



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Many of you will have seen the shocking events in the news unfolding over the past couple of weeks. As I'm sure so many of you have been reflecting very carefully about what we have seen, and what we can do as individuals and as a community support change within society.

"I can't breathe, I can't breathe...." Those were the last words of George Floyd. It's not the first time we have heard those words. Eric Gardner's final words in 2014 were: "I can't breathe, I can't breathe...." So what has changed since then and now? Seemingly

not a lot. It is frightening to see what's happening in America today. Lots of people find it much easier to condemn racism on another continent than to admit to flaws at home. We are still far more reluctant in the UK to talk about racism, and as a result, we have largely remained ignorant of the extent of the issue in this country. I have spent the last few weeks trying to make sense of everything happening around us. It is easy to assume that because you don't experience discrimination daily, it's not happening around us. However, it is important to recognise that this may not be an accurate reflection of everyone's experience. Many of our students are from communities where they may see this on a daily basis. I am certain that many of our students will have lots of questions about their future in this world. I strongly believe that our role as educators here at The Hurlingham Academy has never been more important for our students. We are committed to helping our students navigate this murky world and understand their value and worth in society. They should not feel they have to work ten times as hard to achieve the same outcome as another person due to the colour of their skin. We must encourage our students to stand up for what they believe in, to stand up for what they think is right and callout discrimination in all its forms. To echo the words of Obama 'we must make the people who are in positions of power uncomfortable, so that changes are made.' I hope the protests across the world will translate into policy change to ensure that we have a fairer society. I would encourage all pupils to refer to the resources we have published on Show My Homework, and I cannot stress enough that we are here to support. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## School Re-Opening

As I'm sure you are all aware, the government has allowed schools to reopen for Year 10 pupils only from Monday 15th June. Here at The Hurlingham Academy we have been busy ensuring that the site is ready to welcome pupils back. On Wednesday 10th June at 6pm Mr Wilson will be holding a virtual parent forum to discuss plans for reopening with Year 10 parents. We really appreciate your ideas and feedback and so we encourage as many parents as possible to join the conversation. Mr Wilson will also be holding an assembly for all Year 10 pupils, to ensure we all clearly understand the expectations and procedures before we return. Please ensure you regularly check twitter for photos of how we are preparing the school and if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the reopening, please do contact the school.

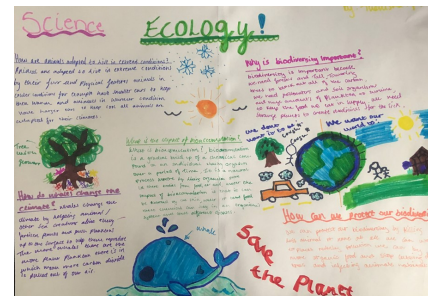


## Mr Wilson's Commendations

It may be the first week back after half term, but pupils have already been submitting some fantastic pieces of work. Remember, with the end of year assessments around the corner; it is more important than ever that every student is fully engaging in their home learning. This week's commendations are as follows:

Team Science would like to congratulate the following for their hard work on Educake; Adea Musa, Anais Ansari, Julia Oufino Scalia Vasconcelos, Jaxon Davis and Aedriel Baltazar.

Mr Bacolor would like to say well done to the following year 7 students for their fantastic ecology posters; Megan Nafi, Thenisha Pennyfeather, Zunaira Khan, Siobhan Chuah, Jack Benson, Ameen Elfadil, Timothy Bagishvili, Harun Warsame and Kemal Unal.



Team English would like to congratulate the following pupils who came top of accelerated reader this week; Gift Nkiribari, Taurie Palmer, Donovan Corbin, Niamh Faleye, Hamza Iqbal, Miona Ivanovic, Lara Ivanovic, Omar Abdel-Hamied and Adem Yahiaoui.

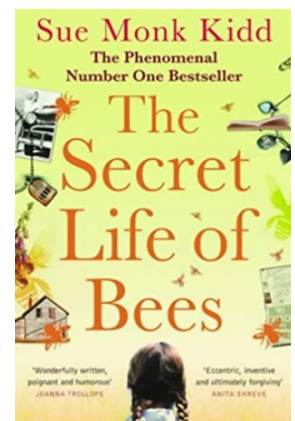
Miss Coulson would like to say well done to the following Seneca superstars who have topped the Seneca table in at least one category this week; Raheem and Meron (7H), Junior (7L), Christopher (7N), Rose and Doniyor (8U), Benjamin (8I), Ibrahim (9U), Daha, Teja and Jana (Year 10).

Mr Lewis would like to recognise the following students for their outstanding classwork that they have been submitting over the past week; Chloe Lester, Jasmine, Niamh, Anais (8H), Tomas, Pedro Adam (8R), Mischa, Danna, Thomas, Georgij (9H), Simon, Mary and Isadora (9R).

Finally, Miss Robinson would like to say well done to Tegan Braithwaite for his continued hard work with her maths.

## Remote Reading Programme

The Remote Reading Programme has launched this week, where pupils watch videos of their teachers reading books aloud (much like in tutor time reading). Pupils then complete the Microsoft Form quizzes, with competitions for the best scores announced by Heads of Year in assemblies every Monday. There is some healthy competition between The Hurlingham Academy and Lambeth Academy brewing- which school will have the most views?! Tune in daily to make sure The Hurlingham Academy wins! Ms. Bloom.



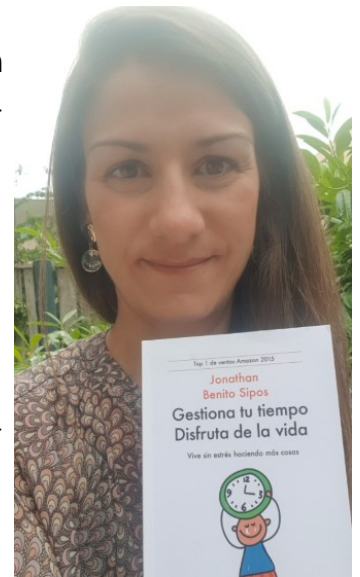
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## What are you currently reading? – Mme Jerez de la Pena

I'm currently reading *Gestiona tu tiempo. Disfruta de la vida. Vive sin estrés haciendo más cosas* (Manage your time. Enjoy life. Live without stress doing more things) by Jonathan Benito Sipos. This book has been written by a Spanish expert in neuroscience, a very busy university teacher and researcher. Although written in Spanish the language is very simple and soooo easy to read. The book offers techniques and strategies to manage our time to be able to do work as well as having enough time to do the things that we love, a very difficult task while being in a lock-down. For example, the Pomodoro or Timeboxing technique suggests working in periods of 25 minutes (called Pomodoros) with a 5 minutes break. Therefore, for every four Pomodoros you get 20 minutes break! A great book to develop your organisational and independence skills during these difficult times.



## Recommended Reading



THE NO.1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER  
**ANGIE THOMAS**

*The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer. Now what Starr says could destroy her community. It could also get her killed.

*Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping novel about one girl's struggle for justice.*

## THA House Competitions

We're pleased to announce the return of the weekly house competition. Unitas may currently be in the lead, but this can all change over the next 6 weeks. Could Aequitas knock them off and retain the title as cup winners for the second year running, or is it perhaps Caritas or Veritas' time to shine? This week's competition is 'pass the toilet roll'. The house with the most participants wins so get involved..... your house needs you! Check out SMHW for more information on how to participate. Here's a video for inspiration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?YIxOyhuG1>



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