



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I cannot believe that exam season is upon us already. Exams began on Tuesday, with the GCSE Art exam. I know Mme Sullivan was incredibly impressed with the work produced. We then had GCSE papers on Thursday and Friday. Pupils were in cram from 7:30am each morning, and it was fantastic to see their smiling faces as they left the exam hall. I am so pleased to see such a successful start to GCSEs 2025. Year 11 have worked exceptionally hard throughout KS4, particularly in the lead up to their GCSE exams. Pupils have worked tirelessly, often opting to work through their lunch break, as well as coming in on Saturdays and during the holidays for study sessions. Their teachers have prepared them thoroughly for every question on every paper and ensured they have the very best resources to revise. Pupils should be going into each exam feeling confident and ready to show off everything they've learnt over the past 5 years with us.

So what happens now? We need the support of parents and carers at this time to ensure pupils are in school for their 7:30am cram sessions and that they are properly prepared. We also need pupils to be looking after themselves by getting a good night's sleep and avoiding too many distractions during the exam season (that's right Year 11, delete Snapchat and Instagram for the next 5 weeks!!!). I truly believe that all pupils can succeed when they work hard; I have no doubt that this set of exams will lead to some brilliant results that our pupils truly deserve. Good luck year 11, we are all behind you, supporting you.

Year 10 Basketball

On Tuesday, our year 10 boys basketball team represented Hammersmith and Fulham at the NBA 3v3 regional finals on Wednesday. It was an all-day event, against the best schools in West London boroughs. After a tough two games which we lost, we then won 3 in a row. Abush was scoring lots of points from outside the 3-point line which made the other schools work hard against us. Sadly, we were knocked out in the semi finals against Lampton School from Hounslow, but all boys played brilliantly and contributed throughout the day. Well done.



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:

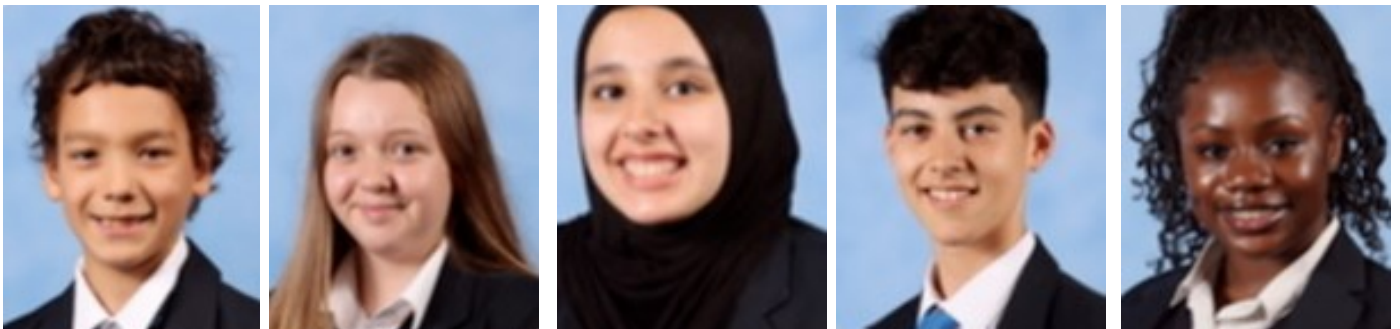
Year 7: Spencer

Year 8: Erza

Year 9: Aminah

Year 10: Rodrigo

Year 11: Alisha-Rose



Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 7: Ayesha and Esther

Year 8: Joyah and Princess

Year 9: Leo and Elijah



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Hockey Achievement

Our Year 7 pupil Austin Stay had a tremendous season with his U12 ice hockey team and will compete for a national title in the coming days.

Austin finished the regular season on Sunday, 4th May with a win against Invicta resulting in a perfect 16-0 record. His team outplayed every opponent making them the top seed from the South East at the U12 England Ice Hockey Junior National Tournament in Sheffield 17-18th May. Very exciting!

Austin trains with Streatham Youth Ice Hockey Club alongside fellow Hurlingham Academy pupils Cooper Stay and Leon Marshall, and is grateful for the support of THA and the PE department in his sporting journey.



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MasterChef

On Wednesday we had our first round of MasterChef. Some students were a little nervous, but they did a fantastic job and produced some high-quality plates of food. The task was to cook a chicken curry (sweet potato for vegetarian) and a flatbread in an hour.

First place was awarded to Freddie, he was given high praise for his amazing flatbreads, second to Mehdi and third to Kaylan. All students gave 100% effort. We wish all 3 pupils the best of luck in the grand final, and we look forward to the next round of heats.



Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Tuesday 6th May	8:30-9:00
GCSE exams	Thursday 8th May– Wednesday 18th June	All day
Year 10 drama trip	Wednesday 14th May	12:50-16:20
Ibstock Place visit– 8H	Wednesday 14th May	13:30-16:30
The Crucible Y10	Thursday 15th May	12:00 - 18:00
Y8 vaccinations	Thursday 15th May	All day
Year 6 Parents coffee morning	Friday 16th May	9:00-11:00
Year 9 Spanish restaurant trip	Wednesday 21st May	15:30-17:30
Ibstock Place visit– 7H	Friday 23rd May	13:30-16:00
May Half term	Monday 26th– Friday 30th May	All day