



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It has been another successful week at The Hurlingham Academy. After the success of the Open Evening, we have been incredibly busy with our Open Mornings. Throughout the week we welcomed and toured over 200 prospective parents. As principal, it has been lovely to hear so many positive comments. Parents have been particularly impressed at how calm and welcoming the school feels. The Year 8 and 9 pupils who have helped with tours have really been a credit to our community. It is lovely to see our pupils taking such pride in their school. As you all know, I believe that manners and the way our pupils conduct themselves both at school and when out in the community is of the utmost importance. It is evident that we are fast becoming the first choice school in the borough for parents. I would like to once again remind parents of our open door policy. Open Mornings are not only for prospective pupils but all members of our community. If your child already attends the Hurlingham Academy, you are more than welcome to come along and see the school in action. We look forward to seeing many more parents over the next two weeks.

Grammar Stream Evening

On Wednesday, parents of pupils in the new grammar stream in Year 7 were invited to a launch event at school with Mr Ives and Dr Payne. Parents learnt about the enhanced grammar stream curriculum – with pupils learning an additional language – as well as additional enrichment opportunities, including the upcoming Scholars' Programme from the Brilliant Club, where grammar stream pupils will be studying in small group tutorials with PhD researchers from Kings College London. It was great to see so many parents and hear that they are as excited about the new grammar stream as we are. If you have any questions regarding the grammar stream please contact the school or visit our website.



House Competitions with Mr Pudney

The House system was full of life this week with our regular competitions bursting at the seams, and a special Black History Month (BHM) Treasure Hunt involving staff and students.

We started the week with House rowing at lunch time on Tuesday, and once again it was a very close event! Aequitas were able to just about clinch the win with an impressive 4897m rowed at lunch time. Which House will be the first to claim the colossal 5000m?! Closely following Aequitas were Unitas in second place with 4642m. We then had Countdown on Thursday at lunch time in the library, and over 30 pupils participated in the event this week which is another fantastic turnout. Unitas were able to claim victory across all the tasks, followed by Veritas in second, Aequitas in thirds, and Caritas in fourth.

Our weekly event was a BHM Treasure Hunt, whereby members of staff were given a British black icon ID card to keep for two days, and pupils were tasked with finding as many of these icons as possible. There was a real buzz across the last two days, as pupils were rushing around trying to find all 20 people. The winners were announced at afternoon registration, and a special draw was made for two of the finishers to claim some special prizes; You Are A Champion by Marcus Rashford, and a Nike sports bag!

Well done to all those who participated this week in House events, and a big congratulations to Miss Hargreaves who was appointed as the new Head of House for Aequitas, and Miss Hayward who is the new Head of House for Caritas. This year's competition will be huge! It is still all to play for!

1 st	Unitas
2 nd	Veritas
3 rd	Aequitas
4 th	Caritas



Mr Wilson's Commendations

As always, I would like to recognise all the hard work our pupils are completing both in lessons and at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, English and science leader boards:

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

Year 7: Nicoleta

Year 8: Adam

Year 9: Marley

Year 10: Alessandro

Year 11: Adem



Top of the leader board for Bedrock in English this week are:

Year 7: Kassius

Year 8: Keisha

Year 9: Kemetia



Top of the leader board for Educake this week with most correct questions answered are:

Year 7: Nicoleta

Year 8: Bo Wen

Year 9: Tegan

Year 10: Hamza

Year 11: Mischa



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Black History Month

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October is Black History month.

Join us in celebrating the achievements, history, heritage and culture of Black people in Britain.

-  **Click the letter icon to be added to the My World Toolkit mailing list.**
This will draw inspiration from our World I Want To See Project, and better equip schools to address racism and support those affected
-  **Check out BBC's collection of resources to explore black history, heritage, culture and achievements with your classes.**
-  **Listen to the Black Manifesto podcasts, bringing together voices of Black women from around the world as a collective conversation**
-  **Read this article by author Fola Awofadeju on embracing a more inclusive curriculum**

The Mental Health Support Team offer a telephone drop-in services for school staff. These can be used if you need guidance around supporting students with their mental health and wellbeing



We also offer a confidential telephone drop-in service for you to support your own wellbeing.
Please note, this is not a counselling service.

Click the link below or scan the code to schedule a call.
<https://hfehmind.jotform.com/210523186902955>

For blog posts, and to learn more about the support we offer, visit [our website](#).

Student Librarian Applications

Two weeks ago Ms Quinton discussed the importance of pupil leadership in the school with the launch of the school council. This week we are please to announce another exciting opportunity.... student librarian. If you wish to apply please pick up your application form from the library. The deadline is Wednesday 13th October.



Getting to know you – Ms Scott

Name: Ms Scott

Job: Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages

Favourite Book: The Great Gatsby

Interesting fact about me: I have lived in three different countries

Favourite thing about working at THA: It's a very supportive environment and the students are always keen to learn

House: Caritas



Key dates for week beginning October 4th - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 4 th October	08:30 - 09:00
Open Morning	Monday 11 th , Wednesday 13 th and Friday 15 th October	09:00 - 12:00
PGL Information Evening	Friday 15 th October	17:00 - 18:00



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