



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



We are currently in the month of Ramadan. Many people know Ramadan as a time of fasting, during which those observing abstain from eating and drinking during daylight hours. We recognise that this can be a challenge for many, and I would like to take this opportunity to say how pleased I have been with pupils' commitment to their studies over the past couple of weeks.

Pupils are still expected to participate fully in lessons, and it has been fantastic to see this as I walk around the academy.

In addition to fasting, Muslims observing Ramadan also increase their spiritual and devotional acts, such as prayer, giving to charity and strengthening family ties. The emphasis on charitable giving reinforces the importance of supporting those in greatest need in society and helping to improve their quality of life. This is such an important value, and one that we very much encourage here at The Hurlingham Academy.

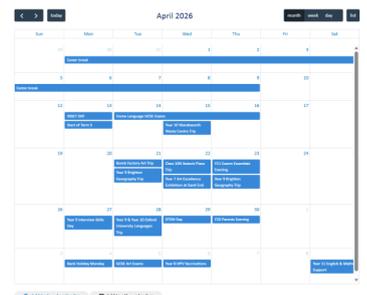
In the last week of this half term, we will be holding our annual Charity Week, which is always an action-packed week with events taking place at lunchtime and after school each day. I know Mr Pudney is currently putting the final touches to the schedule, and I would encourage all pupils to engage with as many of the activities as possible to help make this the best Charity Week to date.

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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 8: Zayn

Year 9: Ridwan

Year 10: Daisy-Belle

Top pupils for Sparx reader are:

Year 11: Matheus



Year 7: Gashbeer and David

Year 8: Nikai and Nyiah

Year 9: Jaylenrae and Ab-

dulrahman



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## World Book Day

Last week, we celebrated World Book Day. Staff and Year 7 pupils dressed up as different genres to represent the National Year of Reading theme, 'Go All In'. We also hosted a murder mystery case in the library, where students worked together to uncover the suspects behind Mr Wright's "murder".

In addition, we welcomed two visiting authors. Author Katherine Randall met with Year 8 pupils during their library lesson for a creative writing workshop, while author Attiya Khan visited Year 9 to speak about her journey into writing and the process of getting published. We would like to thank Ms Sroya for arranging such a fantastic week.



## Key dates for upcoming weeks

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 16th March	8:25-9:00
Parent forum	Monday 16th March	18:00-19:00
Jamie's Farm	Monday 16th—Friday 20th March	All day
Barcelona Trip	Wednesday 18th– Friday 20th March	All day
Charity week	Monday 23rd-Friday 27th March	All day
Golden postcard trip	Wednesday 25th March	9:30-13:30
Tea Dance	Wednesday 25th March	13:30-15:30
Year 8 Parents Evening	Thursday 26th March	16:30-19:00
Last day of term	Friday 27th March	8:25-13:05



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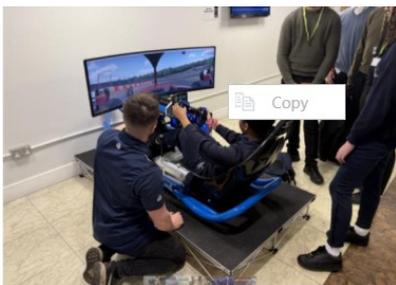
## Y9 Social Action trip to the University of Oxford

On Monday 9th March, four Y9 pupils travelled to Oxford to present how The Hurlingham Academy is continuing to address ways that we are supporting climate change and acting sustainably. All pupils recently had a chance to submit a design plan for the hugely anticipated school garden and green space at the back of the school site. Along with presenting on how pupils were involved in this project, Y9 also spoke about the work that Hurlingham pupils carry out in December and January when Y7 pupils get the chance to plant tree saplings at Hurlingham Park. Our group also had a tour of St Anne's College, a chance to speak to a first-year student, and a taster seminar on Serious Realism. Excellent day and pupils represented the school impeccably.



## Y9 girls go to Crystal Palace

We took a group of Y9 girls to enjoy a day of motorsport careers and activities at Selhurst Park, the home of Premier League club, Crystal Palace FC. Girls were introduced to the event with a panel of four people in different fields linked with motorsports who explained their journey to their current career and what makes their career interesting! Pupils then had a chance to speak directly with this panel, take part in a pit-stop challenge against other schools, and a robotics and computing session where they had to drive a robot ball around a track in the same shape as Silverstone



## Y9 boys beat BDA

Y9 boys had another successful football fixture and their promising season continues into March. We fielded a strong 11 which included two Y8 pupils, plus two more Y8 pupils on the bench – highlighting the strength of footballer in the lower school! Seb got two goals, Yazan got two assists, Isaac got two goals upon his return to the team after a head injury a few months ago, and Rio displayed excellent skill as well as an eye for a key pass throughout the game. We finished the game 4-1 winners, and have a few more fixtures this side of the Easter holidays.



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