



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



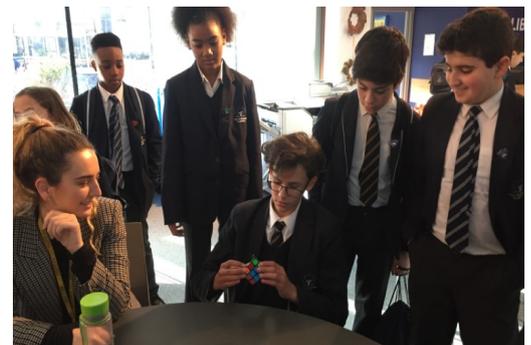
Each evening, Mrs Wilson and I sit down to watch the news and I cannot help but notice the stories of intolerance that dominate the headlines. Here at The Hurlingham Academy, we like to do things our own way. We know that, wherever someone is from or however different from us, it is very important that we accept and respect everyone in our community. We know that we set our own standards rather than mimic the behaviour of others who have lost their way or those who use their voice to disrespect others. This week has been the perfect opportunity to welcome others into our community

as we have hosted 28 pupils from a school in China for an international visit. Our pupils were overwhelmingly gracious and helpful in how they included the students in their lessons, House competitions and social groups. Teachers, of course, led by example as they welcomed students into their classrooms and made sure the pupils felt able to see great lessons every day. We have learnt a lot from our new colleagues and I am looking forward to hosting more international visits in the future.



'Rubik's Cube Challenge' with Miss Grubb

This week's House competition was a 'Rubik's Cube Challenge' with Miss Grubb in the library. Each House chose a member to represent them, and the representatives then had 3 minutes to try and complete as much of the Rubik's cube as possible. Completing 1 side won them 1 point, opposite sides was 2 points, and the whole thing was 5 points... It's definitely harder than it looks! But perhaps not for Theo, representing Caritas, who managed to complete the whole cube in a mere minute and a half - much to the astonishment of all the onlookers. Veritas came in second place with 1 point, followed by Aequitas and Unitas in joint third place, neither teams being able to complete a side.

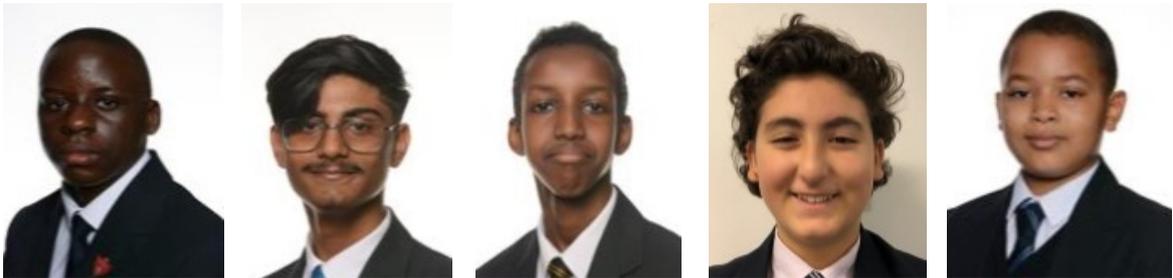


Mr Wilson's Commendations

Again, it has been lovely to see so many pupils working on their studies both in the classroom and at home. I can't stress the importance of consolidating your knowledge at home. I would like to congratulate the following pupils who made it to the top of our maths, science and English leaderboards this week:

Top of the leaderboard for Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 11 - Trevor
Year 10 - Ibraaheem
Year 9 - Abdulahi
Year 8 - Gabriel
Year 7 - Kairan

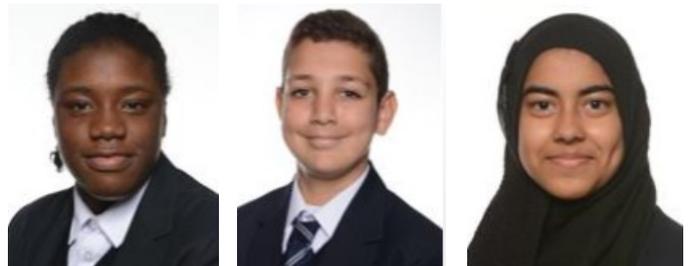


It's great to see some new faces on the leaderboard this week. Particular congratulations to Ibraaheem who came top of the whole school this week. Having just marked his assessment, I am pleased to say all his hard work on Hegarty really has paid off. Well done Ibraaheem and keep up the hard work.

Topping the Year 11 leaderboard for Tassomai this week are Susana, Christian, Machi, Elias and Leah. Well done to these pupils.



Finally, I would like to congratulate Precious, Charlotte, Adem, and Aaliyah as they were our top readers from each House. Excellent work and well done for earning so many points for your respective Houses.



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Sporting News

Year 7 arrived at Hammersmith Academy on Monday afternoon confident of achieving something special. The girls' track relay started the proceedings as Ashley, Nubia, Anais, and Bailey won the first race with relative ease. The boys did not disappoint and similarly won their heat without really breaking a sweat. The afternoon then split into track and field events. The girls were impressing and leading themselves as Mr Pudney was standing in as a triple jump judge, with a number of races won. The resilience of the girls was fantastic, even when occasionally they would finish 2nd or 3rd, the girls pushed to ensure we scored the fastest time possible. Boys competed in the shot put, vertical jump, speed bounce, and a number of other events. Girls then completed field events and boys on the track. Like the girls, our boys absolutely dominated their group, winning every race vs. Hammersmith Academy. Nubia competed well on the speed bounce and Bailey filled in at a number of events due to injuries to some of our girls. Overall, girls achieved 3rd place out of 7, and the boys finished 2nd out of 5. A fantastic effort from all those involved. We are so please to see so many of our pupils getting involved in after-school sports clubs and we look forward to success in a range of sports in the upcoming weeks.



Key dates for week beginning February 4th - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 4 th February	08:25 - 9:00
PSHCE Drop Down Day	Wednesday 6 th February	08:25 - 15:30
UKMT Junior Maths Challenge	Thursday 7 th February	08:25 - 15:30
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 7 th February	16:30 - 18:30



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