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Ms Quinton's Weekly Message

We are proud to be celebrating Black History Month at The Hurlingham Academy this month. Through a range of activities, assemblies, competitions and curriculum learning opportunities, students are exploring the achievements, contributions and experiences of Black individuals in London who have made this city great through their ordinary lives. Even Film Club is showing great films starring people from black and minority backgrounds. This is crucial in helping to deepen understanding, celebrate diversity and promote our values of respect, empathy and citizenship. It has been fantastic to see students engaging so positively with all that is going on. This week we learnt about Yvonne Connolly, the first black Head Teacher and the inspirational, and yet in many ways ordinary, life of public service she led. The climax of BHM will be our Cultural Gala with drumming, dance, poetry and food on Thursday 22nd October. This year the event will be ticketed and aimed at families. Do come and join us in celebrating the amazing community we have here at The Hurlingham Academy! Please come and join us

Ms. Quinton

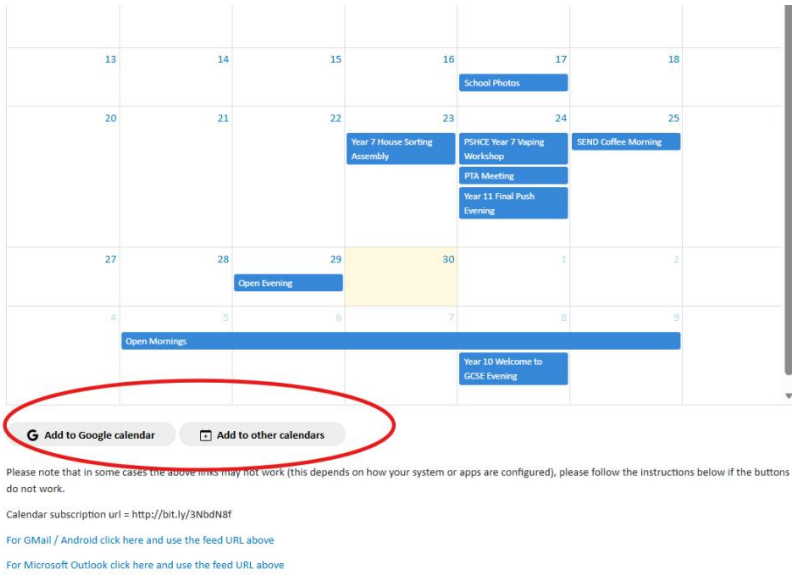
Don't miss a thing!

Want to have all of the term and whole school event dates automatically update in your personal iPhone or android calendar?

Open this link: The Hurlingham Academy > Parents > Events **from your personal device**, to subscribe to The Hurlingham Academy events calendar.

By clicking on '**Add to Google calendar**' for Android or '**Add to other calendars**' for iPhone, you are able to subscribe to all of our events and will never miss a thing!

*If you are already subscribed to last year's 'Hurlingham Academy' calendar, please delete and re-subscribe so that you have the latest 26/27 updates.



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Year 11 Artwork

Year 11 Art students have continued to impress with a stunning collection of acrylic paintings inspired by their GCSE theme, Our World – The Climate Around Us. The work demonstrates outstanding creativity, technical skill and individuality, with pupils exploring a diverse range of ideas and imagery. Congratulations to Jayden Skinner, Zoya Fazli, Farrah Browne, Leah Walker-Smith, Skal Hack, Tyler Mercer, Ecrin Akgun and Timur Butt for their fantastic artwork.

Friends of Hurlingham

After the successful launch of the Friends of Hurlingham last year we are recruiting for new members to help us to grow even further this year! This is a great opportunity for parents, carers and family members to get more involved with the school, support with fundraising and organising events, as well as connect with other parents and build a wider community network.

There are so many ways you can get involved and support:

- You like doing more than talking? Volunteer to help on the day of events.
- Ready to share your skills? Join us and offer a helping hand.
- PTA is your passion? Stand for one of the committee positions!
- Have a new idea you want to share? Join us and take the lead to bring it to life.
- Love to help but time is scarce? Donate at any point via the Amazon wish list or contact us for other ways to support.

Our first meeting of the year will be held in person on Tuesday 13th October from 5.15pm. If you have any questions, please email emowbray@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Amazon Wishlist

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to share our school Amazon Wish List, created to help provide extra resources and opportunities for our students. Every item donated big or small makes a real difference to classroom learning, enrichment activities, and student wellbeing.

If you find something you would like to purchase from our Amazon Wish List, just add it to your basket and follow the same procedures as if you were ordering something for yourself. The items will then be delivered directly to the school. Please make sure you select the school address in the delivery section.

Thank you,

The Friends of Hurlingham (PTA)

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Key Dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 12th October	8:30-9:00
Open mornings	12th, 14th, 16th , 19th and 21st October	9:00-12:30
New Scientist Live	Monday 12th October	10:00-15:30
France and Belgium information evening	Thursday 15th October	17:00-18:30
Year 9 LAMDA visit	Friday 16th October	13:30-16:30
Year 11 Courtauld Gallery Trip	Monday 19th October	13:00-16:00
Year 10 Cambridge University trip	Tuesday 20th October	8:00-16:00
Year 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out	Tuesday 20th October	9:00-15:15
Year 8 Hampton Court Palace Trip	Wednesday 21st October	9:00-15:30
Cultural Gala	Thursday 22nd October	17:00-20:00

Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility

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England

New rules mean more families could now be eligible for free school meals.

2026 -2027

From the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, your child will qualify for free school meals if your household receives Universal Credit, regardless of household earnings.

Eligibility for expanded FSM will be checked annually.

Who can now qualify?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if your household receives:

- **Universal Credit**
  All household earnings qualify for expanded FSM.
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance** (ESA)
- **Guarantee element of Pension Credit**
- **Certain families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF),**
  subject to the relevant rules.

Targeted FSM remains linked to the £7,400 annual household earnings threshold and can qualify families for additional support such as Pupil Premium and HAF.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils also receive universal infant free school meals.

How to apply

You can check if you're eligible and apply online at:

www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

- Your local authority or school will check your eligibility.
- Eligibility is checked annually.
- You may need to provide information to verify your claim.
- Eligible children can receive free school meals; targeted FSM may also unlock other support.

These changes apply to England.

If you think you might be eligible, please visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

It only takes a few minutes to check what support may be available.

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Training & Development Offer

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