



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



What a week it has been for The Hurlingham Academy, with my favourite event in the calendar, open evening. It's fair to say this year's did not disappoint. In fact, I honestly think it was our most successful evening to date. The site looked fantastic, and every room was buzzing. Families were impressed by the incredible range of activities departments had set up, as well as the welcoming feel of the school. So many parents were quizzing us about catchment areas, which demonstrates the success of the school not only in the borough but in the wider community of London. It gave me such an overwhelming sense of pride when I stood to give my talk and looked out to an absolutely packed hall. There literally wasn't a spare seat in the house. Although our doors are always open to anyone who wishes to see The Hurlingham Academy, open evenings and open mornings do serve as a special treat. They are a chance to see the students, staff and school shine as we discuss what are most passionate about: learning. As I joined various tour groups throughout the evening, led by our exceptional Prefect team, I noticed how much pride our students have in their school. Year 11 Prefects spoke with authority as they described the rationale behind our systems and explained how they plan to achieve outstanding results this year. I believe pupils are the best reflection of a school, and it gives me such pride to see just how well they represented us on Wednesday evening. I am now looking forward to our upcoming open mornings, where parents will be able to come in and see the school in action.



## Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... MFL with the head of department, Mme Cabo.

**Year 7:** In French and Spanish students are learning to talk about their life and themselves in French. They have learnt how to give their name, age, physical description and personality and have also learn how to describe a family member. They will completing their first extended writing covering all the aspects that they have learnt. Students have also practiced conversation in the target language in lesson. Similarly, in Chinese, students are wrapping up their learning of numbers and ages and will soon explore Chinese greetings. They've already shown impressive progress in memorizing key vocabulary and writing Chinese characters.

**Year 8:** Students are covering the topic of Free time in Spanish and French where they were introduced to leisure activities: technology, films and music. They have learnt how to give their opinions about technology / free time activities and films. This week they will learn about the past tense in dept and they will be able to use the past tense to talk about what they did in their free time. In Chinese, learners are continuing their learning on the holiday unit, focusing on destinations like the seaside and mountains. This ties back to their previous studies on hobbies and food, making the lessons personal and relatable.

**Year 9:** Students are covering the topic of Family and relationships. They will revisit vocabulary they have seen in Y7 and will be introduced to GCSE vocabulary related to relationship. They are now learning about the near future and conditional tense to talk about marriage and ideal partners and relationships. By the end of the term, our students will become more confident in discussing about their family and plans for the future more confidently in French and Spanish. Similarly, in Chinese, students are building on what they've learned in earlier years about hobbies, routines, and personality. They are now linking their previous knowledge to express their opinions on important topics like friendship and community relationships.

**Year 10** has had a strong start, with great enthusiasm. In Mandarin, it has been impressive to see their engagement in lessons, especially after being inspired by their recent trip to China. They are now focused on describing people's appearances, combining familiar adjectives with new vocabulary. Next, they will explore comparisons and work with longer texts, connecting appearance to other key GCSE topics. In Spanish and French students have been revisiting the topic of free time and they have looked at how to give opinions about the activities they do.

**Year 11** Chinese students are completing the second-to-last topic of their GCSE curriculum, focusing on social issues, relationships, body image, and health. This unit allows them to reuse vocabulary from earlier topics like appearance, food, drink, and family, but now with a more sophisticated language structure. It's a perfect way for them to reflect on relevant issues and prepare for their upcoming exams. In Spanish and French, students are learning about 'free time' and developing their grammar skills by using different tenses. During this and next week, they will concentrate on how to talk about their role model and their achievements.



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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:

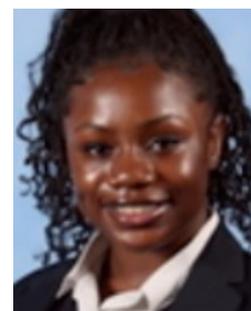
Year 7: Ryan

Year 8: Hassan

Year 9: Yong-Zheng

Year 10: Fatemah

Year 11: Alisha-Rose



Top pupils for Sparx maths are:

Year 7: Dawoud

Year 8: Zane

Year 9: Mohammed

Year 10: Louisa

Year 11: Goldie



Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 8: Ino and Chaunique

Year 9: Badis and Luido



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## KS4 Flu Vaccinations

We would like to inform all parents that KS4 flu vaccinations have been rescheduled to Thursday 14th of November . Please see the email sent out by Mme Francis for more information.

## Music Lessons at THA

We would like to remind you that private instrumental lessons, provided in partnership with Just Play, continue to be available at The Hurlingham Academy! Whether your child is looking to improve their current skills or try a new instrument, our experienced external tutors from Just Play offer personalised, 1:1 lessons.

Lessons are available for a variety of instruments and take place on rotation throughout the school day.

Please see the email sent by Mr Clarke for details on how to enrol, lesson fees, and contact information for Just Play.



## Wellbeing hub



— The —  
**Wellbeing  
Hub**  
— from Teen Tips —



### This week's content Week commencing 7th October

Video: How to set effective boundaries with Alicia Drummond,  
Founder of The Wellbeing Hub



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## E-Scooters

A reminder please that e-scooters are not allowed in schools. They are currently still illegal on all UK roads and pavements and schools are obviously part of this legislation. This is confusing for parents as they are sold in Halfords, Currys and John Lewis as well as many other reputable stores. They even have child appropriate speed restrictions of 10 mph; however, they are illegal and can cause injury to other children when used on pavements. We will be reminding our students of this in assemblies this week. We encourage the use of manual scooters and bicycles and have racks on site where these can be locked safely. Thank you as ever for your support.

## Key dates for weeks beginning 7th and 14th October

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 7th October	8:30-9:00
Open mornings	Monday 7th– Friday 11th October	9:00-12:30
Welcome to GCSE evening	Thursday 10th October	17:00-18:30
Grammar stream STEM day	Friday 11th October	All day
Year 11 theatre trip	Friday 11th October	17:00-22:00
Open mornings	Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th, Friday 18th October	9:00-12:30
Year 11 Ibstock Place Visit	Tuesday 15th October	15:30-18:30
Year 8 Hampton Court Palace trip	Wednesday 16th October	10:00-14:30
Belgium and France information evening	Wednesday 16th October	17:00-18:00
KS3 flu vaccinations	Monday 11th November	All day
KS4 flu vaccinations	Thursday 14th November	All day





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## Open Evening 2024

Wednesday 2nd October, 5:00pm - 7.30pm.

Principal's talk at 6.15pm

## Open Mornings 2024

Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm

Monday 7th to Friday 11th October • Monday 14th to Friday 18th October

Monday 21st & Wednesday 23rd 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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