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Ms Quinton's Weekly Message



Good afternoon,

This academic year marks the Department for Education's National Year of Reading, a nationwide initiative designed to inspire children and young people to develop a lifelong love of reading. Through the DfE's 'Go All In' project, schools across the country are being encouraged to celebrate reading in all its forms and help every child discover books that spark their imagination.

I am thrilled to share that, as part of this programme, The Hurlingham Academy has received funding to purchase a wide range of brand-new books for our library. These new additions include contemporary fiction, classic literature, graphic novels, non-fiction, poetry and books that reflect the diverse interests and experiences of our students. The investment will help ensure that each of our young people can find something engaging to read, whether they are an avid book lover or just beginning their reading journey. We are also allowing our students to help choose the books that we buy to put on shelves. Reading is one of the most powerful tools for academic success and personal development. It builds vocabulary, improves communication skills, broadens horizons and supports wellbeing. We are excited to see our students exploring the new collection and discovering their next favourite book!

Today we hosted The Orange Tree Theatre and live performances of Macbeth for Year 11 and Romeo and Juliet for Year 9. Students have read the texts in class and were then able to enjoy this literature as it came to life in the main hall with real actors. The celebrations continue next week when a group of our students will visit the British Library's Crime Fiction Festival. The event will provide a fantastic opportunity for students to hear from authors, learn about the craft of storytelling and immerse themselves in one of the most popular and exciting genres of literature. We hope the visit will inspire many budding readers and writers and further strengthen our school-wide culture of reading.

Please support us in encouraging your children to find the types of books they enjoy and to give them time to read each evening. This is setting them up for life in more ways than one.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms. Quinton

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Parent Survey

At The Hurlingham Academy, we are committed to continuous improvement and striving to be the best we can be. A vital part of this is understanding the experiences of our parents and carers, which is why we are delighted to launch our annual parent survey.

The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete and asks for your views on a range of areas, including school communication, supporting learning at home, and your overall relationship with the school.

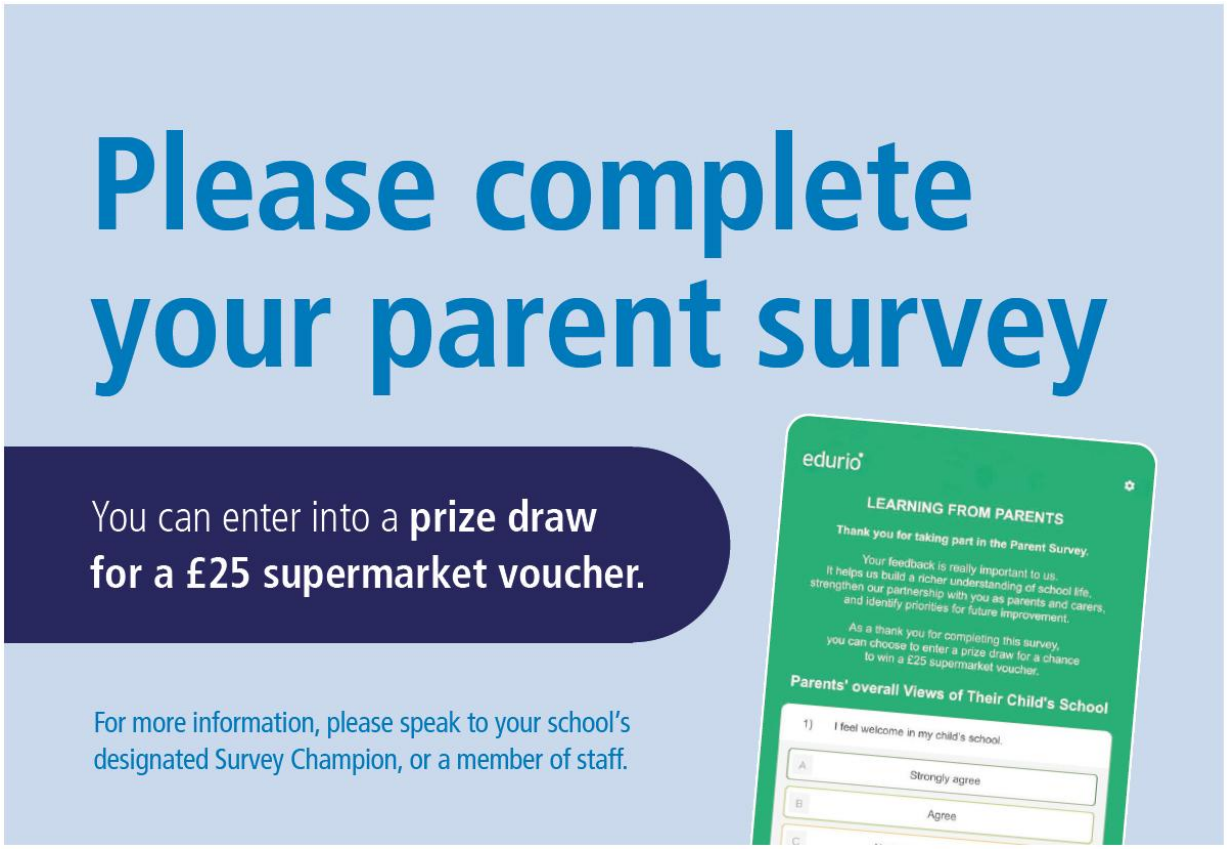
You can access the survey here:
Parent Survey

