



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week, I've found myself reflecting on Mondays, particularly as this was Year 11's final Monday in school before the start of their GCSEs. While Mondays may not be everyone's favourite day of the week, they certainly are mine.

Each Monday morning, I have the privilege of speaking to all pupils during whole-school assembly, where we take time to celebrate the successes of the previous week. Later in the afternoon, I enjoy watching our Year 7 pupils gather in the playground before heading off to their Enrichment activities. I am incredibly grateful to our staff for offering such a wide and exciting range of clubs, learning beyond the classroom is so important for our pupils.

I then spend time in the Science department, visiting Year 11 during their intervention sessions. Year 11, you are working exceptionally hard, and please know that we are all right behind you. Monday evenings are spent meeting with the Senior Team, where we look ahead to the week and reflect on how we can continue to improve The Hurlingham Academy for the benefit of our pupils. For all these reasons, Mondays are pretty great.

That said, this coming Monday will look a little different for me. I'll be at home, enjoying some rest and catching up on reading, a break from my usual routine, and a novelty I'm sure I will enjoy for one Monday only! I encourage you all to do the same and enjoy the Bank Holiday Monday. I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday morning.

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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: Neriah

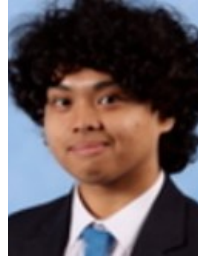
Year 8: Kaylem

Year 9: Abi

Year 10: Mohammed

Year 11F: Kane

Year 11H: Harry



Top of the leaderboard for Seneca are:

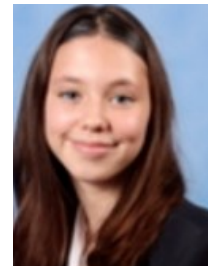
Year 7: Cedar

Year 8: Tigerlilly

Year 9: Ridwan

Year 10: Omar

Year 11: Jayden

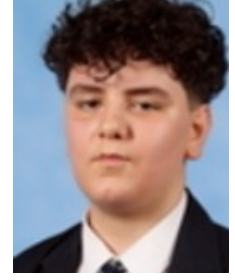
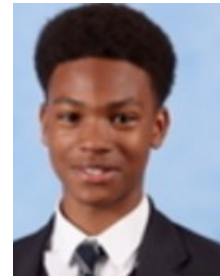
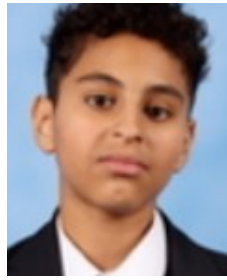


Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Sumat and Ibrahim

Year 8: Mukhtar and Haytham

Year 9: Jerome and Yassen



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French Trip to Oxford University

Last week selected Year 10 students enjoyed an enriching visit to Ibstock Place School, where they took part in an engaging and thought-provoking debating workshop alongside students from Ibstock Place School. The session challenged students to think critically, construct persuasive arguments and respond confidently to opposing viewpoints. Students were asked to debate whether teachers should be paid according to grades, and whether jobs should be based on passion or paycheck!

Led by facilitators at Ibstock Place, the workshop introduced key debating techniques, allowing Hurlingham students to develop their professional debating skills. Students worked collaboratively in mixed teams, debating a range of topical issues and sharpening both their communication and listening skills. Students such as Funmilayo and Mickey achieved special praise for their excellent oracy skills! The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to collaborate with peers from another school, build confidence and experience academic debate in a new setting. Many pupils rose to the challenge with impressive enthusiasm, demonstrating strong reasoning and teamwork throughout the day. Further to this, all students demonstrated their clear respect for their peers and the facilitators at Ibstock. Overall, it was an inspiring and enjoyable experience that students found both rewarding and memorable.



Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May	All day
Whole School Assembly	Tuesday 5th May	8:25-9:00
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
Year 9 WAC workshop	Wednesday 6th May	11:30-15:15
Year 11 maths and English intervention	Saturday 9th May	All day
9H Ibstock Place Trip	Wednesday 13th May	9:00-15:30
Tower of London Trip	Thursday 14h May	9:00-13:00