

Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It's hard to believe we are only two full weeks into the new academic year. We've quickly settled back into what we do best: exceptional teaching and learning. The school has seamlessly picked up where we left off, with calm, focused classrooms led by passionate and expert teachers. Our new Year 7 cohort has made a fantastic start, and it's been wonderful to see all of our returning pupils re-engage with such enthusiasm and maturity.

I'm especially looking forward to our annual Open Evening on Wednesday 1st October. It's always a pleasure to showcase the incredible work our students are doing across the Academy and to share what makes The Hurlingham Academy such a special place.

I'd also like to remind all parents and members of our community that we believe the best way to truly understand a school is to see it in action. We are proud to operate a genuine open-door policy, and during our Open Mornings, visitors are welcome to observe lessons and experience the atmosphere of the school first-hand.

Open Mornings are always very popular, so I encourage parents to book a slot as early as possible to avoid disappointment. I look forward to welcoming many prospective parents and pupils over the coming weeks. As always, if you have any questions about Open Evening, Open Mornings, or the day-to-day running of the school, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Open Evening

We will be holding our Year 6 Open Evening on Wednesday 1st October. In order for us to set up for the evening, **lessons will finish at 2.30pm on Wednesday 1st**. There will also be a **late start on Thursday 2nd, when students should arrive at 9.30am** - this is to allow us to clear up after the event. Thank you to all students who will be joining us to help out on the night!

Year 7 Enrichment

We are excited to share that Year 7 enrichment activities will commence on Monday, 22nd September. All Year 7 students will take part in these sessions from 15:30 to 16:30. There is a fantastic variety of clubs on offer, including sports such as netball and gymnastics, a Drama Society, Psychology Club, and Art, among many others.

We look forward to seeing all Year 7 pupils getting involved and making the most of these exciting opportunities!



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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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Year 7 Food Technology

Starting next week, we are pleased to announce that Year 7 students will begin their practical lessons in Food Technology. To ensure they can take home the delicious food they prepare, students will need to bring a suitable food container to each practical lesson.



To help with this, students will receive a homework reminder in the lesson prior, asking them to bring a container. This reminder will be posted on Satchel One, just like all other homework assignments.

Sparx Reader

As you may know, English homework is set using Sparx Reader. To help parents support their child with reading homework, Sparx Reader has created a helpful guide explaining how the platform works and why we use it for reading tasks. You can access this guide here:



<u>Sparx Reader - A parent's guide to Sparx Reader</u>

Key dates for weeks beginning 22nd and 29th September

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 22nd September	8:30-9:00
Year 7 Enrichment	Monday 22nd September	15:30 - 16:30
Year 11 Final Push evening	Thursday 25th September	17:00-18:30
Open Evening	Wednesday 1st October	16:30-19:30
Year 7 PSHCE workshop	Friday 3rd October	13:45– 15:00