The survey is conducted by Edurio, an experienced independent survey provider. Responses are anonymous, and the school will not be able to identify you from your answers unless you choose to include identifying information about yourself or your child in a free-text response.

Alongside the parent survey, all pupils will also have the opportunity to share their views through a student survey, which they will complete during school time.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide your feedback. If you have any difficulty accessing the survey or have any questions, please contact k-ling@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk.

As a thank you for participating, you will have the opportunity at the end of the survey to enter a raffle to win a £25 supermarket voucher



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Fulham 10K

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in the Fulham 10K last weekend. The event had a fantastic atmosphere and was a brilliant celebration of community spirit. It even inspired us to start planning for next year, with both students and staff keen to get involved. So, if you spot members of SLT out running in the coming months, you'll know exactly what they're training for!

Character Award



Each week, our Heads of Year nominate a pupil who has demonstrated outstanding character and served as a positive role model within our school community. From these nominations, Ms Quinton selects one pupil to receive the weekly Character Award. This week's deserving winner is Daisy for her outstanding generosity, kindness and commitment to helping others. Daisy has been volunteering her time at Asda to support some fantastic charitable causes. Through her efforts, she has helped raise an incredible £600 for Children in Need and £2,000 for Breast Cancer Awareness. What makes this particularly special is that Daisy has chosen to give up her own time to make a positive difference to other people. Her selflessness, compassion and willingness to contribute to causes bigger than herself are wonderful examples of character.

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,

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Friends of Hurlingham PTA Meeting

Our next 'Friends of Hurlingham' PTA meeting will be online at 5.15pm on the 25th November - all are welcome! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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Educational Psychologist Workshop

JOIN US FOR A WORKSHOP RUN BY EDUCATIONAL PSCHOLOGIST DR HO



:ONNECTING WITH YOUR CHILD IN ADOLESCENCE: UNDERSTANDING, COMMUNICATION AND POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

We invite you to join a practical and supportive session focused on connecting with your child during adolescence. Together, we will explore what may be happening developmentally during the teenage years, how to strengthen trust and positive relationships, and how to encourage your child to talk more openly about school, friendships, behavior, and any worries they may be carrying. The session will include helpful theories, simple communication strategies, role plays, and conversation scripts you can use at home right away. We will also discuss how to work in partnership with the school when concerns arise. Parents will leave with concrete tools, a chance to ask questions, and information about follow-up support.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing crowe@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk

Key Dates for Upcoming Events

Description	Date	Time
Whole School assembly	Monday 23rd November	All day
British Library Trip	Monday 23rd November	All day
Year 7 Meet the Tutor	Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th November	13:45-17:00
PTA meeting	Wednesday 25th November	17:15- 18:15
Inset- no school for pupils	Friday 27th November	All day
SEND Theatre Trip	Wednesday 2nd December	12:00- 16:30

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