



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Welcome back! While I love having a break with my family and friends, I always enjoy coming back to a new term at The Hurlingham Academy and seeing all the staff and students again. It really is like my second family! It was particularly good to come back to a Drop Down Day! These are always such a celebration of learning, collaboration, creativity, community and respect amongst everyone involved. I thoroughly enjoy walking around the school and seeing students engaged in thinking about incredibly important and personal topics in PSHE and then seeing them later in the day debating ideas,

competing in sport or play-writing and everyone working together towards a shared goal! Well done to everyone involved – it is a day which necessitates a lot of work but the unseen outcomes are invaluable!

This is an important half term for Year 10 and Year 11 who will have their first set of mock exams. These will be a measure of how well you are learning and how effective your revision and exam preparation are. Remember, what you revise now, WILL help you in the final GCSE exams. All effective revision is embedding learning so it can be retrieved when needed. Do make the most of this opportunity and show yourself and everyone else just what you are capable of!

I also want to remind us all of the need to wear our masks in all communal areas. It is vital that we protect each other, to ensure we all remain healthy and our school remains open for precious learning.

Enjoy the next six weeks ahead, I know I will!

House Drop Down Day

On Tuesday November 3rd, Y7-10 participated in the first House Drop Down Day of the academic year. Despite Covid-19, The Hurlingham Academy ran exciting events for our pupils to compete and collaborate in return for House points! Y7 took part in Dragon's Den and were thinking of ways to improve the local community. Y8 all competed in the Sport event which comprised of Dodgeball and Benchball. Y9 were showing off their debating skills in our very own Debate Mate (topics included, "animals are friends not food", "euthanasia should be legalised in the UK", and "in the current coronavirus crisis, protecting the economy is now more important than protecting the health of the most vulnerable".) And lastly, Y10 competed against each other in the Playwriting competition. It was a very close day to call, with a number of Houses winning their respective events. The final results of the day were: 4th place - Unitas, 3rd place - Caritas, 2nd place - Veritas, and 1st place - Aequitas. A huge well done to all!



Y10 Speakers For Schools

On Tuesday we had Year 10 Speakers For Schools, which was Sandy Rattray, CEO of Man Group speaking to Year 10 about pathways into Fin-Tech and economics.

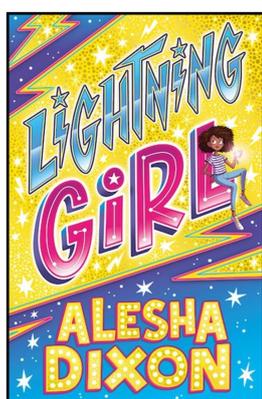


Parent Survey

Our annual parent survey is now open! We want to hear from you, to find out where we are doing well, and where we can improve as a school. Each family was sent a link from no-reply@edurio.com on Monday 2nd November - please look out for the email, and check your Junk Folder, if you haven't received one. We appreciate your feedback!



Book of the week



KS3

Lightning Girl; Alesha Dixon

10-year-old Aurora Beam lives at home with her utterly unremarkable family... until the day she sees her little sister being picked on in the playground and suddenly beams of light shoot out of her fingers! It's time for her parents to drop a life-changing bombshell. Mum is a secret superhero, fighting crime across the globe while Dad looks after the kids at home. As Aurora's own powers come into play, will she be able to balance her new super skills training with school? Will she be able to keep it all a secret from her friends? And when her mum's evil twin pops up, will Aurora think that being a super VILLAIN might be more fun...?

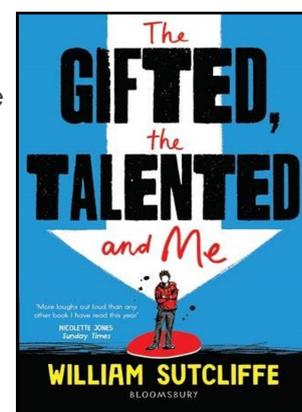
KS4

The Gifted, the Talented and me; William Sutcliffe

Fifteen-year-old Sam is not a famous vlogger, he's never gone viral, and he doesn't want to be the Next Big Thing. In fact he's ordinary and proud of it.

None of which was a problem until Dad got rich and Mum made the whole family move to London. Now Sam's off to the North London Academy for the Gifted and Talented, where everyone's busy planning Hollywood domination or starting alt-metal psychedelica crossover bands. Sam knows he'll never belong, even if he wanted to. And that's before he ends up on stage wearing nothing but a fur onesie ...

A brilliantly funny look at fitting in, falling out and staying true to your own averageness.



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Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

I am pleased to see our pupils' working to a consistently high standard both in class 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 11 - Chemes

Year 10 - Omar

Year 9 - Pedro

Year 8 - Megan

Year 7 - SPARX: Sanrick



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

Year 11 - Jaxon

Year 10 - Jesse

Year 9 - Anais

Year 8 - Javohirbek

Year 7 - Evelyn



Sovereign Art Foundation Students Prize London, 2020 - FINALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Jesse in Year 10 has been selected as a finalist for his art work! - this means that his work will be displayed in an exhibition. Fingers crossed he makes it all the way and wins.



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Getting to know you - Mme Hayward

Name: Mme Hayward

Job: Teacher of maths

Favourite Book: Teach Like A Champion

Interesting fact about me: I once swam against Gordon Ramsey's daughter in a swimming gala (and beat her)

Favourite thing about working at THA: The friendly atmosphere

House: Veritas

Lunch menu 3 - week beginning November 9th

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot food	Turkey fajita served with tortilla wrap and savoury rice Spicy bean burgers served with potato wedges	Pasta bar Beef Bolognese or herby tomato roasted vegetable sauce served with tricolour fusilli, grated cheese and garlic bread	Roast chicken leg served with roasted baby potatoes and gravy Spanish omelette (v)	Chicken tikka masala served with rice and mango chutney Sweet potato and butternut curry served with nan bread	Breaded fillet of pollock served with chips and tartare sauce Macaroni cheese (v)
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Vegetables	Broccoli Florets Mexicorn	Cauliflower Carrots	Sauteed green beans Roasted Vegetables	Kale Panache of vegetables	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Jackets	Various fillings on offer daily such as cheddar cheese, tuna with low calorie mayo and baked beans				
Sweet	Chocolate and beetroot cake with custard	Apple and rhubarb crumble with fresh cream	Banana cake with custard	Coconut Sponge with Strawberry Jam	Ice Cream or Fruit Lolly
Fruit	Daily selection of seasonal fruit				

Key dates for week beginning November 9th - week 2

Description	Date	Time
All pupils required in school at their respective start times	Monday 09 th - Friday 13 th November	08:25 - 16:25
No KS3 enrichment for the lock down period	Monday 09 th - 30 th November	15:00 - 16:15
Y11 Final Push (Virtual) Evening	Thursday 12 th November	18:00 - 19:00

