



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



We are currently in the month of Ramadan. Many know Ramadan as a time for fasting, where those participating abstain from eating or drinking during daylight hours. We recognise that this can be a challenge for many, and I would just like to take this opportunity to say how pleased I have been with pupils commitment to their studies over the past couple of weeks. Pupils are expected to still fully participate in lessons, and it has been fantastic to see this as I walk around the academy. Aside from fasting during this period, Muslims observing Ramadan also increase in spiritual devotional acts such as prayer, giving to charity and strengthening family ties. The emphasis on charitable giving reinforces the importance of giving to those who are in greatest need in society to improve their quality of life. I think this is such an important quality, and one that we very much encourage here at The Hurlingham Academy. One way pupils may wish to donate to those with greater needs, is by donating food to the local foodbank, which we encourage all staff and pupils to support throughout the year. We also have charity week next week, which is an incredibly action packed week, with events at lunchtime and after school every day to help raise money for Ibba Girls School. I encourage all pupils to engage with as many of the activities as possible, to make this the best charity week to date.

Whilst reflecting on charity, I also want to recognise the fundraising efforts of one member of staff and one of our pupils both of whom are committing to incredible fundraising activities over the next couple of weeks. Mr Baker is attempting to run two marathons back to back (yes that is 52.4 miles in one go), to raise money for the charity Don't Lose Hope. We also have Jaian in year 7 running a mile a day for the 2 weeks of the Easter holidays. A massive well done to both, we are all rooting for you.

Year 10 at the Globe

On Thursday afternoon 75 year 10 pupils had the opportunity to visit Shakespeare's Globe Theatre for a performance of 'Macbeth'. Pupils were fantastic throughout the afternoon, with 2 members of staff from the theatre complimenting pupils on their excellent manners. What a fantastic opportunity to see the text they are studying come to life. Well done to all pupils who attended, and a big thank you to the English department for organising and accompanying pupils.



We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using One-click payments, credit/debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7.
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind.
- With One-click payments, you can pay for any school items directly your bank account, eliminating the need to enter or store card details and allowing you to check out faster.
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint.
- Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime.

How to get started with ParentPay?

We will send you your account activation details. Once you receive these: · Visit www.parentpay.com

Enter your Activation username and password in the Account Log-in section of the homepage NB. These are for one-time use only, please choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process

· Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account - registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders

· Once activation is complete you can go straight to Items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment.

If you have any questions, please contact the school finance office. For more information, visit www.parentpay.com/parents/



British Science Week at THA

Last week, the Science corridors of The Hurlingham Academy were abuzz with excitement as we celebrated British Science Week. This year's theme focused on exploring AI-supported solutions to climate change, and students had the opportunity to dive into a variety of hands-on activities that combined creativity, innovation, and scientific inquiry.

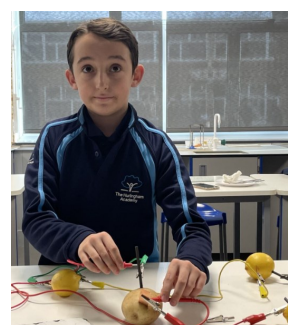
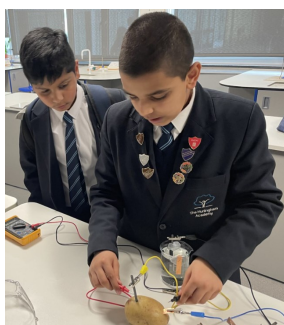
The week kicked off with students creating posters inspired by designs generated by artificial intelligence showcasing some ideas of how AI can support addressing climate change issues. On Tuesday, students explored how to generate electricity using everyday household items. The competition was fierce, but the standout performance came from Ollie Whiting, who crafted a circuit using lemons and potatoes that produced an impressive potential difference of 183V. Ollie's inventive approach showcased how simple materials can produce significant energy.

The highlight of the week for many was Wednesday's Lego Robodog Race House Competition. Students were challenged to memorize a colour pattern, and when presented correctly, their Robodogs advanced forward. The competition was both thrilling and tense, with Veritas emerging as the victorious house.

Thursday saw the return of the much-anticipated Science Quiz, which was very well attended. Students tested their scientific knowledge across various disciplines, reinforcing key concepts while enjoying some friendly rivalry.

The week concluded with a creative and forward-thinking challenge on Friday, where students were tasked with designing sustainable buildings. Congratulations to Fleur Caron and Mehdi Ahmimed Sghir, whose innovative and eco-friendly designs earned them the winning titles.

