



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Over the month of October here at The Hurlingham Academy we are very much looking outwards 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 we take the opportunity to consider the impact on the world of some truly inspirational people. To inspire pupils, they have been learning about a number of Black British icons during assemblies. I am so excited to announce that we will once more be celebrating the diverse community here at the Hurlingham Academy with our annual cultural gala on Thursday 24th October. I encourage as many of you as possible to come and celebrate with us. There will be fashion, music and of course my world famous jerk chicken!

Hampton Court Palace

On Wednesday 35 year 8s went on a trip to Hampton Court Palace, the previous home of Henry VIII and other Tudor monarchs. This was an opportunity to witness the history they have been learning about in the class and gain a deeper understanding of the Tudor Religious Rollercoaster. The students were incredibly engaged and loved seeing their lessons come to life.



New Scientist: Live Exhibition

On Monday, 14th October, Year 9 students embarked on an enriching trip to the ExCeL Centre to attend the New Scientist Live exhibition. Despite the rainy weather, the excitement was palpable as we set off from The Hurlingham Academy.

Upon arrival, the students were greeted by a vibrant and bustling atmosphere, with schools from across the city gathered to explore the world of science. One of the first sights to capture our attention was a life-sized walking T-Rex, which provided a thrilling welcome.

Throughout the exhibition, students had the opportunity to interact with cutting-edge scientific technologies and exhibits. Many were especially drawn to the fun activities like collecting stickers, and enjoyed the fun photo opportunities at various interactive stalls. There was a Royal Air Force plane display and a model of an orca hanging from the ceiling.

The UK Space Agency URKI Atomic Research Centre, Medical Research Council, Kings College, Imperial college, the Quekett Microscopical Club and Farmers Weekly displays were particularly popular, with the latter featuring impressive agricultural machinery such as a giant harvester and tractor, which sparked curiosity about the future of farming technology. There were two formula one cars displayed, where students explored the world of eco-friendly racing future. The event was packed with numerous other highlights, from hands-on Lego building challenges to a chemical toy-building competition that brought out the creativity in our students.

The day concluded with a safe return to school filled with new inspiration and excitement of being the future scientist. Students were excited about sharing their experiences and inspirations.



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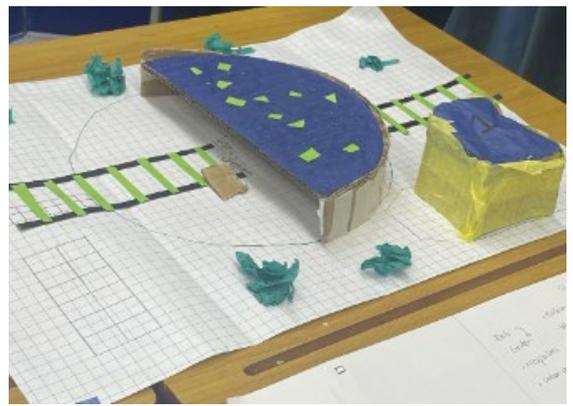
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STEM Workshop

On Friday, 62 students from 7H and 8H participated in an exciting STEM workshop hosted by the Smallpeice Trust. The event, titled "Epic Engineers," was dedicated to exploring the world of engineering, with a particular focus on the HS2 high-speed railway project and the challenges of designing sustainable train stations of the future.

Throughout the workshop, students engaged in hands-on activities that encouraged innovative thinking and practical problem-solving. Key elements of the challenge included designing accessible train stations incorporating sustainable energy sources like hydroelectric power stations, complete with levees and integrated greenery. Following their train stations the students then had the opportunity to create "green tunnels"—shallow railway tunnels designed to reduce environmental impact—using only 40 straws as materials.

The workshop highlighted the importance of teamwork and collaboration, with students working closely together to bring their engineering visions to life. The experience also provided an excellent opportunity to forge new friendships and strengthen existing ones, while inspiring them to think about the future of sustainable infrastructure.



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Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is... History with the head of department, Mme O'Reilly.

Year 7 are currently learning about the year 1066 and are evaluating the reasons why William won the Battle of Hastings. They have are studying medieval battle techniques, strategies and weapons. Next term they will look at what England was like in the 11th Century and how William changed England, forever.

