



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I cannot believe that we are only 2 full weeks into the new academic year. We have settled quickly into what we do best: teaching and learning. The school has very much picked up where we left off, with wonderfully calm, focused classrooms led by passionate, expert teachers. Our new Year 7 cohort have made a fantastic start, as have all our returning pupils. I am really looking forward to our annual open evening on Wednesday 2nd October. I just love having the opportunity to showcase some of our pupils fantastic work across the Academy, and show just why The Hurlingham Academy is so special. I would also like to remind all parents and members of our community that we truly believe that the best way to get a feel for a school is to visit during the school day. We operate a true open door policy, and during our open mornings parents will be able to see all lessons in action. Open mornings are always incredibly popular, so I recommend that parents book a slot as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. I look forward to seeing many prospective parents and pupils over the next couple of weeks. As always, if you have any questions regarding open evening, mornings or the general running of the school please do not hesitate to contact us.

Year 7 Prep

We have very high standards here at The Hurlingham Academy, as such we set the bar very high for our students from the start. For the first two weeks of term, Year 7 stay after school each night do to Prep, during which they learn about the school routines and the etiquette that we expect from everyone in our school to maintain our calm, disruption-free and purposeful learning environment. It has been fantastic to see the dedication and enthusiasm from all year 7's during this time.



Open Evening

We will be holding our Year 6 Open Evening on Wednesday 2nd October. In order for us to set up for the evening, **lessons will finish at 2.30pm on Wednesday 2nd**. There will also be a **late start on Thursday 3rd, when students should arrive at 9.30am** - this is to allow us to clear up after the event. Thank you to all students who will be joining us to help out on the night!



Subject in the spotlight



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

Year 7:

Last week all of Year 7 wrote their Baseline Test in Maths in order to best access their foundational number skills and to see if there are any gaps in their knowledge that need to be closed before moving on to the main unit of this term, *Algebra*. Based on the Baseline Test students may be moved into a different class to ensure they are in the most appropriate class for them!

Year 8:

Year 8 are just finishing up on the *Powers and Roots* unit, which builds on their knowledge of square and cube numbers from Year 7, as well as their knowledge of decimal multiplication and division by Powers of 10. The next unit Year 8 will be looking at is *Prime Factor Decomposition*. This topic builds on students' previous knowledge of multiples and factors and will also be continued when they are in Year 9.

Year 9:

Year 9 are just finishing up on the unit of *Decimal Manipulation*, where they reviewed adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying with decimals, which is a key foundational skill while they are transitioning from KS3 to GCSE content. Their next unit will be *Rounding and Limits of Accuracy*, where they are revisiting topics from Year 7 and Year 8, such as rounding to different place values and rounding to significant figures, but they are also learning the new topics of *Error Intervals*.

Year 10:

Higher and foundation tier classes are both finishing the *Solving Equations and Rearranging Formulae* unit, which is an essential unit before moving onto *Linear Graphs*. This next unit is a big unit, which will bring in their knowledge of coordinates, midpoints and simple graphs, as well as their new algebraic skills!

Year 11:

Foundation classes are currently revisiting all of *Algebra* in order to prepare for the new topics in Year 11, such as *Trigonometry*, but also to start revising for their GCSEs. This topic will cover all the algebra they have learned since Year 7!

Higher classes are finishing up on their *Recurring Decimal* unit and moving on to *Quadratic Sequences*. They will continue to work on new challenging algebraic topics for the Term 1, all building on their knowledge from KS3 and Year 10.



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Year 8 Trip to the Royal Institute of Chemistry

On Friday and Tuesday, 48 Year 8 students embarked on an exciting trip to the Royal Institute of Chemistry, where they had the chance to experience hands-on science in a professional lab setting. Dressed in lab coats, gloves, and goggles, the students looked every bit the part of real scientists, eager to dive into their experiments.

The first group explored the world of cosmetics by learning about acids, alkalis, and the process of neutralisation. They even got the chance to create their own bath bombs! Using the wafting technique to safely smell various ingredients, the students carefully selected scents and colours for their unique creations, combining science with creativity.

Meanwhile, the second group took on a fascinating challenge: extracting DNA from their own cheek cells. This involved a scientific method known as "cheek chewing," which helped them gather the cells needed for their experiment. Using advanced lab equipment, such as micropipettes—typically reserved for university-level research—they successfully extracted their DNA, which they then preserved in a double-helix necklace to take home as a memento.

This trip provided a fantastic opportunity for students to conduct experiments outside the classroom and enhance their understanding of real-world science. Asking the students, they specifically enjoyed observing the reactions as they added substances when extracting DNA, choosing the scents to add to their bath bombs, seeing DNA and learning about cells.



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Show My Homework/ Satchel One

All of your child's homework, along with notes from their class teachers and other support resources are posted on Show My Homework (also known as Satchel One). Your child can also use this platform to send messages to their teachers, should they have any questions.



Your child is already able to log into Show My Homework using his/her Office 365 login details. You are also able to login to check their homework by setting up your own account. Year 7 parents were recently sent PIN codes to allow them to set up an account. Any other interested parents can contact Mme Ling for their PIN code.

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: Kaylan

Year 8: Kai

Year 9: Ondrej

Year 10: Rodrigo

Year 11: Rafael



Top pupils for Sparx are:

Year 7: Yazan

Year 8: Alia

Year 9: Joshua

Year 10: Theo

Year 11: Daniel



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Year 7 enrichment

Throughout the week, year 7 have been signing up for their enrichment clubs, ahead of the first session on Monday. This term they had the opportunity to choose between the following clubs:

- Netball
- Boys rugby
- Poetry
- Art and Textiles
- Dice free games
- Portuguese culture club
- Hurlingham mentors club
- Debating society
- Gymnastics
- Law club
- Eco-club
- Performing Shakespeare
- Boys football
- Freddie's friends
- STEM club
- Squash club

Year 7 enrichment

Following on with the theme of enrichment, we would like to say a massive congratulations our year 11 pupil James, who completed his first half marathon, raising £640 for Macmillan Cancer Research. What a fantastic achievement, for a great cause. Well done James, you are a real inspiration to your peers.



Key dates for weeks beginning 23rd and 30th September

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 23rd September	8:30-9:00
Year 11 Final Push Evening	Thursday 26th September	17:00-18:00
SEND Parent Workshop	Friday 27th September	9:30-10:30
Open evening– school shuts for all pupils at 2:30pm	Wednesday 2nd October	17:00-19:30
Late start– school starts for all pupils at 9:30am	Thursday 3rd October	9:30 start



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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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