British Science Week was a resounding success, showcasing the ingenuity and enthusiasm of our students while emphasizing the role of science and technology in addressing global challenges. We look forward to continuing to inspire the next generation of scientists and innovators!



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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 Seneca are:

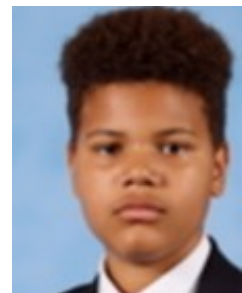
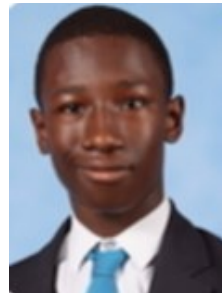
Year 7: Mia-Rose

Year 8: Alisha

Year 9: Joshua

Year 10: Delano

Year 11: Chris

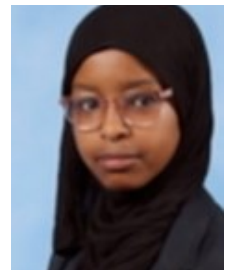
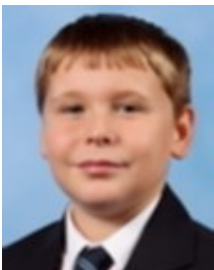


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Stephen and Misha

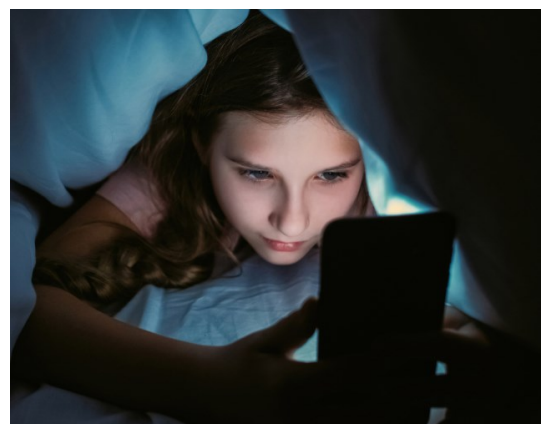
Year 8: Steven and Oscar

Year 9: Maira and Yasmin



Wellbeing Hub

This week over on the wellbeing hub we are looking at Strategies for tackling tricky issues: compulsive gaming, obsessive phone use, and anxiety with Anita Cleare, Parenting Expert and Director of Positive Parenting Project and Alicia Drummond, Therapist, Parenting Expert and Founder of The Wellbeing Hub.



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E-Scooters

We would like to remind all pupils that we do not allow e-scooters on school site. Please ensure that these are left in the safety of your homes and find an alternative mode of transport to come to and from school. This week is active travel week– why not try walking or cycling instead.



Wandsworth Borough of Culture

Wandsworth is the London Borough of Culture this year and as part of their programme, they are offering reporting, producing and reviewing opportunities for 14–19 year olds who live in Wandsworth. We encourage any pupils who are interested in creative roles to look at the following link for more information: [Young and Creative | Welcome to Wandsworth](#)

Key dates for weeks beginning 24th and 31st March

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 24th March	8:30-9:00
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
GCSE Drama Practical	Monday 31st March	8:30-15:30
Grammar stream event	Monday 31st March	9:00-12:30
Royal Opera House Trip	Tuesday 1st April	12:30-17:30
SEND Coffee Morning	Wednesday 2nd April	9:30-10:30
Thorpe Park Trip	Wednesday 2nd April	All day
Year 9 Pathways Evening	Thursday 3rd April	17:00-19:00
Last day of term– pupils to finish at 13:05	Friday 4th April	8:25-13:05
Easter Holidays	Monday 7th– Friday 18th April	All day



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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB



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Mon 7th - Weds 9th April

Thurs 10th - Sat 12th April

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5 - 10 years

11 - 17 years

Lyric Hammersmith,
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11 - 17 years

5 - 10 years



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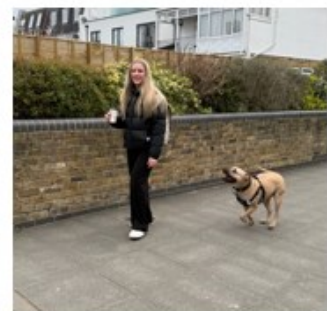
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THE HURLINGHAM ACADEMY: ACTIVE TRAVEL WEEK – CAR-FREE DAY



CAR-FREE DAY

Staff embraced Active Travel Week, and lots went “car-free” on Friday to show commitment in helping the environment. Protect the environment at all costs!



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