



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Each morning during our whole staff briefing we start with a member of staff sharing a reflection. This reflection can be anything from sharing stories of their summer break to reading out appreciation cards from their form. This week Mme Ling challenged us all to list our top 3 favourite things that happened each day. This got me thinking about my favourite moments from the week but I honestly don't think I could pick just three. Over the past week I have had the pleasure of meeting many new families who have joined our

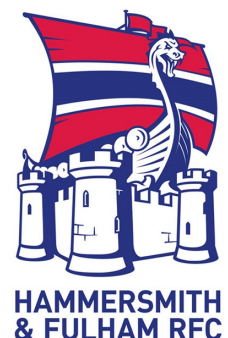
community and taking them on a tour of The Hurlingham Academy. I can honestly say that the feedback I have received from parents about our pupils and the lessons they have observed has been humbling. It makes me so proud to hear that The Hurlingham Academy is becoming a real landmark in the community. At break and lunch this week I have enjoyed observing the new friendships blossoming within our new year 7 cohort as well as the great relationships between staff and pupils. Finally, on Thursday year 7 had their hotly anticipated House Sorting Assembly where they found out which house they will be a member of. I just love hearing the buzz of excitement as the pupils discuss their new houses. But these are just three of many highlights of my week- honestly the list could go on and on. As you know, I just love September and the start of the new school year. It brings with it so many possibilities and opportunities. I hope all pupils make the most of the opportunities offered to them over the upcoming year, and I look forward to sharing many more positives with you all over the week, term and academic year.

Year 7-9 Rugby

On Sunday morning, years 7-9 had their first rugby training session with Hammersmith and Fulham RFC. It was a fantastic morning, and we would like to say well done to all pupils who participated. We look forward to the same this Sunday.

This is a brilliant opportunity we are offering to all boys in KS3. Training will be every Sunday with competitive matches starting in December. Participation is completely **free** and is open to all male pupils in years 7-9 here at The Hurlingham Academy. If any pupil wishes to attend, please

meet Mr Pudney at the **school gates at 9:30am on Sunday morning**. If you have any further questions, or any females are also interested in taking part in local rugby clubs please speak to Mr Pudney.



Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... English with the Head of English, Mme Mackay.

Year 7:

Year 7 units are beginning their secondary English curriculum with an exploration of powerful war poetry! The students are learning all about the most interesting poetic methods, and considering the power of individual word choice. The poems they are exploring at this stage include famous WW1 poets such as Wilfred Owen and Vera Brittain. We are proud of seeing the Year 7s develop their empathy for these late poet's experiences, and taking the opportunity to construct poetic pieces of their own!

Year 8:

Year 8 are studying the deeply dramatic Charlotte Bronte's 'Jane Eyre'. This is a classic Victorian novel with exciting gothic themes. Dark, twisting and turning - it tells the story of a young girl growing up in a challenging and unpredictable world. The students are having discussions on important topics such as gender roles and social expectations and trying to decipher Bronte's clever messages to the reader.

Year 9:

Year 9 are enjoying on of Shakespeare's most dramatic and tragic plays: Romeo and Juliet. They are reading, watching and performing from the classic love story - immersing themselves in a world of passion and conflict! Alongside this, students are exploring some love poetry from a range of diverse contemporary voices and asking the question: is the experience of love timeless?

Year 10:

Year 10 are beginning their GCSE study in English with Stevenson's The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. This intense and challenging text presents several complex and ambiguous protagonists and a mystery that is not revealed until the very final moments. Alongside this, students are working on their creative writing skills - developing their ability to craft well-structured and expressive narratives.

Year 11:

Year 11 begin the year with their final Literature text: the Power and Conflict poetry cluster. This collection of 15 poems is a vast and varied presentation of internal and external conflicts from a diverse range of writers. Students will be coming up with interesting comparisons between these perspectives and asking themselves what their own views are on the same big questions!



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A message from the Heads of Year



It has been fantastic to welcome year 8 back with us this week. They have made a strong start, showing how committed we are towards our learning and progress, and supporting each other as a team this year. I am looking forward to all the exciting things happening this year. Well done **year 8!**

Year 9, I want to say a huge congratulations for completing your first full week back. It has been such a joy to have you back in school and to see the maturity and the focus you have approached the new school year with. I have already received such positive feedback from your tutors and from your teachers and I really look forward to seeing what you are able to achieve this year. Continue to put your best efforts into everything and anything is possible! Keep up the fantastic work. We have an incredibly exciting year to come...



