



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It has been another busy week at The Hurlingham Academy as we focused on Children's Mental Health Week with our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' drop down day. Students and staff were encouraged to step away from the screens and do something to look after themselves; I even managed a few brisk laps of South Park myself!

As the days are getting longer and lighter, I am filled with hope and looking forward to the days when I am able to play table tennis in the front quad with Year 7 again! Approaching the last week of this half term, I can only reflect on what a whirlwind start to the year we have had and be amazed by how quickly our staff and students have adapted yet again. With all lessons now live and online, staff and students now experts at Microsoft Teams, Assignments and Forms, I am starting to think about some of the things that I hope we will continue to do after this lockdown has finished. I hope that we can find ways to embrace the new technology that has become a part of our everyday lives and that it continues to enhance teaching and learning at the Academy and I also hope that we continue to make the extra effort to communicate and make time for each other like we have been doing so regularly. It has been so nice to be in touch with parents lots more recently and to hear the praise for our staff and school community. Below is one of the lovely emails I received this week from a Year 8 parent and I wanted to share it with you as it really sums up the feelings of so many. If you have any thoughts or suggestions about life after lockdown, please do let us know.

Communication from Year 8 parent

*Good morning Mr Wilson I hope you are well,
I just wanted to send this message to thank you and all of your staff for the amazing work you are doing, pre COVID and during. My daughter has struggled with her anxiety for a few years now and in the first lockdown I was really worried about her physical and mental wellbeing, as she had really started to grow in confidence when she joined your school, and I was worried she was beginning to regress in the first lockdown. Coming back to school after the first lockdown her anxiety was through the roof and I was extremely worried about her. But I needn't have been as she came back and even though it was for a short period she just seemed to blossom, her confidence grew and I could see such a dramatic difference in her as a whole. As most parents when they announced another lockdown I was really concerned but she has managed so much better this time round its like watching a completely different child, obviously she has played a massive role in this herself and I praise her every day and we discuss anything she may be worried or concerned about but I wanted to thank you all as I was very honest at the beginning of year 7 that Hurlingham was not my first choice of school because of the stigma it had years ago, but my opinion of the school couldn't be further from that now, I feel so grateful that she actually got to attend your school. Lastly I wanted to say wellbeing Wednesday yesterday was so much fun!! I didn't even know my daughter could bake!! She will be in the kitchen a lot more now.....but it was really enjoyable to be able to get a little involved in something fun with her as I also have to work so going out doing the location lottery turned into such a laugh which right now we all need!!*

*Many thanks
Mrs G.*



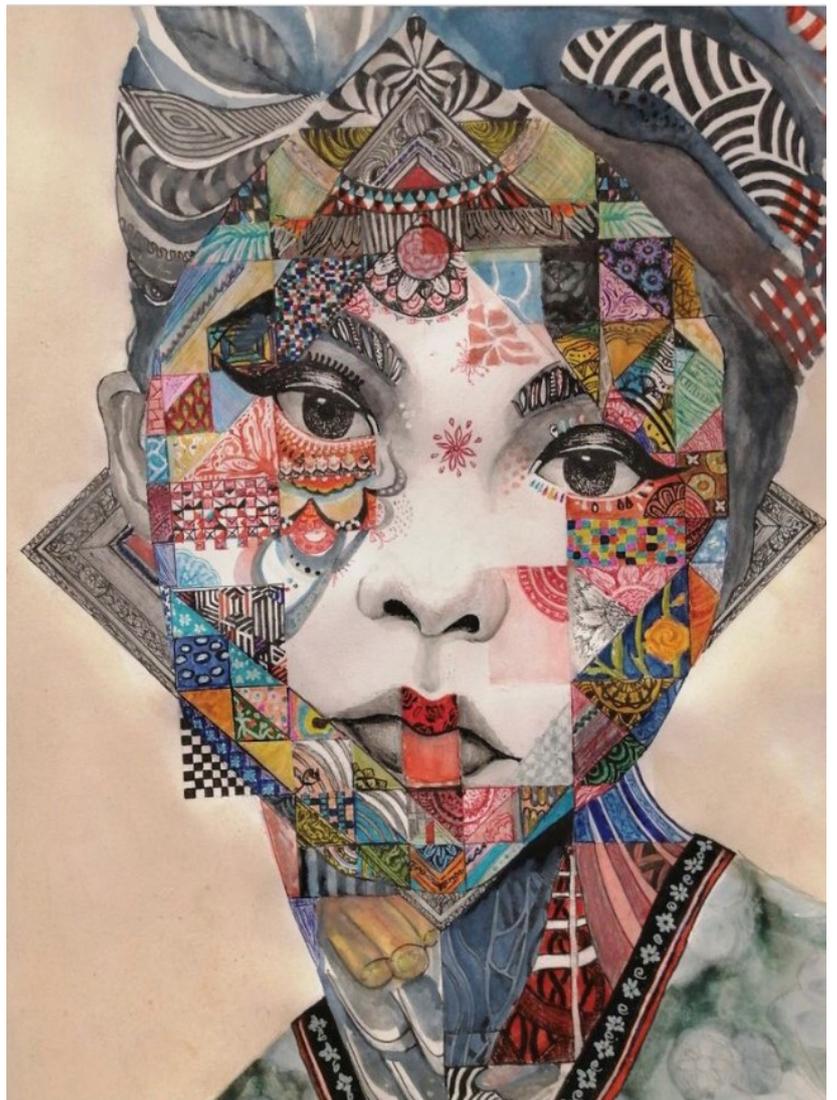
Artists of the week



Stunning independent artist research this week from Jesse in Year10. Wow!



