



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Over the month of October, we have been very much looking outward at the world around us, with the commencement of Black History Month. For me, this is one of the most intellectually and emotionally engaging months of the year, as it gives us the opportunity to reflect on the profound impact of some truly inspirational individuals. To inspire our pupils, we have dedicated assemblies to celebrating the lives and contributions of a number of Black British icons. The finale of the month is always our eagerly anticipated Cultural Gala – a true highlight in our calendar. Last night's event certainly didn't disappoint! It was a vibrant, joyful celebration of the rich diversity that makes our school community so special.

It's hard to believe the half-term break is already upon us. This past week has been especially eventful at The Hurlingham Academy. Alongside our regular House competitions (with "Build a Mole" being a particular favourite of mine!), we've had the pleasure of African drumming and dancing workshops, culminating in our incredible Gala evening. Events like these are why I love coming to work each day. We are here not just to deliver academic excellence, but to provide an education with character. While we strive for strong academic progress, we are equally committed to helping our pupils grow into thoughtful, well-rounded individuals. One of our greatest strengths as an academy is our multicultural community and the incredible opportunities for learning and growth that come with it.

As ever, I encourage everyone to stay safe and sensible over the half-term break. Take this time to rest and recharge after such a busy and fulfilling term. We look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 4th November for what promises to be another fantastic half-term.

Hurlingham Academy PTA

We would like to remind all members of our community about our first parent and teacher association! This is a great opportunity for parents, carers and family members to get more involved with the school, support with fundraising and organising events, as well as connect with other parents and build a wider community network.

Our first meeting will be held in person on the 4th November (5pm). Please sign up using the form below if you are interested in getting involved. If you have any questions, please email emowbray@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk.



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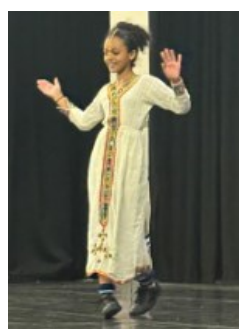


Cultural Gala

Last night, staff, students, and parents came together for our Cultural Gala, a wonderful evening celebrating the rich multicultural community that makes up our school. And boy, did we celebrate! The night began with a range of drumming and dance performances, followed by the much-anticipated fashion show. One by one, students took to the stage in their national dress, beaming with pride.

To round off the evening, everyone gathered in the canteen to enjoy an incredible feast of multinational cuisine. We had more dishes than ever donated. In fact Ms Ling was struggling to find space in the canteen for all the food. Dishes ranged from Bariis to Haggis, and of course, Ms Morris' famous Mac and Cheese.

A huge thank-you to all the parents and staff who contributed — it truly was a fantastic celebration of diversity and community spirit.



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Ibstock Place Visit

Last Friday 15 students from our Year 11 cohort had the opportunity to visit Ibstock Place School ahead of the Hurlingham Post-16 Scholarship application process later this term. These two fully funded scholarship places- exclusive to Hurlingham pupils- are offered to two of our pupils each year - after a rigorous academic selection process. During Friday's trip, a group of selected students were able to tour the (vast!) grounds of Ibstock Place and marvel at the impressive facilities - from the swimming pool and climbing wall, to the E-sports and Green room media centre, to the well-stocked student library and impressive theatre. They engaged extremely well with an extended Q&A where they were able to learn more about life at Ibstock, and the schools' vision and values - as well as the ways to make their applications stand out. The highlight though had to be meeting and hearing from our student alumni currently studying their A Levels at Ibstock after being awarded the Hurlingham scholarship in 2024 and 2025. Matheus is now the Ibstock Head Boy and Miya is an active contributor to Ibstock's impressive art scene. Both students have just submitted their applications to Cambridge University - where they hope to study Music and Veterinary Science respectively. An inspiring day all round for Year 11!



Parent Forum

As you know, we always value your feedback, as we believe that by working together we can achieve the very best for our pupils. Our next Parent Forum will be held on Monday, 17th November. This will be an online event to ensure as many of you as possible can attend.

We look forward to speaking with you all then.

Letters to parents

We're pleased to let you know that we have now set up a new 'Letters to Parents' section on the school website.

This is a central area where you can find all recent correspondence from the school, so you'll never have to worry about missing an email or important update.

You can access this section here: [Letters to Parents](#)

LETTERS TO PARENTS

- Year 10 0 files
- Year 11 0 files
- Year 7 0 files
- Year 8 0 files
- Year 9 0 files



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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:

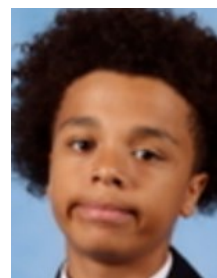
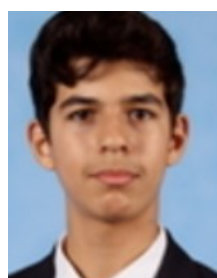
Year 7: Jasper

Year 8: Liam

Year 9: Joyah

Year 10: Leandra

Year 11: Tallulah



Top pupils for sparx maths are:

Year 7: Gashbeer

Year 8: Adam

Year 9: Willow

Year 10: Badis

Year 11: Donte

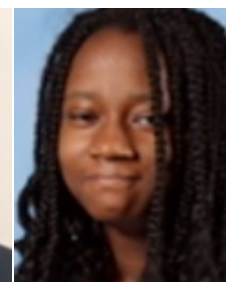
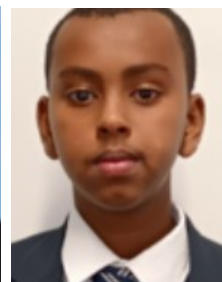


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Saron and Maxim

Year 8: Yazid and Ali

Year 9: Ismail and Ziva



Year 8 Girls Football

Hurlingham Academy's U13 girls produced a brilliant performance to progress into the next round of the English Schools National Cup with a 4 - 1 victory over Acland Burghley.

Ziva opened the scoring early with a composed finish following a superb cross from **Hera**. The visitors equalised soon after with a long-range free kick from the halfway line that caught Dior off guard, making it 1 - 1.

Hera then took centre stage, restoring Hurlingham's lead with a stunning solo effort before adding a thunderous free kick to make it 3 - 1 at half-time.

In the second half, Hurlingham showed great defensive resilience, soaking up pressure and keeping their shape well. Hurlingham's goalkeeper **Dior** stayed composed, pulling off world class saves to keep Hurlingham in the game. **Hera** capped off a sensational display by completing her hat-trick with another brilliant free kick into the top corner.

A fantastic 4 - 1 win sees Hurlingham Academy safely through to the next round.

Player of the Match - **Dior Cole**

Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
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
PTA meeting	Tuesday 4th November	17:00-18:00
7H and 8H STEM day	Thursday 6th November	9:00-15:30
Year 11 mock cycle 1	Monday 10th—Friday 21st November	All day
Year 9 Battlefields Trip	Thursday 13th– Friday 14th October	All day



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SANDS END ARTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUES 2 DEC 2025 6:30-7:30PM

FREE



X'mas Violin Duets



Supporting SEND
Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Bach, Handel-Halvorsen
X'mas music

Patrick & Megumi Rolfe Violins

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