



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I have always enjoyed this aphorism by Maya Angelou: "You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." There is something so true in its simplicity and I interpret it as advice to us all to take every opportunity to be creative. On Wednesday, our students did just that throughout the five House competitions that ran across the school. As I walked down the corridors, I heard innovative solutions to complex problems; collaborative work on brilliant costumes and choral rehearsals of original songs! I love seeing our pupils work on something that is not a part of our everyday curriculum.

While knowledge of their core subjects is important, I believe that it matters just as much that we give our students opportunities to explore their creative sides with open-ended activities and challenges. A big thanks to our ever-energetic Heads of House and Director of Houses, Miss Ling, who did a wonderful job organising the day. The competition between our four Houses remains hotly contested - be sure to attend rowing on Tuesday, the competition on Wednesday and basketball on Thursday to keep the points rolling in.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

As well as putting in a great performance during Drop-Down Day, our pupils also continued to work hard both in lessons and at home. 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 11 - Trevor
Year 10 - Nam
Year 9 - Abdulahi
Year 8 - Phoebe
Year 7 - Haroun

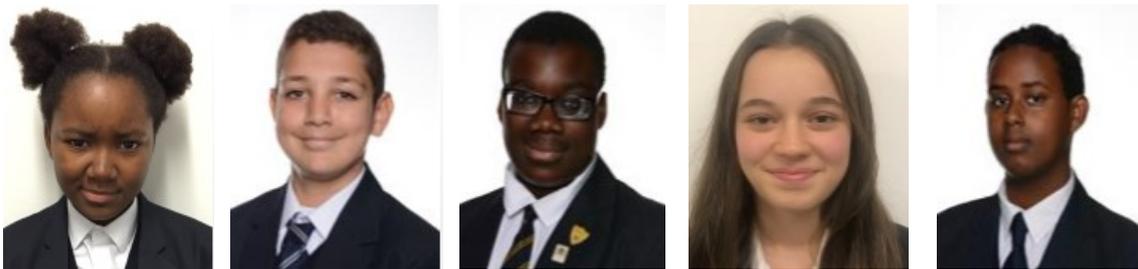


A particular congratulations goes to Trevor who topped the leaderboard this week. Well done Trevor.

Topping the Year 11 leaderboard for Tassomai this week are Susana, Christian, Machi, Samuel, Tiago, Mia and Clinton. Well done to these pupils.



Finally, I would like to congratulate Jahnai, Adem, Jabel, Zeynep and Osman as they were our top readers from each House. Excellent work and well done for earning so many points for your respective Houses.



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Sporting News

The boys U16 basketball team, made up entirely of Year 10 pupils, were full of confidence as they arrived to Chelsea Academy after a miserable walk in the rain!

Despite the poor conditions outside, conditions indoors were perfect for our boys to impress against their Year 11 opponents. We warmed up well with set shots and lay-ups, then had a team briefing before tip-off. We started very strongly, going ahead by 6 - 0. Malachi dominated the basket and even tried a cheeky dunk before Chelsea Academy scored a couple of baskets. Omari was unlucky not to have scored more, as he was pressed with intensity around the Chelsea basket. Kofi and Shae made some really important steals as we broke down their attacks around the halfway line. Lindrit, Carl, Jamil and Anibal all contributed to a fantastic performance throughout. The only time we really became nervous was at the start of the second half as Chelsea Academy came out firing on all cylinders and reduced our lead. At half time we were leading by 15 - 7, by the end of the game we had extended this lead to finish winners with a score of 40-19. This final basket scored by us was a wonderful counter-attack as Lindrit drove the ball out from our defensive third, a lovely cross-court pass into Shae's path who then confidently put on the brakes which sent their runner elsewhere, finishing with a fantastic, and well-executed, 3-pointer. We now face The London Borough of Westminster and St George's Catholic School in the next round.



The girls U15 handball team represented Hammersmith and Fulham in the next round of the LYG and made the long journey over to Feltham to play Springwest Academy. The first half started cagily with both sides looking nervous but an excellent offensive display in front of their goal from Amelia and Charlene gave us a tight 7-6 lead at half time. The girls needing to dig deep defensively to ensure progression into the next round and that they did. A brick wall would've been easier to break down than Gintare, Paige, Denisa and Lana. Springwest were getting frustrated and we were able to hit them on the counter-attack via Charlene and the excellent work rate and positioning from Shayma and Valentina on the flanks. Some excellent shots in front of goal gave us the cutting edge against our opponents. Isis worked tremendously hard to win the ball back until the final whistle and the whole team were deserved winners, keeping a clean sheet in the second half, with a 11-6 win. We will face The London Borough of Ealing and Drayton Manor in the last 16.

Key dates for week beginning February 11th - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 11 th February	08:25 - 9:00
Year 10 Geography Trip	Monday 11 th - Wednesday 13 th February	All day



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