



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week has been another busy and exciting one at The Hurlingham Academy. While our Year 11 pupils continue to work at full pace in preparation for their forthcoming exams, there has also been a great deal happening across the rest of the school. All Year 9 pupils enjoyed a Geography field trip to Brighton, made even more memorable by the fantastic weather. We were also incredibly proud of our drama students, who took to the stage at the Lyric Theatre on Monday. Wednesday was a particularly full day, with Year 10 pupils visiting Ibstock Place and Year 9 taking part in an inspiring art workshop. The evening marked an especially significant milestone for Year 11 with their Golden Envelope Evening. This important event gave pupils a valuable insight into what to expect on results day in August. Pupils also heard key messages from Ms Quinton about the final preparations for the exam period ahead. We are all rooting for our Year 11 pupils and are confident they will continue to work hard over the coming weeks as they prepare for their GCSEs.

## Year 10 Music class visit to the Royal College of Music

Our Year 10 GCSE Music class visited the Royal College of Music for an enriching educational experience, taking part in a hands-on Indonesian gamelan workshop. Students performed as part of a full ensemble, developing their listening, coordination, and collaborative skills while exploring non-Western musical traditions. The visit also included a tour of the Royal College of Music Museum, where students engaged with a world-class collection of historic instruments and artefacts. The trip provided a valuable opportunity to bring classroom learning to life and deepen students' understanding of world music within the GCSE curriculum.



## Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Last week, Year 10 Geography pupils took part in a field trip to Smugglers Way Waste Centre. This visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to gain first-hand insight into how waste is managed within a major city. We look forward to seeing pupils apply and develop this learning further as they translate their experiences into the classroom.



## Friends of Hurlingham

Our next 'Friends of Hurlingham' PTA meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 6.15pm. This meeting will be to help with planning the first Hurlingham Summer Fayre which will be taking place on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July!**

This will be a fully remote meeting, the link will be sent out in next week's newsletter.



## Parent Opportunity to be involved in SEND research

Our Learning Support volunteer, Rukhsana Ground who is completing an MSc in Psychology at Birkbeck University of London is looking for participants for a short interview as part of her dissertation. Her study explores "how parents from ethnic minority backgrounds who have at least one autistic child balances work with family life" an area that is under-researched in the UK. By sharing your experiences, you'll be helping raise awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by parents in similar situations and contribute to research that could help inform better support going forward.

All interviews will be confidential and no personal details will appear in the dissertation.

If you would like to find out more or take part, please complete the form here: [Research participant confirmation](#)



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## Mobile phones & social media

You will have seen a great deal in the news regarding the government's plans to introduce a ban on mobile phones in schools. This is something that we fully support at The Hurlingham Academy. However, until this ban formally comes into effect, we are increasingly seeing patterns of negative and unkind behaviour involving some students through social media and mobile phone use.

These behaviours are beginning to have a negative impact on the well-being and mental health of some of our students. We therefore kindly ask for your support in helping our students develop safe, responsible and respectful social media habits.

Regularly checking your child's phone and discussing their online activity can make a significant difference in keeping them safe. Open and ongoing conversations about who they are communicating with, the content they are viewing, and how they are interacting online help reinforce positive behaviours and awareness. By working together, we can ensure our young people learn to navigate the digital world with confidence, care and responsibility.

We would also like to remind you that we operate a warm, open-door policy. If you or your child ever have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You are always welcome to come into school to speak with a member of staff or to contact us at a convenient time. By working closely together, we can ensure that every child feels supported, listened to and happy in school.



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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 of the leaderboard for Sparx Maths are:

Year 7: Cedar

Year 8: Jaden

Year 9: Osman

Year 10: Mohammed

Year 11F: Raami

Year 11H: Peter



Top of the leaderboard for Seneca are:

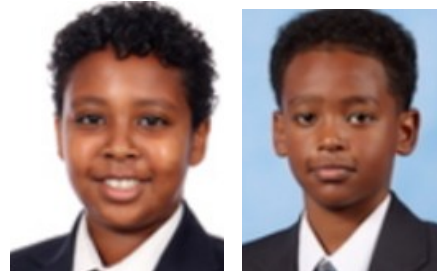
Year 7: Yusuf

Year 8: Marthed

Year 9: Ammar

Year 10: Shaficy

Year 11: Siana

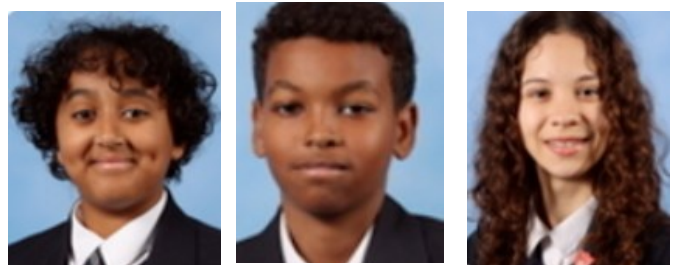


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Ayyana and Gashbeer

Year 8: Emir and Jaian

Year 9: Mohamed and Dillon



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## Year 9 Trip to Brighton

On Tuesday and Thursday, Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit the Rampion Visitor Centre and the i360 tower on Brighton seafront. During the visit, pupils developed their understanding of wind energy, coastal processes and land use in Brighton. It was a fantastic learning experience, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Baker and the Geography Department. Organising a trip for an entire year group is no small achievement, and their hard work is greatly appreciated.



## Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 27th April	8:25-9:00
Year 9 Interview Skills Day	Monday 27th April	All day
Year 9 and 10 Oxford Trip	Tuesday 28 April	All day
First give final	Tuesday 28 April	14:00-16:30
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 30th April	16:30-19:00
Year 7 National Portrait Gallery Trip	Friday 1st May	9:00 13:30
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May	All day
GCSE Art Exam	Tuesday 5th– Wednesday 6th May	All day
PGL information evening	Tuesday 5th May	17:00-18:00
HPV vaccinations Y8	Wednesday 6th May	09:30 - 15:00