



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



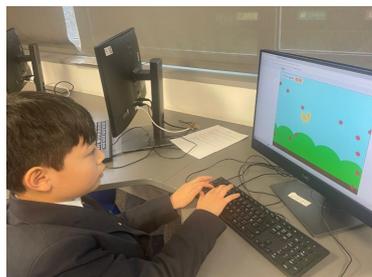
It has been another incredibly busy week here at The Hurlingham Academy. On Tuesday, we held our termly PSHCE and House Drop-Down Day.

During the morning, pupils explored a range of important and engaging topics. Year 7 focused on coding, developing their understanding of key digital skills. Year 8 investigated careers in the food industry and enjoyed a Q&A session with Jeffrey Boardi, chef and author of Plant Food. Year 9 examined the impact of drugs, deepening their awareness of the associated risks and consequences. Meanwhile, Year 10 researched a wide range of career pathways, from opportunities in the financial district to roles in construction and beyond.

The afternoon was dedicated to our House system, with pupils taking part in six competitions across the school. As I walked through the corridors, I saw innovative solutions to complex problems, fantastic team work and pupils really pushing themselves outside their comfort zone to ensure they supported their house. It was a pleasure to witness such creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm. While strong knowledge of core subjects remains essential, it is just as important that we provide opportunities for students to explore their creative talents through open-ended activities and challenges. Days like this remind us of the breadth of talent within our school community.

A big thank you to our ever-energetic Heads of House, who did a wonderful job organising such a successful and enjoyable day.

Next week we break for half term, a well-earned opportunity to rest and recharge before another busy and productive half term begins. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 23rd February.



Sports catch-up

Over the past few weeks we've had a number of sporting fixtures with lots of success. Our U13 girls football team had two fixtures on consecutive days vs. Phoenix and All Saints, winning both games 8-4 and 11-1 respectively. Hera and Dior in Y8 showing real quality outfield and in goal, giving confidence to their teammates and propelling us up the league.

Our Y7 boys were unfortunate vs. All Saints on a small and difficult pitch. Having led at half time, we sadly lost 4-2 against a big team - our Y7s have such quality, we just need to get some consistency with a full squad available after February half term.

Y9 boys made easy work against St Thomas More at Battersea Park. The team included two Y8 pupils and we welcomed back AJ and Isaac after holidays and injuries. The boys ran away 8-2 winners and look to continue their strong form into the second half of the Spring term.

Y10 boys had a close games vs. Holland Park, but similar to their peers, were able to finish the match as comfortable winners. A composed game in central midfield by Kairon and strong defensive display, particularly from our newest player, Jad, ensured we kept a clean sheet.

Finally, our Y11 boys had a much anticipated basketball match vs. Holland Park. The boys were absolutely buzzing for this game. New kit, great venue, strong team, it was a recipe for success. Our squad included Marli in Y10, and was made up of Abush, Kassius, Ryan, Matthew, Sandy, and Asif, and the boys rose to the occasion coming out 32-24 winners.

A great final few weeks of this half term!



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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 pupils for Seneca are:

Year 7: Erina

Year 8: Liam

Year 9: Aeshah

Year 10: Eglentina

Year 11: Donte



Top pupils for Sparx maths are:

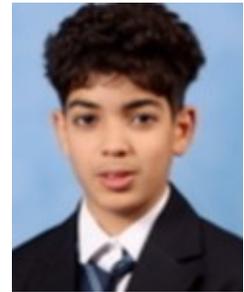
Year 7: Dean

Year 8: Mohammed

Year 9: Massiell

Year 10: Kaleen

Year 11: Theo



Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Cyrus and Abdunafi

Year 8: Osman and Cairo

Year 9: Satine and Yurii



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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.

KS4 Mocks

Year 11 mocks begin on Wednesday 25th February. The timetable for the first week can be found below. We would like to remind all pupils of year 10 that their mock window will begin the following week.

