Cultural Gala	Thursday 23rd October	17:00-19:00
Last day of half term	Friday 24th October	8:25-15:30
Half term	Monday 27th– Friday 31st October	All day
Staff inset– no school for pupils	Monday 3rd November	All day
First day of term for all pupils	Tuesday 4th November	8:25-15:30



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