



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term. At the start of each term, I think it is important to reset expectations. Here at The Hurlingham Academy, we believe that consistency in teaching and expectations is key. Whether it is the first day back or the last day of term, I know that I can walk around the academy and see the very best teachers standing delivering fantastic lessons to inquisitive, engaged pupils. Our school routines are key in achieving this, as both teachers and parents know exactly what to expect throughout the day. I have been absolutely thrilled to see our routines so well embedded as I walk around the school this week, meaning teachers can get on with doing what they do best, teaching the highest quality lessons to our pupils.

Next week we are celebrating World Book Day. We have events happening throughout the week so do take an interest in all the fantastic events that Mme Keene and Mme Sroya have arranged. All the teachers will be dressing up, with each department dressing up as a book genre, from Greek Mythology to Comedy, there really is a genre out there for everyone!

Student Librarian Trip

With World Book Day fast approaching, the Student Library helpers went on a book-themed rewards trip. The students took part in a "Blind Date with a book" where they chose a book solely based on a small description. The school library also donated books to the local shop that was running the activity.



Chinese New Year Celebrations

Towards the end of last term, our students enjoyed a vibrant programme of activities to celebrate Chinese New Year.

KS4 Cultural Workshops

Our KS4 students participated in a range of hands-on workshops, including paper cutting, shuttlecock kicking, Chinese calligraphy, and a writing competition. They thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills, engaging in friendly competition, and exploring important aspects of Chinese cultural heritage through creative activities.

KS3 Kung Fu Workshop

We were delighted to welcome a monk who trained at the Shaolin Temple, accompanied by his students, to lead an inspiring Kung Fu workshop. Students discovered the meaning and purpose behind a variety of postures and movements and had the exciting opportunity to practise these techniques themselves.

Food and Décor

To complement the workshops, our canteen team prepared a delicious Chinese-themed lunch. The dining area was also beautifully decorated, creating a festive Spring Festival atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.



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World Book Day

Thursday, 5th March is World Book Day. All Year 7s and any Student Librarians are permitted to dress up and take part in a costume challenge on the day.

The three best costumes will win prizes from the library, last year's winners received book filled Dauntbooks tote bags and postcards! Please encourage Year 7s to take part, see the poster for costume rules. It must be an obvious costume complying with costume rules, if students arrive in normal clothes they will be sent to the APSC.

WBD Theme: Go All In

Dress based on your favourite book, representing accurately the chosen book's genre and themes.

- It must be very obvious that you are dressed in a Costume, not your daily clothes.
- You must bring a copy of the book and carry it during the day.
- If you do not follow costume rules you'll be sent to the APSC.
- Three winners will receive prizes from the library.

What can a costume look like?
It must be a clear depiction of a literary book that matches a genre and is an obvious costume.

You can't choose a simple fiction book and dress in own clothes.



Examples of obvious costumes:



SEND Coffee Morning

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT SEND COFFEE MORNING



A supportive place to grow, learn and connect together. Join us for an informative session led by our Educational Psychologist, focusing on:

- What "masking" is and why young people do it
- How masking can affect wellbeing, behaviour and learning
- How parents and school can support a child who masks

Our next coffee morning is Wednesday 4th March 9:30-11am. If you wish to attend please confirm your attendance using the following link:

[SEND coffee morning- March 4th – Fill in form](#)



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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:

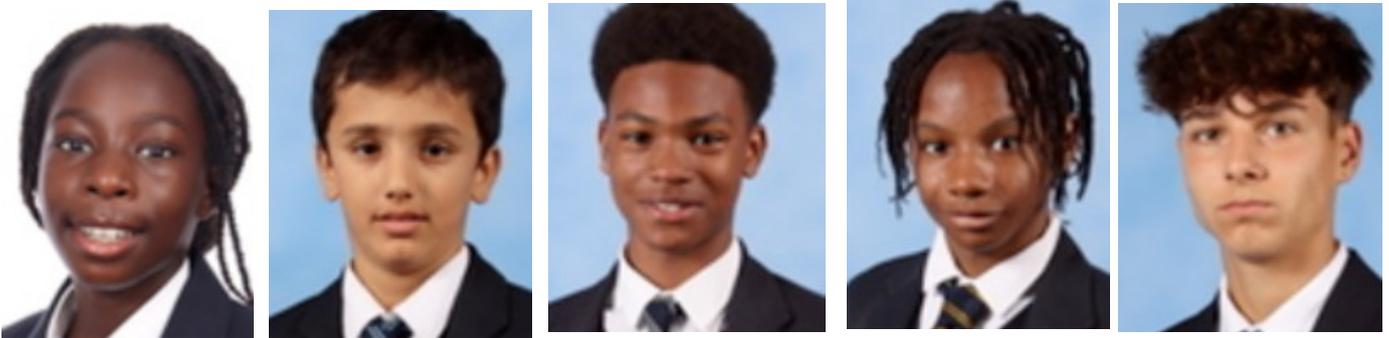
Year 7: Cedar

Year 8: Mohammed

Year 9: Jerome

Year 10: Keiran

Year 11: Grisha



Top pupils for Sparx maths are:

Year 7: Abdulnafi

Year 8: Nikai

Year 9: Massiell

Year 10: Keiran

Year 11: Donte



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KS4 Mocks

KS4 mock examinations began smoothly this week, with students demonstrating a focused and positive approach. The Week 2 timetables for both Year 10 and Year 11 can be found below.

Year 10:

Period	Monday 2 nd March	Tuesday 3 rd March	Wednesday 4 th March	Thursday 5 th March	Friday 6 th March
1					English Language (105 minutes)
2				Option C- Mandarin (reading)	
3					
4	Option C- Mandarin (writing), History	RE (60 minutes)			
5					
6	Science- 45/60 minutes	Option B- French (writing), History	Option A- French (writing), History, Media	Maths- 90 minutes	
7					

Year 11:

Period	Monday 2 nd March	Tuesday 3 rd March	Wednesday 4 th March	Thursday 5 th March	Friday 6 th March
1	Biology (75/ 105 mins)	Maths paper 1 (90 minutes)	Maths paper 2 (90 minutes)	English Literature (105 mins)	
2					
3					
4			Option C Spanish- Listening		
5					
6	Option A History, French (reading), Spanish (listening), Statistics	RE (120 minutes)		Option B History, Business, Mandarin (listening), Spanish (reading), Sport btec	Option C- History
7					

Medical Appointments

We would like to remind all parents and carers that we require at least 24 hours' notice if your child needs to leave school to attend a planned appointment. To inform the school of any upcoming appointments please email: info@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk or message via the Arbor app.



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Jack Petchey Awards

On Thursday evening the winners of the Jack Petchey awards for 2026 attended their award ceremony. The winning pupils were so proud of themselves - as were their parents who were cheering on from the audience. Even our very own Ms Bryan won an award. It was a fantastic evening and a lovely way to celebrate the achievements of our pupils and staff. Well done to all those who were nominated.



Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 2nd March	8:25-9:00
Year 10 and 11 mock exams	Wednesday 25th February– Thursday 12th March	All day
Women in motorsports trip	Monday 2nd March	9:00-15:30
Year 8 and 9 Natural History Museum Trip	Tuesday 3rd March	9:30-15:30
Year 7 student librarian trip	Tuesday 3rd March	13:00-15:30
SEND coffee morning	Wednesday 4th March	9:30-11:00
Barcelona trip parent meeting	Wednesday 4th March	17:00-18:00
World book day	Thursday 5th March	All day
Year 9 meningitis vaccinations	Thursday 5th March	9:30-15:00
London Book Fayer	Thursday 12th March	13:00-17:00

