



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Firstly I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome everyone back, albeit virtually, and I hope you all had a restful Christmas break despite the lockdown. Last week I wrote to all parents outlining the plans for home learning this half term and I am pleased to say that all students have approached our newest model of live online lessons with positivity and dedication. Attendance to lessons has been fantastic, morale has been high and you are all rising to the

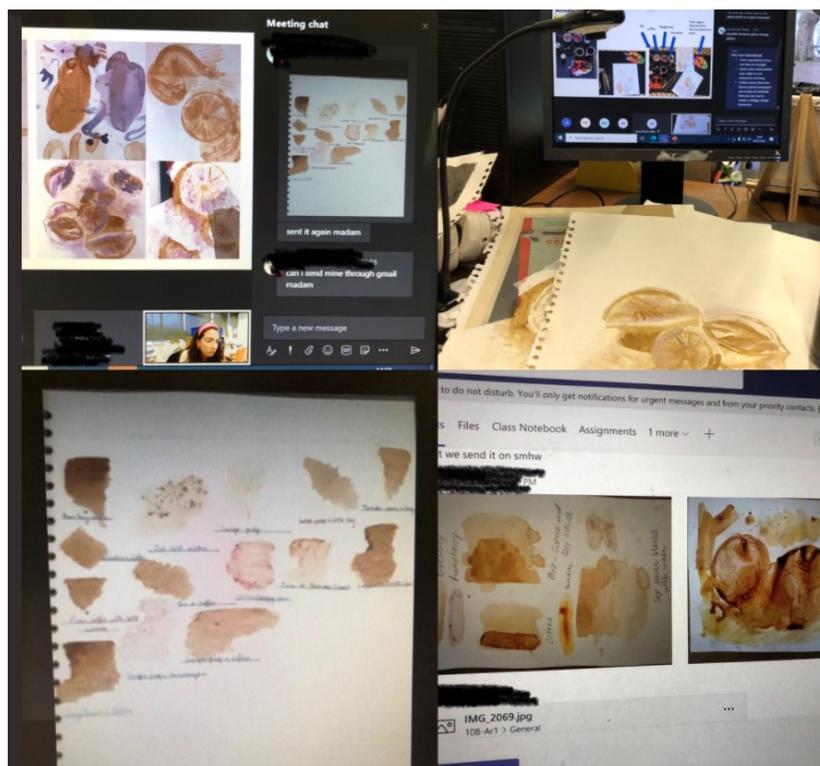
challenge. Whilst I am not able to do my usual walk around school to say hello to you all and be astounded by the hard work and excellent teaching that is going on, I have been able to be part of some of the online lessons and I am delighted by what I see. The learning doesn't stop just because we are told to close our doors and we have not lowered our standards.

I cannot stress enough the importance of pupils completing every lesson every day, so that students don't fall behind when school reopens properly. We have been through this before and we will get through it again. This term is going to be difficult for us all but we are always looking at ways we can make it a little less difficult to bare and so your feedback on what is happening in school is very much welcomed. Please do email us! These are unprecedented times for us all, and I am keen to ensure that we are providing our pupils with the best possible education throughout this difficult time. All staff here at The Hurlingham Academy are here to support both you and your child through this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school or your child's Head of Year. I hope that we will look back on this time in years to come and cherish the memories of community, friendly faces through the screen, and the feeling of us all pulling together to make the best of this situation. I would like to thank you again for all the emails and kind words of support and encouragement to our staff. This means a lot as we go through these weeks and months so it is important that we show our appreciation and keep our spirits high. I am looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school as soon as we can, but until then continue to stay safe, exercise and look after each other.



## Artists of the week

Our artists of the week again are Year 10 with their continued work on natural forms using household ingredients. Well done Year 10!



## School Survey

Thank you to everyone who filled in the parent survey last term. We appreciate your feedback! We are proud to say that 96% of parents would recommend the school to a friend or family member and 97% thought teaching at the school was good or very good. We will publish a full summary of the results and our response later in the term.

## Charities update

Amazingly, a total of 1403 items were donated to the foodbank with Caritas bringing in the most with 427 items! My Pudney kindly took all of the items over in the school minibus to the LBHF Foodbank who were extremely grateful for your kind donations. Thank you everyone!

Our own clothes day on the last day of term raised £1040 for the Iba Girls' School in South Sudan. We are so proud that we can continue supporting the education of others across the globe. Well done!



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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:



y7: Nehemia Bernard



y8: Nila Hunter



y9: Ahlam Warsame



y10: Phoebe Waiters

y11: Mariam Vaziry

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

Year 7: Cameron Stewart



Year 8: Tigan Voss



Year 9: Safia Ciftci and Zaid Barakat

Year 10: Adem Yahiaoui



Year 11: Erika Duskinova

Our top readers this week in KS3 as recorded on **Accelerated Reader** are:

Anis Mohamed Yahiaoui



Khayriyyah Verstaen



Sonny Enkhat



Dalal Karim



Calum Rojas



## House points– Well done...AEQUITAS!



2500



2450



3025



2200

## Dates for your diary

Mon 25th to Fri 29th January — **Year 8 and 9 assessments**

Tuesday January 19th @ 5.30pm— **Online anxiety workshops for parents** (delivered by the school Educational Psychologist) This workshop is designed to support parents understand anxiety. We will explore what may contribute to young people's anxiety (whether this is Covid and or exam related) and how we can build their resilience. We will also consider what helps and supports young people experiencing anxiety may need. See the school website IMPORTANT DATES for more information and login info via Teams



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## Assessments this term

Well done to all Year 7, 10 and 11 students for completing their assessments last term. Students in these year groups will have their school reports sent home by email early next week, so please look out for these.

