



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



After a week of rest, reflection and revision, both staff and students have come back to school this week full of energy. For year 11, much of half term was spent completing their revision packs in preparation for their first set of mock exams. On Tuesday, pupils then met with a member of the senior management team to talk through their packs. It was so great to hear year 11 articulating how they tackled their revision and answering complex questions from across the curriculum. For all students, the ability to recall information that they have learned previously is vital. By revising and looking back through their notes and schoolwork, students are able to store this learning into their 'long term memory' and retrieve it far more easily. As ever, the most important part of the mock exam process will be the feedback that students receive. As with all feedback, students must focus on their successes and their areas for improvement. Only by reflecting and learning from our mistakes can we become masters of a subject. I am grateful to parents for your ongoing support in helping our students to revise and to achieve the best possible outcomes. We look forward to another productive and enjoyable half term at The Hurlingham Academy.

Black History Month Quiz

As Black History Month came to close, Mr Lewis decided to organise a quiz as a celebration of what students had learnt throughout the month. The short quiz consisted of several challenging questions, from the Haitian Revolution to Nigerian Independence to the Empire Windrush, that had students and teachers alike scratching their foreheads and furrowing their brows. All houses were represented well with teams collaborating effectively to produce answers. In the end, Caritas, Unitas and Veritas all took a share of the spoils with 10 correct answers with Aequitas just behind with 9 correct answers. Well done to all those who took part.



History Trip to Belgium

We would like to remind parents of those attending the History Trip to Belgium next week that you can follow their journey on our designated twitter account. The account is called 'THA and LA Battlefields Trip', and the handle is @trip_tha. Ensure you are following for live updates and photos throughout their time away.



Mr Wilsons Commendations

Over the half term, I was pleased to see that our pupils continued to work hard . Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths leader board:

Year 11 - Ivana

Year 10 - Souha

Year 9 - Molly

Year 8 - Sonia

Year 7 - Bilal



Getting to know you - Ms Bloom

Name: Ms Bloom

Job: English Teacher and Literacy Coordinator

Favourite Book: There really are too many to choose just one. Most recently 'The Handmaid's Tale' by Margaret Atwood because of its eerie relevance to events unfolding in 2019...

Interesting fact about me: I have a sausage dog (dachshund) called Lilly

Favourite thing about working at THA: How polite and confident all the pupils are when communicating with both their peers and adults. I am so impressed by their creative thinking, work-ethic and positive energy.

House: Veritas



Key dates for week beginning November 4th– Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 4th November	08:30 - 9:00
Drop Down Day	Tuesday 5th November	08:30 - 15:30
History Trip to Belgium	Thursday 7th—Friday 8th November	All day
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening	Thursday 7th November	16:30—18:00

