



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week we hosted our first parent meetings of the year with the Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening. It was fantastic to see so many parents come in to discuss how their children have settled into secondary school. We understand that the transition from primary to secondary is a significant moment, not only for the students, but for parents as well. It was wonderful to hear so many positive conversations about how confidently this cohort has begun their journey at The Hurlingham Academy.

We also held our second Friends of Hurlingham meeting. Although we are still in the early stages of establishing the committee, it is already clear that we have an incredibly motivated and enthusiastic group who will play a key role in supporting our community initiatives. I am especially excited for their first event, a charity bake sale taking place on Thursday 11th December.

Last week, I spoke about how important it is that we all work together, and these are just two examples of how this collaboration is already happening across our community. In a couple of weeks' time, we will be hosting the Year 9 Parents' Evening, and I look forward to welcoming another cohort of parents to discuss the heart of what we do here: pupil learning.

Friends and Family Bake Sale

Date for the diary: Our first 'Friends of Hurlingham' event is going to be a bake sale after school on Thursday 11th December! It is a great opportunity to support the school by baking cakes or bringing in money to buy some treats. This will also help us to raise funds to support the Jamaican Red Cross. (Please also remember to bring in some change on the day!)

The bake sale will be running after school from 3.40-5pm for students and teachers, parents are also welcome to pop in and support if you are picking up your child at the end of the day, or for any Y9 parents, please feel free to arrive at school a little earlier for Y9 parents evening, and pick up a treat!

- A reminder to clearly label any baked goods which are gluten free and dairy free to make the event as inclusive as it can be for all (+ no nuts at all please)
- Containers must also be clearly labelled with the student's name to ensure it can be easily returned



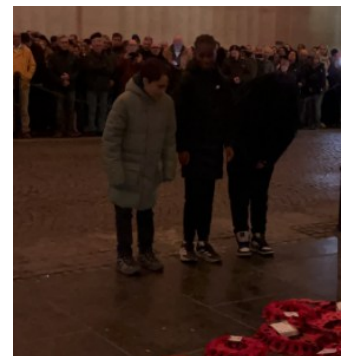
France and Belgium Trip

Last week, 70 year 9 students attended a history trip to Belgium and France. On the first day of the trip the group travelled on the Shuttle to Belgium and visited the memorials and experience how the soldiers lived in the bunkers and trenches of WW1. In the evening they visited the ancient town of Ypres and went to a famous Belgian chocolate shop - and really treated themselves! They also had a lovely meal before going to the famous Menin Gate memorial ceremony - where Ollie, Rio and Philippa represented our school - we were very proud of them!

On the second day we drove to France where students explored the underground system that the Canadian soldiers dug in secret to try and get behind the German trenches.

The students had an incredible time, and the teachers in attendance were extremely proud of their behaviour and participation on the trip. Well done year 9!

The trip for next year will be launched in February 2026.



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Save the date– winter concert

A festive poster for a winter concert. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and stars. At the top, the Hurlingham Academy logo and name are displayed. Below this, the words 'MUSIC DEPARTMENT' are written in a serif font. The main title 'WINTER CONCERT' is prominently featured in large, bold, white letters, with 'CONCERT' on a red banner. The date 'WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025' is written in a white serif font. Below the date, the time 'AT 5:00 PM' and location 'IN THE MAIN HALL' are indicated. The bottom section of the poster features a winter scene with snow-covered evergreen trees, a black street lamp with a red bow, and various musical instruments including a saxophone, trumpet, and drums. A red banner at the very bottom states 'TICKETS AVAILABLE AT STUDENT SERVICES'.

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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:

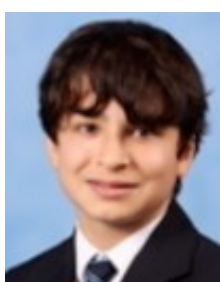
Year 7: Ayyana

Year 8: Adam

Year 9: Massiell

Year 10: Ali

Year 11: Marina

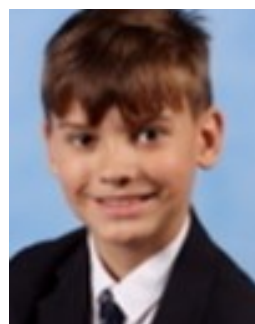


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Gashbeer and Louis

Year 8: Nevaeh and Maeson

Year 9: Khadijah and Ryan



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Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

Every young person deserves the chance to have their voice heard! We were thrilled to see our Year 10 students doing just that last Friday 21st November, as they participated in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge 2025.

During the day, students engaged in dynamic workshops led by experienced facilitators from the Speakers Trust. Through various interactive activities - from spontaneous speeches to group discussion - students not only honed the art of captivating an audience but also discovered the true impact of their own words. The Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge gives our Year 10s the tools to become persuasive and confident communicators, a skill that will serve them well both in school and beyond.

Congratulations to the students who were winners/runners up on the day! **Congratulations to our winners: Hafsah; Funmaliyo; Anthony; Isaac and Kayla.** And a big well done to our runners-up: **Akeem; Mia; Esraa; Maya and Samaan.**



Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 1st December	8:25-9:00
SEND coffee morning	Tuesday 2nd December	9:30-11:00
Drop down day	Wednesday 3rd December	All day
Year 11 art mock	Thursday 4th December	All day
KS4 Theatre trip	Thursday 4th December	18:30-22:00
Christmas Lunch for all pupils	Thursday 11th December	12:00-14:00
Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 11th December	16:30-19:00
Friends and Family Bake Sale	Thursday 11th December	15:40-17:00



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SEND Coffee Morning

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT SEND COFFEE MORNING



[SEND coffee morning- December 2nd 2025](#)
[– Fill in form](#)

A supportive place to grow, learn and connect together. Join us for an informative session led by our Educational Psychologist, focusing on:

- Understanding Anxiety: How it affects young people, especially during **exam** periods.
- Practical Strategies: Tips to help your child feel confident and prepared for their upcoming exams.
- Q&A Session: Ask questions and share experiences with other parents

Girls' Cricket Training - Middlesex County Cricket



HUB: SHEPHERD'S BUSH GIRLS' CRICKET HUB
Hub Manager: Briony Brock | brionybrock@hotmail.co.uk

VENUE: ARK SOANE ACADEMY, GUNNERSBURY LANE,
LONDON, W3 8EA

DATES: January 18, 25 | February 01, 08, 15, 22 |
March 01, 08, 15, 22, 29
4:30-6pm for year 6-8
6-7:30pm for year 8-11

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
This Hub is looking for **girls** who are:

- aged 11-17
- not County players
- not attending fee-paying schools



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