



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term. At The Hurlingham Academy this week, we have had a very busy start back to the Spring term with our 'Ambition to Succeed', 'Bridging the Gap' and 'Changing Lives' programmes all running to ensure pupils have the best chance to fulfil their potential. We also had the Orange Tree Theatre Company in school, performing to our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils in a highly engaging rendition of Macbeth. What an excellent opportunity for some revision of that key text. I have been blown away by our own school production of Macbeth,

directed by Ms Mackay; it is a triumph. Pupils were so confident on stage and were fully immersed in their characters. I was particularly impressed with how fluently the actors delivered their challenging lines; they had obviously spent a long time learning and rehearsing and their hard work truly paid off. Thank you to staff and students involved and thanks as ever to parents who have come out to support the school by watching the show. Next week we are celebrating both World Book Week and National Science Week! We have events happening every lunchtime where there are plenty of House points up for grabs. Do take an interest in these fantastic opportunities - you could win a quiz about the nation's favourite books or discover a hidden talent for building the tallest biodegradable tower!

## Geography Field Trip

In the last week of term our Year 10 GCSE geographers journeyed to Suffolk for their fieldwork. It was hard work... On day one, students designed and carried out their own investigation. On day two it was data collection time at the coast (a race against the tides!). And on day three, students practiced past paper exam questions (great preparation for the upcoming mock...). The students were up early and working in classrooms until the evening but it was also great fun! We had lunch outside in the sun and played in the fields. We found a big screen just in time to watch the football, and there was enough free time to explore the beautiful Flatford Mill and its surroundings. I'm so proud of the students for making the most of the opportunity. Ms Stephenson and I enjoyed reminiscing about field trips we'd been on in the past so I'm sure they'll keep some of these memories beyond the exams into the future, wherever it takes them.



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

Over the half term it was lovely to see our pupils continuing to work hard on their studies, and as always we like to celebrate those pupils who have gone above and beyond. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and English leaderboards this week:

Top of the leaderboard for Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 11 - Trevor

Year 10- Jamil

Year 9 - Abdulahi

Year 8 - Ryan

Year 7 - Ali



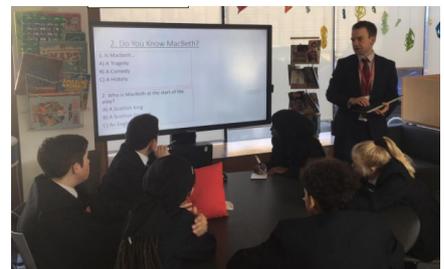
It was Abdulahi who once again was top of the school this week. Well done Abdulahi, you really are working incredibly hard.



Our top readers this week are Khayriyyah, Adem, Owais and Valentina and the winning House was Caritas for the second week running who, as a collective, read over 1,200,000 words in one week. Well done to all our top readers.

## Macbeth Quiz with Mr Charkham

On this shiny February lunchtime that indeed bore close comparison to a summer's day, four Houses, much alike in dignity, lined up to compete over three rounds of the 'Shakespeare and MacBeth Quiz'. The first round involved questions about the great word-smith, his life, times and old haunts around our city. The Macbeth round, as expected, was well answered, but the quotes round turned out to be a curse upon our Houses. For Veritas, Aequitas and Unitas, it was not to be, but Caritas rode out winners this day.



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## Macbeth Production

It really was Macbeth week at the Hurlingham Academy this week. On Tuesday we welcomed the Orange Tree Theatre Company to present their professional version of Macbeth to Years 10 and 11. We were also very lucky to secure a workshop with the professional actors for our own Macbeth cast to benefit from the last minute advice and wisdom of professional actors playing the same parts.



The Macbeth theme continued with opening night of our very own Macbeth production on Thursday. The cast and crew have been working tirelessly over the past couple of months to ensure that the audience were treated to a real spectacle, and it is fair to say that they did not disappoint. As our newsletter is published before the final performance, we will save a full write up and photos for next week as I would hate to give out any spoilers! All I can say is, if you are going this evening, you're in for a real treat. We would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Mackay and her team of dedicated crew; they really have put together an outstanding performance.



### Key dates for week beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	08:25 - 09:00
Year 10 and 11 Mock Exams	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	08:25 - 15:30
British Science Week	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	08:25 - 15:30
World Book Day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	08:25 - 15:30



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