SEND coffee morning



We look forward to meeting parents and sharing how we support students with SEND at The Hurlingham Academy during our SEND coffee morning on Thursday 28th September. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to meet our SENCO and some of our LSAs who work closely with our SEND pupils, as well as networking with other parents of children with SEND. Dr Amal Hussein (Educational Psychologist) will also be sharing some strategies to support children with needs associated with ADHD and Autism at home.

Key dates for weeks beginning 18th and 25th September

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 18th September	8:30-9:00
Year 7 Prep	Monday 18th – Thursday 21st September	15:30 - 16:30
Open evening	Tuesday 26th September	17:00-19:00
SEND parent coffee morning	Thursday 28th September	9:15– 10:30



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Parents active– Autumn Term



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Session times are:

- 10 am – 12 pm for in-person sessions
- 10 am – 11 am for online sessions (unless stated otherwise)

Session –	Location	Dates
Coffee and Chat	Masbro Centre	Tuesday 12 th Sept
Welfare Benefits Advice with Doreen Hilton (Action on Disability)	Stephen Wiltshire Centre	Thursday 21 st Sept
Post 19 session: Co designing supported living and respite. Please book via Eventbrite – click here	Action on Disability, Mo Mowlem House, Clem Atlee Court, London SW6 7BF	(10.15am – 1.30pm) Tuesday 26 th Sept
Meeting with Peter Haylock (Operational Director for Education and SEND) and Councillor Alexandra Sanderson (Cabinet member for Children and Education)	Action on Disability, Mo Mowlem House, Clem Atlee Court, London SW6 7BF	Friday 6 th Oct
Coffee and chat; Family Hubs & Local Offer	Masbro Centre	Tuesday 10 th Oct
EHC and Children’s Social Care Surgery	Stephen Wiltshire Centre	Thursday 19 th Oct
<i>Half term week – no sessions</i>		23 rd – 27 th
Post 19 session: topic tbc	Venue / online tbc	Tuesday 31 st Oct
Coffee and chat	Masbro	Tuesday 7 th Nov
Training tbc	Stephen Wiltshire Centre	Thursday 16 th Nov
Post 19 session topic tbc	Masbro Centre	Tuesday 21 st Nov
EHC / Children’s Social Care surgery	Stephen Wiltshire Centre	Thursday 30 th Nov
CAMHS training / mental health support (tbc)	Masbro Centre	Tuesday 5 th Dec
Post 19 session tbc	online	Tuesday 12 th Dec
End of term		

Parents active is the parent carer forum for Hammersmith and Fulham. We run coffee mornings, information, and training sessions to support and empower parents as well as liaising with the local authority, education, and health services to improve provision. We welcome all parents and carers of children and young people with a special educational need or disability aged 0-25 years (who have a connection to Hammersmith and Fulham) to join our group. We have a new Post 25 Co-production co-ordinator who will be running sessions once a month for parent carers with adult children. **Membership is free; get the Zoom links for sessions, keep up to date with events and receive our newsletter by signing up to our members list. Find out more at www.parentsactive.org.uk and www.parentsactive.org.uk/join**



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About the Programme

Parentsactive in association with **Chelsea FC Foundation** and **HFEH Mind** will be running another round of Parentsactive8, an exciting 8 hour **physical and mental health wellbeing programme** specifically for **parent carers of children with SEND aged 0-18 years**.

You must be living in the borough of Hammersmith & Fulham or are registered with a GP in Hammersmith & Fulham to join the programme.

You will take part in a variety of physical activities, mental health workshops and have an opportunity to meet other parent carers over the 5 week programme, in the fantastic grounds of Stamford Bridge Stadium home to Chelsea FC!

The programme will run for 5 weeks on Wednesdays at 10am, starting on the 20th of September. Weekly sessions will be:

20th September (10am -12pm) – Introduction (1 hour) & physical activity session (1 hour) – 2 hours

27th September (10 am – 12pm) – Mental Health workshop with Mind – 2 hours

4th October (10 am -11am) – Physical activity session – 1 hour

11th October (10 am – 12 pm) –Mental Health workshop with Mind – 2 hours

18th October (10 am -11am) – Physical activity session – 1 hour

To Book

Please book through the Eventbrite link below or contact us at info@parentsactive.org.uk / 07572 138245 if you need any support.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parentsactive8-parent-carer-wellbeing-programme-tickets-634039417967?aff=oddtcreator>



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