



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Although we have only been back for a couple of weeks, it feels like we are well into this half term. I say this not because it has felt long, to the contrary the weeks have flown by, but because of how settled and focussed pupils are. I always marvel at how quickly pupils get back into the swing of things after an extended break. From the depth of understanding and level of work I have observed throughout the academy, you wouldn't believe that in some lessons, pupils only started covering these modules a week ago. This week saw the start of the KS3 assessment cycle. This is the first set of formal assessments for pupils in years 7-9 and are incredibly important for both the pupils and teachers here at The Hurlingham Academy. In order to ensure pupils are fully prepared for their GCSEs in year 11, these assessments are being invigilated by external invigilators, just as their GCSEs will be. I have been so impressed with the pupils attitudes both before and during their assessments. All pupils are working incredibly hard to ensure they achieve the best grades possible.

As always, assessments are cumulative, testing their knowledge of all topics they have learnt since September, so pupils need to ensure they are prepared. Some useful revision strategies include creating a mind-map of key topics; learning key vocabulary and memorising information and then self-quizzing to check your own understanding. It is vitally important that the pupils perform to the best of their ability throughout the assessment week, as the results will be used to move pupils into new groups in all subjects. Pupils have assessment manifests outlining exactly what knowledge will be tested during each exam. I encourage pupils to use these and ensure they are planning their revision carefully. Pupils have been working incredibly hard since September and so should feel confident and prepared for every assessment. I hope all pupils continue to focus on their revision over their weekend and come back on Monday ready to demonstrate all their knowledge and skills in their remaining assessments. The assessment timetable for next week can be found below:

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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
1	Y9 RE 45 mins	Y8 Geography	Y9 MFL	Y11 English	
2					
3					
4	Year 10 Option C	Y8 Maths	Y8 English	Y9 Geography	INSET DAY
5	Spanish		Writing		
6	Y7 MFL	Y7 English	Year 10 Option	Y7 History 50	
7			A Spanish		



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:

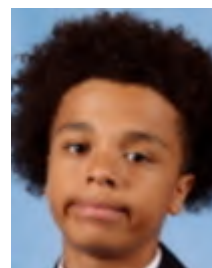
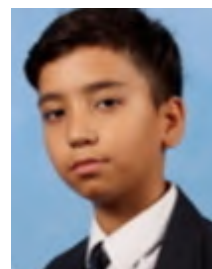
Year 7: Cedar

Year 8: Reilly

Year 9: Abdulrahman

Year 10: Maira

Year 11: Donte



Top pupils for Sparx maths are:

Year 7: Asinat

Year 8: Lois

Year 9: Serina

Year 10: Mohammed

Year 11: Eva

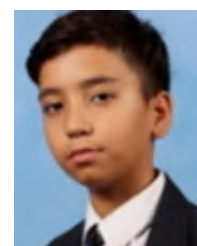
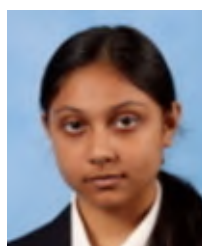
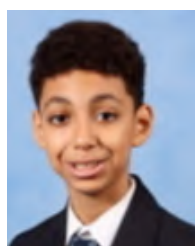


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Idris and Ayyana

Year 8: Youness and Ayesha

Year 9: Demi and Abdulrahman



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A Career in the Arts!

An evening for students to find out what it's like working in the arts.

Tues 3rd Feb

4:00pm - 6:00pm

The Sands Art Centre,
Peterborough Rd,
SW6 3EZ



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Year 7 Enrichment

This Monday, Year 7 made a brilliant start to their enrichment clubs for the spring term. We are delighted to offer a fantastic range of new clubs, from Dungeons & Dragons to gymnastics, there really is something for everyone. It is never too late to try something new, just ask Mr Baker and his new found love for origami! A huge thank you to all the staff who are running clubs this half term; the opportunities available to our pupils are truly exceptional.



Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 12th January	8:25-9:00
KS3 assessments	Monday 12th– Thursday 22nd January	All day
Inset day– no school for pupils	Friday 23rd January	All day
Year 9 trip– National Portrait Gallery	Thursday 29th January	13:00-16:30



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