



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message

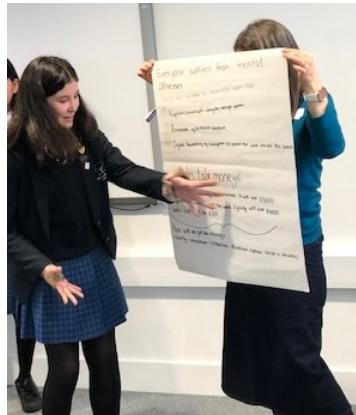


Happy New Year to all of our parents, students, staff, governors and members of our local community. Although I don't tend to buy into the new year, new me philosophy, I do like to reset my goals each January: to refresh my aims for the year. This year, I have resolved to take better care of myself, both in what I eat and exercising. We regularly discuss the benefits of activity and healthy nutrition with our pupils, and this year I am determined to follow my advice. Here at The Hurlingham Academy, we know how important continuous improvement is; therefore, I encourage all members of our Hurlingham Academy community to set a resolution for 2020. Ms Ling is committing to trying a new gym class each week; Mr Pudney is aiming to reduce his carbon footprint by cutting out meat; Ms Robinson has taken up ballet lessons, and Mr Schlaepi has committed to making the most of all the fabulous opportunities London has to offer, starting with visiting the IMAX! Perhaps you could try setting a tangible but challenging goal this year. Exercise, nutrition, reading and developing new skills are often a good place to start when thinking about target-setting. We always expect the best from our students and this week is no exception. All pupils have come back with a fantastic attitude and are busy preparing for their assessments which begin on Monday 13th January. As a reminder to parents, you are always welcome to visit the academy without an appointment for a tour or a conversation with a member of senior staff. If you would like to meet with me, do contact my PA who can ensure I am available to meet. I know 2020 will be a successful year for our school, and I look forward to working together to make this the best term yet!

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EVCIC Apprentice Challenge

On Tuesday, sixty pupils from year 8 and 9 competed in the EVCIC APPrentice Challenge. The pupils worked in teams with volunteers from Novartis to design, develop and market a smartphone app. Everybody taking part spoke confidently discussing their ideas and making their plans with the volunteers before presenting in front of the rest of the year group. There were many brilliant ideas and excellent presentations, but the joint winners – as judged by Ms Reid – were an app for supporting mental health and wellbeing, and an app which rationed social media time based on completion of homework quizzes (Mr Wilson was particularly excited to hear about this one!). Well done to the winners.



House Football

The start of a new term brings great opportunities for all houses. With the termly point count reset to zero, the race for the house trophy is wide open. Can Unitas go for the double? Or maybe this is Veritas' time to rise from 4th to 1st. We've seen it happen before, and with a new Head of House on the scene (welcome Mr Perkins) who knows what might happen. The house competitions kicked off in style, with the third house football tournament of the year taking place on Wednesday lunchtime. Once again, the turnout for the event was fantastic, and the spirits were high for a closely fought tournament. A late charge from Unitas saw them take the victory home, with Aequitas a close second and Veritas and Caritas taking the third spot. Not exactly the start Mr Perkins had hoped for, but there is always next week's competitions. Congratulations to all for their efforts!!



Library Opening Hours

We would like to remind all pupils that the library is now open from 7:45am each morning. Do come along and drop-in, especially now it is cold and dark outside. Whether you use it as an opportunity to get ahead in your revision or as a time to relax with a good book before the start of another busy day, it is entirely up to you. This is a space for you so do make the most of it.



THA goes skiing



Due to popular demand, we have added an additional 10 places for the Easter 2020 ski trip. Pupils will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If you wish to attend, please contact Miss Ling ASAP so you can secure your place before they are all gone.

Key dates for week beginning January 13th - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School assessments	Monday 13 th January – Friday 31st January	08:25 - 15:30



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