	Monday 23rd Feb	Tuesday 24th Feb	Wednesday 25th Feb	Thursday 26th Feb	Friday 27th Feb
1			Further maths		
2					
3					
4				Option A French and Spanish Writing (80 minutes)	
5					
6				Option B Mandarin-writing, Spanish-writing,	Option C- Business studies, drama, Enterprise, History, Media, Spanish
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				Option C Spanish writing- 80 mins (start during tutor time)	

Key dates for upcoming weeks

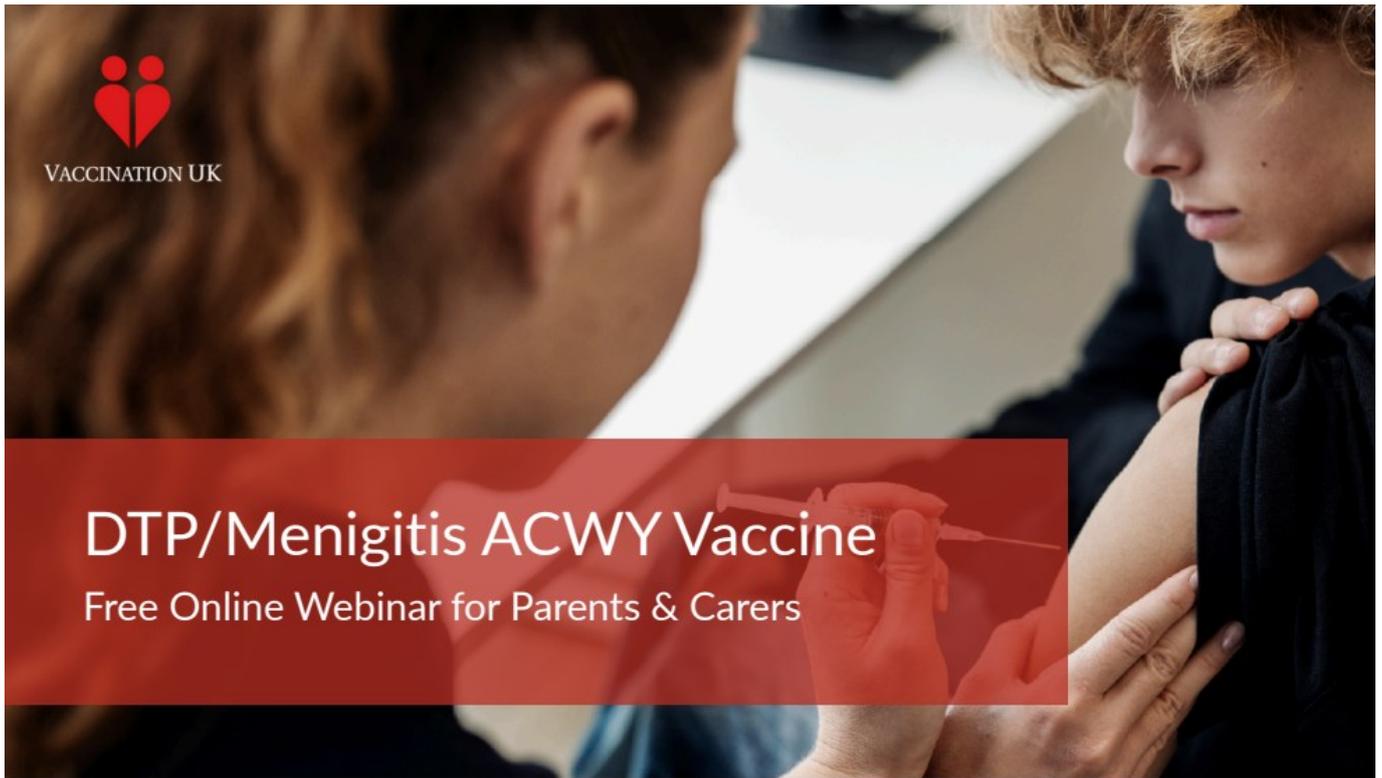
Description	Date	Time
Half term	Monday 16th– Friday 20th February	All day
First day of Spring term 2	Monday 23rd February	8:25am
Years 8-10 Student Librarian Trip	Tuesday 24th February	13:00-15:30
Year 8 Dance Workshop	Friday 27th February	9:00-15:00
Year 10 & 11 mocks	Wednesday 25th February– Thursday 12th March	All day



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Webinar dates:

Tuesday 10th February at 7:00pm & Tuesday 17th February at 7:00pm

If you are unable to attend either session, a recording will be sent to you afterwards.

This is a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions directly, and our nursing team will be available to support you.

The session will cover:

- What the DTP & MenACWY vaccination are
- Look at the prevalence of these preventable diseases
- Address vaccine myths and misinformation
- Discuss side effects and effectiveness
- Go through the consent process



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JOIN US AT OUR NEXT SEND COFFEE MORNING

WEDNESDAY, 4TH
MARCH 2026
9.30-11AM

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
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- How masking can affect wellbeing, behaviour and learning
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- How parents and school can support a child who masks

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE USING THE LINK BELOW:

Please find the link

[SEND coffee morning- March 4th](#)