



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



On Monday we held our termly parent forum. This is always one of my favourite evenings of the term. Of course, it is fantastic to hear all the things that you think we are doing well here at the school, but it was also great to hear your suggestions about how we can improve. I always say that it is only by working together that we will achieve the best for our children. We had some fantastic discussions about education and creating the best environment for our whole community. It was also lovely to hear how many of you

read my weekly newsletter! As always if you have any further suggestions, or anything you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Last week Year 6 parents found out which schools their children had been allocated for next year. I am so proud so say that here at The Hurlingham Academy, we are oversubscribed. I have never seen so many parents put us down as first choice, and this truly is a reflection of all the hard work staff and students have put in to ensuring we really are providing the best education. Throughout the week we have welcomed a number of excited Year 6 pupils who have come, with their parents, for a tour of the school they will be attending next year. I would personally like to say a massive thankyou to our tour guides from 8H and 8U who have once again done a brilliant job of representing our school and to all Year 6 pupils, we can't wait to welcome you into our community in September.

Emanuel School Visit

We had the pleasure to be invited to the prestigious Emanuel School on Tuesday evening for a fantastic Networking event focused on careers in Law, Government and Politics. A group of our Year 11s attended an informative talk about the various pathways that are involved in working within our criminal justice system before joining the networking event where they were able to converse freely with over 25 professionals from incredibly impressive academic and professional backgrounds. Navigating their way through the many guests, from corporate lawyers, to criminal barristers, to police negotiators, to even the Director of International Relations for GCHQ (!) our Year 11s engaged in several rigorous and engaging discussions about the world of work, politics, and social justice. Our students articulated themselves brilliantly and asked thought-provoking questions throughout. We hope that they feel inspired about their own futures within this vibrant sector.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, science and English leader boards:

Top of the leader board for Sparx in maths this week are:

Year 7: Alfie

Year 8: Hamid

Year 9: Bo Wen

Year 10: Tamila

Year 11: Faith



Top of the leader board for Educake Science this week are:

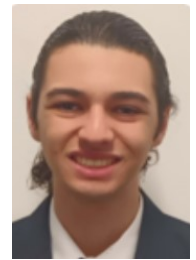
Year 7: Karen

Year 8: Raami

Year 9: Archie

Year 10: Matheus

Year 11: Andzhi

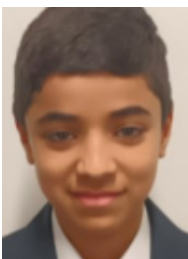


Top of the leader board for Sparx in English this week are:

Year 7: Mohamed and Nuura

Year 8: Hamida and Max

Year 9: Daria and Efrata



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Strike action

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) is going ahead with the strike action, on [Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 March 2023](#). I appreciate your understanding with this ongoing situation. I would like to reiterate that the strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay (and to ensure that this is fully funded and does not continue to come out of existing school budgets) and not because of any issues at The Hurlingham Academy. Some teachers at The Hurlingham Academy are striking and I would like to note that this is also to effect long term change and lasting improvements to young people's education.

I am writing to let you know our [arrangements for Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 March 2023](#). Based on the numbers of staff who will be in, it will not be possible to open school as normal. As a result, only the following year groups will attend school at the usual times. Their day will consist of any lessons taking place by teachers who are in school, exams and group study sessions:

[Year 10](#)
[Year 11](#)

The following year groups will need to [stay at home on Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 March 2023](#). We will set centralised tasks for students to complete via Satchel:One (ShowMyHomework). **There will also be a link on the school website.**

[Year 7](#)
[Year 8](#)
[Year 9](#)

I am sorry that many of you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience disruption to their education. Whilst there may be different views and opinions, I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect and empathy.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please do contact me at info@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk

Key dates for weeks beginning 13th and 20th March

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 13 th March	08:25 - 09:00
Year 9 teenage booster vaccinations	Tuesday 14 th March	08:25 - 15:30
Teaching strike	Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16 th March	08:25 - 15:30
Year 8 science museum trip	Monday 20 th March	11:30 - 15:30
Btec media and film trip	Wednesday 22 nd March	11:30 - 15:30
Year 9 Brighton trip	Thursday 23 rd and Friday 24 th March	08:25 - 15:30



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