Year 8 and 9 assessments will now be conducted online in the week beginning 25th January. Revision manifests are available on Show My Homework and on the school website. We will share more details about the way the assessments will be conducted nearer the time.

# FAQs re Remote Learning

## 1. How do I access remote learning?

Using your school username and password log on to Microsoft Teams by 8:30am each day.

## 2. What will be provided in Microsoft Teams?

Your teachers will be providing you with live lessons. The day starts at 8.30am for tutor time and assemblies and Period 1 will begin at 9am

## 3. Do I need to complete homework too?

Yes, your teachers will set homework every day according to your homework calendar on SMHW.

## 4. What can I do if I cannot access Microsoft Teams?

First, ensure you are writing your username and password correctly (check the sticker in your planner). If you still cannot access Microsoft Teams, then inform your tutor and Head of Year who will try to sort out the issues. You can also ask Ms Reid-Nelson (KS3) and Mr Pudney (KS4) if you have any connection issues.

## 5. What will happen if I don't or can't login?

Parents will be contacted to find out the reason you cannot login and any issues will be sorted out. If there is no reason for not attending, you will be marked as absent.

## 6. My internet or computer is not working at home?

We can arrange for equipment to be loaned to you during this time including enhanced internet access.

# Top Tips for Remote Learning

## Prepare your learning environment.

To get the best experience from remote learning, it is important to create the right environment around you. Try to set up your own "classroom desk" at home in an open space. Ensure your electric device is plugged in and your school equipment is on your desk, including your planner.



## Treat remote learning the same as you would being at school

Be on time, use break and lunchtime to have a break from the screen and get fresh air, show respect to your teachers online, don't be distracted by things around you, use appropriate language during lesson 'chats' and work hard!



## Stick to your school timetable

Check your timetable at the start of the day. Ensure you have everything you need including water. At the end of the day, check your timetable for the next day so you are prepared in advance.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 - 9:00	Full School Prayer Time	Commons Prayer Time	Commons Prayer Time	Full School Prayer Time	Full School Prayer Time
9:00 - 9:30	Learning Hub Circle	Learning Hub	Learning Hub	Learning Hub	Self-Reflection Learning
9:30 - 10:30	SLM 1	SLM 2	SLM 2	SPN 1	
10:30 - 10:50	Break	Break	Break	Break	Extended Learning Hub (9:15-10:30)
10:50 - 11:00	My time	My time	Learning Hub	My time	
11:00 - 11:30	SLM 1	Big Projects	SLM 3	SPN 2	SLM 4
11:30 - 1:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
2:00 - 3:30	Extended Learning Hub	Big Projects	SLM 3	SPN 3	SLM 4

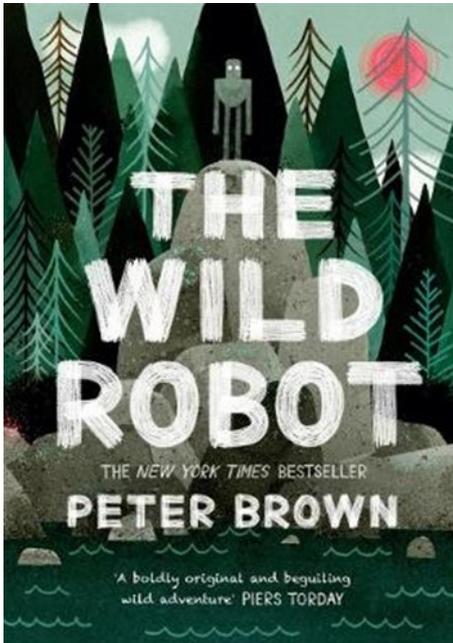
## If you are struggling...

Remember that we are here. Talk to your tutor, head of year or talk to your parents. It is important that you look after your mental health, tell us what you are doing and how you are feeling. There is lots of support available!





### Book of the week- KS3



The Wild Robot,  
Peter Brown

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. Why is she there? Where did she come from? And, most important, how will she survive in her harsh surroundings? Roz's only hope is to learn from the island's hostile animal inhabitants. When she tries to care for an orphaned gosling, the other animals finally decide to help, and the island starts to feel like home. Until one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her...

### Book of the week- KS4

The Martian  
Andy Weir

'I'm stranded on Mars. I have no way to communicate with Earth. I'm in a Habitat designed to last 31 days.

If the Oxygenator breaks down, I'll suffocate. If the Water Reclaimer breaks down, I'll die of thirst. If the Hab breaches, I'll just kind of explode. If none of those things happen, I'll eventually run out of food and starve to death.

During a manned mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney is presumed dead after a fierce storm and left behind by his crew. But Watney has survived and finds himself stranded and alone on the hostile planet. With only meager supplies, he must draw upon his ingenuity, wit and spirit to subsist and find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive. Millions of miles away, NASA and a team of international scientists work tirelessly to bring "the Martian" home, while his crewmates concurrently plot a daring, if not impossible rescue mission.