Year 8 are coming the end of their topic about why Henry VIII broke from Rome in the 16th Century. They are looking at reasons such as his desire for a male heir, love for Anne Boleyn and his need to make more revenue from the Church. Next term they will continue learning about the Tudor Dynasty and how Henry's children - Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I - transformed England.

Year 9 are studying the MAIN causes of World War One - Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism, Nationalism. They are looking at the links between the causes and how the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand sparked a world war by setting off the alliance system. Next term they will look at the experience of people during WW1 and the women's suffrage movement

Year 10 have been learning about medicine through time - learning about medical progress from the medieval period until today. They have just started looking at the Renaissance period, developing their knowledge about this period of change vs. the previous period of continuity - the medieval times. They will continue this topic for the rest of the year, but will look the 19th Century and the Modern Era.

Year 11 have been studying their 3rd GCSE topic: USA - Inequality and Opportunity: 1920-73. They have been learning about the 'booming' 1920s, a time of prosperity, economic and social growth. They have just moved onto to look at the 1930s and the devastating impact of the Wall Street Crash. They will sit their mocks in November and will be sitting two papers - Elizabeth I and USA.



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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-Rosa

Year 8: Erza

Year 9: Cassie

Year 10: Siana

Year 11: Ellie



Top pupils for Sparx maths are:

Year 7: Zayd

Year 8: Serban

Year 9: Saja

Year 10: Theo

Year 11: Matyas



Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: James and Dora

Year 8: Ava and Yusuf

Year 9: Badis and Aisha



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JOIN A READING CHALLENGE

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY IS READY FOR
THE TRINITY SCHOOLS BOOK AWARDS (TSBA).

This year's theme, "You Are Here," focuses on location and migration. Participants read from a shortlist of 6-8 books by February 2025, then either vote for their favourite book, or submit a creative work inspired by it (art, poetry, acting, videos).

Students will also have the chance to attend the TSBA Awards and meet the authors. To sign up, see Ms. Sroya in the library or Ms. Keene.



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Black History Month

Good afternoon! As you know, it is Black History Month and we have enjoyed the many assemblies, workshops and trips that have taken place. We have all experienced or learnt more about black culture and heritage and it has been brilliant! In our current global context, it is crucial that we nurture our students to both celebrate and value the differences between us. The diversity we have here at The Hurlingham Academy is a privilege and we work hard to protect our community. BHM is an important part of this and the climax of the month is our cultural gala next Thursday evening. Please do consider cooking a dish from your culture! Mr. Wilson will be cooking his much talked about (mostly by himself) jerk chicken which he says, and I quote, "*is almost as good as the chicken korma.*" It will be good to see which country cooks the most food and there will be a prize for the best dish. Mr. Pudney thinks he's in with a strong chance with his soggy fish and chips - *will he win? Will Captain Birdseye be out of a job?* National pride is at stake! Dishes can be given into reception at any point during the day or brought along for the 5pm start time. Thank you! Ms. Quinton



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SEND Parent Session

Our next SEND parent session is on **October 25th (instead of October 10th)** at **9.30am** and will be run by a representative from the Helping Hands project to share what support is available to parents of children with SEND.

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with disabled children

NHS
West London
NHS Trust

Contact Helping Hand Project

(Empowering Parents Embracing Neurodiversity)



**Family Support for parents of children on the waiting lists for CAMHS
NDTs and Child Development Services in Ealing, Hounslow and
Hammersmith & Fulham**

Is your child on a waiting list for an assessment for ADHD or Autism? Are you confused about what it all means and how you can support your child while you wait?

Join our Parent Support Group meetings on topics such as:

Encouraging positive behaviour / Support for your child in school or college / How to support your child with positive communication / Wellbeing for parent carers / Coping with anxiety / Understanding and supporting your child's sensory needs and other topics

Key dates for weeks beginning 21st October

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 21st October	8:30-9:00
Year 11 Mandarin trip	Tuesday 22nd October	13:30-19:00
THA Cultural Gala	Thursday 24th October	17:00-19:00
SEND Parent Workshop	Friday 25th October	9:30- 10:30
Half term break	Monday 28th October- Friday 1st October	All day
Inset day- no school for pupils	Monday 4th November	All day



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