



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I can't believe it is the end of September already, it has gone by in a flash. It may only be the third full week of term but already we have had 4 trips, 2 theatre workshops and 2 song writing workshops. One of my goals is to ensure we provide our pupils with as many extra curricular opportunities as possible, and it is great to see just how many staff have already organised, and how many pupils are making the most of every opportunity offered. We also had a fantastic start to the year 7 enrichment programme with over 150 pupils all taking part in a club after school on Monday. I am incredibly proud of the range of opportunities we are able to offer.

I have been blown away by the support we have received from our parents and the wider community. They say it takes a village and this is couldn't be more true when it comes to the running of a school. Last week at our annual SEND coffee morning it was fantastic to see over 40 parents attending and last night it was brilliant to see a hall full of year 11 parents at welcome to GCSE evening. Next week is the big event, our open evening. I can't wait to be able to open our doors and show off all the fantastic work that is happening across the academy. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

School Photos

School photos were taken last Friday and are now ready to view and order online, via <http://www.getphotos.co.uk/>. You will need the code that is stuck into your child's planner. The deadline for free postage to school is 9th October. If you do not have your child's code, please contact reception via info@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk.

KS3 Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccinations scheduled for Year 7-9 next Friday have been postponed, due to a problem with the vaccine delivery. We will let you know the new date when it is confirmed. See the email from Ms Francis for more details on how to register your child for the vaccination.



Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... Science with the head of key stage 3 science, Mme Wong.

Year 7 have been learning about particles and separation methods. They are completing practical work on filtration, evaporation, and distillation. Soon they will learn about paper chromatography and solubility. Students will be able to use appropriate separation methods when separating mixtures.

Year 8 have been learning about the periodic table, the atomic structure and formation of ions. They will be able to understand and use the periodic table effectively by the end of this module. Part of this year group also attended laboratory sessions at the Royal Institute of Science - they had so much fun extracting their DNA from cheek cells and making bath bombs with different colours and scents.

Year 9 are soon completing the Matter module. They have completed the density practical and learnt how to apply the density equation. They will move onto chemical reactions and reactivity in the coming weeks. Students will have the opportunity to complete experiments involving various types of chemical reactions.

Year 10 have been learning about the heart and how it pumps blood around the body. Students have also been learning about heart diseases and risk factors for non-communicable diseases. These topics have allowed them to identify lifestyle factors that are linked to various diseases in the UK such as Type 2 diabetes and coronary heart disease. Soon students will look at structure and bonding in Chemistry.

Year 11 have been learning about the nervous system and hormones in the menstrual cycle. Students looked at how the body can self-regulate through homeostasis and negative feedback to regulate conditions such as blood sugar levels. Students are now moving on to the unit Forces and Motion where they will learn about the effects of forces in everyday life and the work of Isaac Newton.



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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:

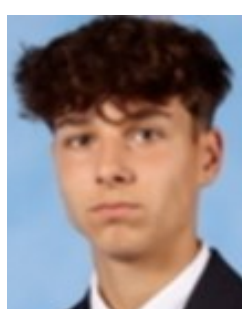
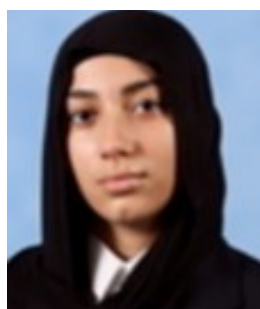
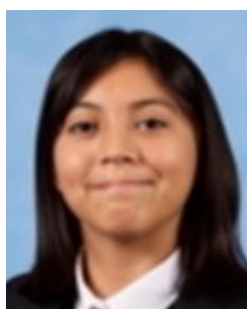
Year 7: Kaylan

Year 8: Ayla

Year 9: Saja

Year 10: Grisha

Year 11: James

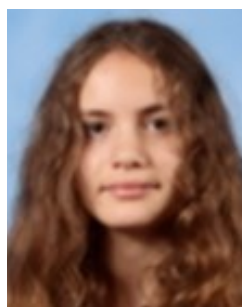


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: to begin soon

Year 8: Nailah

Year 9: Cassie



Top pupils for Sparx maths are:

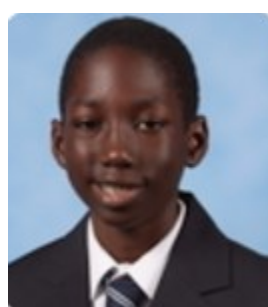
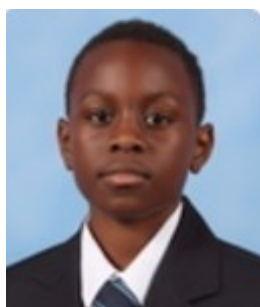
Year 7: Eesa

Year 8: Hassan

Year 9: Kaleen

Year 10: Max

Year 11: Alisha



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SEND Parents Next Meeting: New Date

Thank you to those parents who attended our 'Welcome to SEND at THA' coffee morning last week. We hope that these meetings are a valuable forum for you to find out what is happening at THA for students with SEND, for you to network with other parents and to ask any questions.

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.

Please click the link here to confirm your attendance: <https://forms.office.com/e/e1Anmt5LMK>

Thanks,

Ms Francis

Enrichment Opportunity



We are please to be offering street and contemporary dance classes starting on Friday. Classes are for all levels so bring your PE kit and get ready for some high level fun– what a way to kick start your week-end.

Key dates for weeks beginning 30th September and 7th October

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 23rd September	8:30-9:00
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
Year 10 welcome to GCSE evening	Thursday 10th October	17:00-18:30
Grammar stream STEM day	Friday 11th October	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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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



This week's content Week commencing 30th September

Blog: What are boundaries and why do they matter by Dr
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