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Subject in the Spotlight!

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



In **History** this week we have been:

Year 7: Learning how to answer a source question on how the Church used Doom paintings to control people during the Middle Ages. Next week we will be finding out about what people thought caused disease in the Middle Ages!

Year 8: Understanding how the Stuarts became the next royal dynasty and what a civil war is. Next week will be discovering what the long-term causes of the English Civil War were.

Year 9: Exploring why the allies 'won' WW1 and why Germany felt they had been 'stabbed in the back' by their own politicians. Next week we will be studying what happened after the armistice and how the 'Big Three' tried to achieve peace in 1918.

Year 10: Practising our 12 mark exam skills for the USA 1920-73 unit. Next week we will be continuing our study of the US Civil Rights Movement by looking at the impact of Malcolm X and Black Power.

Year 11: Finding out about the differences and similarities between JFK's 'New Frontier' and LBJ's 'Great Society'. Next week we will be looking at the feminist movement in the USA in the 1960s and 70s.

Historians of the week:



Kyreece in 7H. He is always working hard, providing such detailed answers and asking really thought provoking questions.



Corey in 7I for working really hard and writing an excellent source question.

For further curriculum information, please go to www.thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps

Next week's subject in the spotlight is... *Religion and Philosophy*



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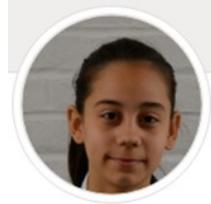
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Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

I am pleased to see our pupils working to a consistently high standard both in their online lessons and at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and science leader boards:

Top of the leader board for **Hegarty Maths** this week are:

Year 7: Isaac



Year 8: Samir

Year 9: Andzhi



Year 10: Lara

Year 11: Valentyna

The following students are top of the **Educake science** leader board this week for most correct questions answered:

Year 7: Hanin



Year 8: Amir

Year 9: Melahat



Year 10: Jesse

Year 11: Shqiponja

Our top readers this week in Year 7 as recorded on **Accelerated Reader** are:

1. Kabishan



2. Mekhi

3. Mustapha

4. Mayes

5. Leona



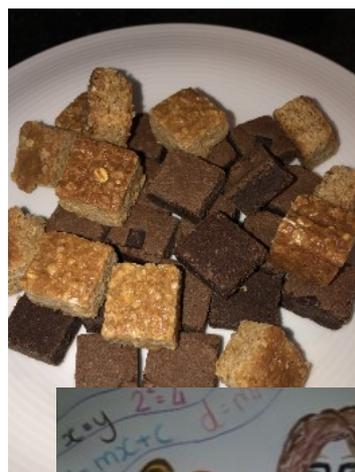
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Wellbeing Wednesday

Wellbeing Wednesday continued with a bang in the afternoon's activities. We formed six different activities for the students to participate in – Location Lottery, Bake Off, Dance Off, The Voice, Skill Skool, and Anime Adventure. Staff were incredibly impressed with the quality of some of the pieces submitted to school. It was great to see so many pupils take part in the Location Lottery and to get out exploring their local area. The Bake Off was a huge success as pupils prepared a dessert for Mr Wilson. Our Skill Skool, Anime Adventure, Dance Off and The Voice all gave opportunity for pupils to show off their artistic, physical, and culinary skills! Here are some of the examples of work submitted by our students.



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House updates



For this week's House competition, Hurlingham students and staff were challenged to complete as many push ups possible in 30 seconds. Well done to Mr Morran (Aequitas) who completed an astonishing 34 push ups in 30 seconds. A huge well done to Ridwan (Veritas) in Y8 who completed 27 push ups. In joint 1st place for push ups: Caritas and Aequitas, 2nd place = Veritas and Unitas came last with 0 entries. Unitas members – it is never too late to take part in House competitions. You've got to be in it to win it!

We cannot forget the Origami contest either and it's really starting to heat up between the Heads of House! We received lots of incredible submissions from across the school this week, but Miss Morris' Flower of Unity and Miss Bryan's MouseTrap pieces were pipped to the post by Mr Garcia's entry of a picturesque Safari at Sunrise. Unitas came in third place, Caritas came in second place and it was a joint win for Aequitas and Veritas!



