



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



After our assembly on Monday, which celebrated the power of stories, I started thinking about how much we can learn from books. This week, I have been reading "12 Rules of Life" by Jordan Peterson and I have really begun to reflect on my main goals in life; both at work and at home. I am often impatient; impatient to find out which Year 7 pupils will be joining us in September; impatient to find out the questions on the GCSE maths paper each year; impatient for The Hurlingham Academy to become the best school in London. But Peterson's reflection offered me chance to think about how we are planting the seeds of change. We cannot rush into decisions or changes, or allow ourselves to become frustrated by comparing ourselves to unrealistic goals. Instead, we must only compare ourselves with who we were yesterday, to see if we are making progress. I love reading as I find it always encourages me to look at things from a different perspective. It also allows me to see the world through other's eyes. I encourage all members of our community to find a few moments over the weekend to simply sit and read.

## Year 8 Samba

This week, InspireWorks came to our school to work with Year 8 students in a day-long **Brazilian Samba** workshop. This is in partnership with United Learning's **#UnitedinMusic** project, where the trust is supporting schools to re-inspire young people in music following the pandemic. Students were thrilled to be involved in this opportunity, and they enjoyed a day of learning about **samba** and its role in the infamous **Rio Carnival**, which is held annually for a few days before the start of Lent. The #UnitedinMusic initiative is part of United Learning's commitment to an education with character, which focuses on developing confidence, enthusiasm, ambition, creativity, respect, and determination. This work is more important now than ever before.



# World Book Week

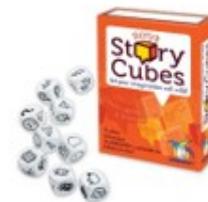
Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

Harry Potter  
Word Search

Hunger Games  
Crosswords

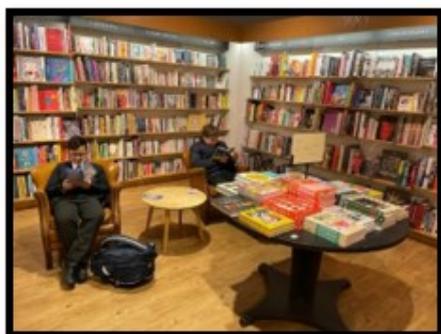


Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Story Cubes  
Competition



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Waterstones Trip with 8en3



House Competition



Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>: World Book Day



Lord Voldemort Trial



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## Subject in the Spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is History, with Head of Department, Ms Coulson.

**It's been another exciting week for the THA geographers as they continue to further their knowledge and understanding about world.**

**Year 7:** Yr7 have been continuing with their unit about rivers and flooding - especially topical with all the recent flooding due to Storm Franklin and Eunice! The focus this week has been on the hydrological (water) cycle and the different parts of a river's drainage basin. Students have learnt lots of new terminology such as source, tributary and confluence.

**Year 8:** Yr8 are currently studying tectonics and have been focusing this week's learning on plate boundaries and the formation of volcanoes.

**Year 9:** Yr9 continue to learn about the deeply contested issues surrounding climate change. They have been looking at both global and national impacts on the UK. Over the next few lessons, they will begin to consider how best to respond and tackle these issues.

**Year 10:** This week Yr10 students have been writing up their fieldwork investigations after their exciting residential trip last week to study coastal management along the coast at Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex.

**Year 11:** Yr11 are working hard on their revision for their upcoming mock exam. They have finished their GCSE course, so it is recap recap recap from now until the big exams!

### KS3 Geographers of the Fortnight

7H - Harry  
7U - Karim  
7R - Keon  
7L - Connie  
7I - Donte  
8U - Mariah  
8R - Nathaniel  
8N - Chad  
9H - Jordan  
9U - Rukmina  
9R - Ali  
9L - Dennell  
9N - Bradley

### KS4 Geographers of the Week

10B/Gg1 - Chloe  
10B/Gg2 - Elijah  
11A - Ryan  
11C - Cherise

For further curriculum information, please go to [www.thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps](http://www.thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps)



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## Mr Wilson's Commendations

Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, science and English leaderboards:

Top of the leaderboard for Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 7: Emmanuel

Year 8: Sumayah

Year 9: Malakai

Year 10: Ancis

Year 11: Ganjina



Top of the leader board for Educake Science this week are:

Year 7: Karim

Year 8: Hanin

Year 9: Kezia

Year 10: Yll

Year 11: Jesse

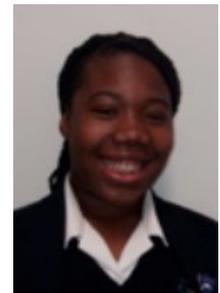


Top of the leader board for Bedrock English this week are:

Year 7: Shay

Year 8: Deja

Year 9: Nila



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## Debating Success

On Wednesday, 11 students from Year 10 visited Trinity Academy Brixton to compete in the second round of the Urban Debate League, as part of the Debate Mate programme. Students took part in two live debates - one pre-prepared motion on the climate crisis, and one discussing the benefits and setbacks of private news outlets. Our two teams were met with tough competition but their confidence and eloquence shone through to lead to some brilliant scores and a win for Team B. Going into the competition, we were placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of over 250 schools nationally, so we have our fingers crossed to place in the top 16 and consequently be invited to the national final!



## UKMT Maths Challenge

At the beginning of February, Years 9 and 10 participated in the UKMT maths challenge. All pupils tried incredibly hard and we are pleased to say that we have just received some fantastic results. Not only did we achieve 6 gold, 5 silver and 23 bronze certificates but we also had 7 pupils qualify for the follow on round and 2 pupils qualify for the Hamilton Olympiad. We would like to say congratulations to our gold certificate winners; Charlie (9H), Christine (9H), Chloe (10H), Ilgaz (10U), Arian (10H) and Lilian (10H). A particular well done to Chloe and Ilgaz who both qualified for the Hamilton Olympiad – this is a fantastic achievement and something we have never seen before here at The Hurlingham Academy.



## Key dates for week beginning March 7<sup>th</sup> - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	08:25 - 09:00
KS4 Mock Exams	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	8:25 - 15:30
Year 7 Shakespeare Recital	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	17:00 - 19:00
KS3 Winton Wonderland Trip	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	08:25 - 15:30



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