



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I know I say this every week, but it really has been another action-packed week here at The Hurlingham Academy.

Year 10 successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition on Monday and Tuesday. It was fantastic to see them setting off with bags loaded with tents, roll mats, sleeping bags and, quite possibly, enough snacks to last a month! Even more impressive was seeing them return the following day still smiling after the challenge. Their resilience, teamwork and determination were clear for all to see.

On Wednesday afternoon, they were off again, this time for their work experience placements. For many pupils, this represents their first real taste of the working world and provides a valuable opportunity not only to learn about professional environments, but also to learn more about themselves- their interests, strengths and aspirations for the future. Deciding on a future career path can be incredibly challenging, and I hope that the insights and experiences pupils gain over the coming week will make those decisions just a little easier.

This week, we also welcomed 30 Chinese exchange pupils to the Academy. Each visitor was paired with one of our own pupils, and I have to say that our students did a fantastic job as hosts. Some of our guests were as young as 12 and had travelled to the other side of the world without their parents. However, they need not have worried- our pupils were exceptionally welcoming, caring and supportive. This was true not only of the buddies themselves but of our entire student body. The exchange programme provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about a different culture and to build friendships that I hope will last a lifetime. It was also lovely to see our Mandarin pupils putting their language skills into practice in authentic conversations.

These are just a few examples of the fantastic enrichment opportunities our pupils have enjoyed over the past week. Of course, we know that next week will be incredibly busy, with Cultural Capital trips, Sports Day, House projects and work experience all taking place. As I said last week, I urge all pupils to make the most of every opportunity available to them. These experiences play a vital role in helping young people develop into the well-rounded, confident and ambitious adults we hope they will become.

Cultural Capital

This week, all pupils in Years 7- 9 found out which Cultural Capital trip they will be attending next Monday and Tuesday. These trips are valuable learning experiences and are compulsory for all pupils. Pupils will be required to wear their full PE kit and bring their school bag.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to get out and about and explore the city in which they live, while developing their knowledge and cultural awareness beyond the classroom. The excitement was not limited to the pupils- staff were equally eager to discover where they would be spending the two days. We are looking forward to what promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.



Summer Fayre

Our upcoming Summer Fayre is a chance for us to fundraise towards transforming a piece of currently unused land to create a beautiful garden and to increase the outside space for our students to enjoy and relax in. This is so important for our student's wellbeing to support their mental health, focus and resilience through an increased connection to nature. As well as promoting academic achievement as the garden would serve as a living classroom, enriching subjects including science, geography, art, and food technology through hands-on learning about biodiversity, sustainability, and nutrition. It would also promote environmental stewardship by enabling students to grow food, compost waste, and understand climate action in practical ways.



We are looking for donations to help us, can you help us out with any of the following:

- Second hand books
- Bric-a-brac
- Sealed bottles (toiletries, soft drinks, table sauces or condiments, bottles of wine, nice bubble bath etc.) for a tombola



PTA Dates for your diaries

Our next 'Friends of Hurlingham' PTA meeting will be on Monday 13th July at 6.15pm. This meeting will be to help with planning the first Hurlingham Summer Fayre which will be taking place on **Thursday 16th July!**

This will be an online meeting, please join using this link:

[Join conversation](#)

See what we have been getting up to so far this year here: [Friends of The Hurlingham Academy](#)



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Summer Concert

We are delighted to invite you to our **Summer Concert 2026**, where our talented students will take to the stage for an evening of wonderful music.

Our performers have been working incredibly hard throughout the year, and this concert is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate their dedication, progress, and musical achievements. The programme will feature a vibrant variety of performances, with something for everyone to enjoy.

- **Date:** Tuesday 14th July 2026
- **Time:** 5:00pm – 6:30pm (approx.)
- **Venue:** The Hurlingham Academy – Main Hall

Tickets can be purchased via **ParentPay** (card payment) or **on the door (cash only)**:

Adults: **£3**

Children: **£2**

Family and friends are warmly welcome, so please come along and support our fantastic young musicians. We look forward to sharing a memorable evening of music with you while raising funds for a valuable community cause.



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Summer Fayre

Tickets are on sale at lunchtime every day for our Summer Fayre! £3 for adults and £2 for children. For this event we are restricting tickets for Hurlingham students, parents or carers and younger siblings only.

Tickets are on sale for students to purchase in person at lunchtime every day or they can be bought online via ParentPay.



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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.

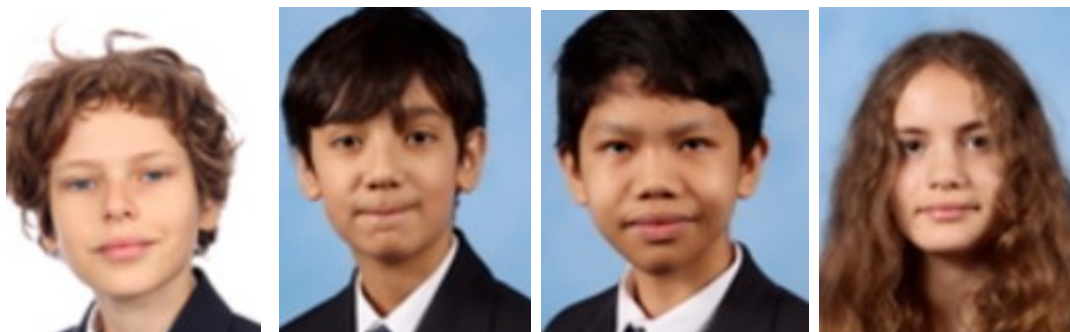
Top of the leaderboard for Seneca are:

Year 7: Joaquin

Year 8: Ryan

Year 9: Devann

Year 10: Cassie



Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Imran and Sumat

Year 8: Osman and Haytham

Year 9: Rothko and Yassen



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Amazon Wishlist

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)

[Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)



Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Year 9 trip to China	Friday 3rd– Tuesday 14th July	All day
Year 10 work experience	Monday 6th– Friday 10th July	All day
Cultural Capital Visits	Monday 6th– Tuesday 7th July	All day
Sports Day	Wednesday 8th July	All day
Cross Curricular Projects	Thursday 9th– Friday 10th July	All day
PSHCE drop down day	Monday 13th July	8:30-11:30
Summer Concert	Tuesday 14th July	17:00-18:30
Year 8 Scholars trip	Thursday 16th July	8:30-16:30
Golden postcard trip	Thursday 16th July	12:00-15:00
Summer Fayre	Thursday 16th July	16:00-18:00
Last day of term– school finishes at 13:05 for all pupils	Friday 17th July	8:25-13:05



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What we can help with:

- ✓ New wounds dressings, minor burns, cuts and abrasions
- ✓ Earache, sore throat & sinusitis
- ✓ Coughs & colds
- ✓ Urine tract infections (UTIs)
- ✓ Allergic reactions & skin conditions rashes, insect bites
- ✓ Pains & strains