House points this week



This term	1400	1375	1625	900
This year	3850	3750	4550	3075



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Key dates for week beginning 08/02/21

Description	Date	Time
Year 7 Parent forum	Wednesday 10 th February	18:00
Key worker and vulnerable students in school	Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th February	08:30 -15:00
All students learning remotely	Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th February	08:30 -15:00



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Getting to know you - Mme

Name: Mme Thomas

Job: Geography teacher

Favourite Book: Harry Potter series

Interesting fact about me: I have a permanently wonky collarbone where I dislocated my right side on stage when I was little (don't worry I kept dancing) and after refused to let a doctor correct it as it hurt a lot...

Favourite thing about working at THA: is the positive learning culture and community spirit of the school.

House: Aequitas



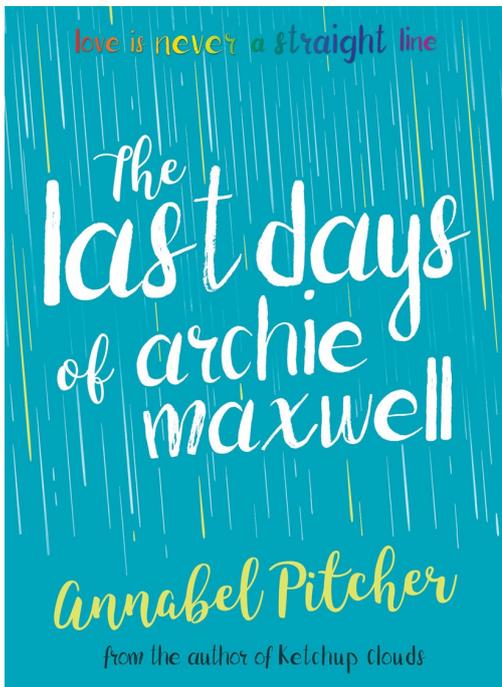
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Book of the week- KS3



The Last Days of Archie Maxwell
By Annabel Pitcher

Dads leave home all the time. It's not that unusual, really. Leon's dad walked out. So did Mo's. But Archie's? Well, that's a different story - a story that Archie must keep secret at all cost. Archie knows he should accept Dad for who he is, so he hides his turmoil until he can stand it no longer. With nowhere else to turn, he finds himself at the railway track. The track has been calling to him, promising escape, release. The only problem is, it's been calling to someone else too...

Annabel Pitcher portrays Archie with real insight and readers will understand completely the agony he feels. She chooses to end the story in a supermarket where the aisles, through their very prosaic normality, open up a world of hope and new beginnings.

Book of the week- KS4

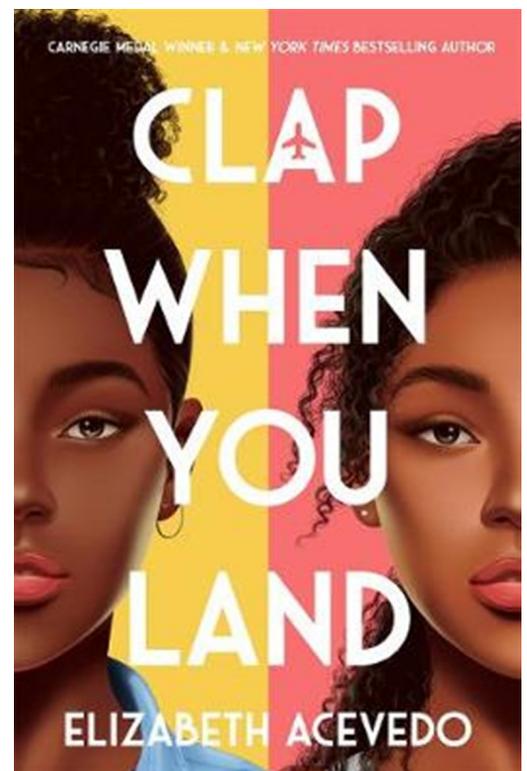
Clap When You Land
By Elizabeth Acevedo

25% Sisters 25% Sorrow 25% Joy 25% Forgiveness

Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people...

In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash.

Separated by distance - and Papi's secrets - the two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered. And then, when it seems like they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other. In a dual narrative novel in verse that brims with both grief and love, award-winning and bestselling author Elizabeth Acevedo writes about the devastation of loss, the difficulty of forgiveness, and the bittersweet bonds that shape our lives.



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Children's Mental Health Week



For Children's Mental Health Week 2021, Place2Be (children's mental health charity) are encouraging you to

EXPRESS YOURSELF

This week has been Children's Mental Health week and it isn't over yet!

Expressing yourself is all about finding ways to share your feelings, thoughts, and ideas, through creativity and doing things you enjoy! Remember that expressing yourself is not about being the best at something or doing things for other people. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world and doing something that makes you feel good about yourself! If you would like to send us something that you have done to be creative this week, please send to Ms Francis at cfrancis@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk Your songs, dances, bakes, art, posters, poems... all are welcome! Ms Hiscocks and Ms May have been making pancakes with their Year groups!



The best entries will be shared in next week's newsletter and will be entered into a prize draw

For more information on mental health support please contact: dutyouthservices@hfehmind.org.uk



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