



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



The month of June brings with it many things. For our hard-working Year 11s, their external exams start to draw to a close and they will look ahead to their next journey at sixth form (after a very well deserved extended summer holiday of course). For the school, June marks the beginning of the last half-term of a very busy and successful academic year. We of course have our end of year assessments for all years in June, but it also brings a number of fantastic opportunities. We have our first trip abroad since the pandemic as well as many more local based activities. This June we also of course marked the Queen's Jubilee. It was so wonderful to see people finally being able to come together to celebrate. It is rather phenomenal if you think about it. To have stepped up to the thrown at such a young age and to have been able to maintain that commitment for 70 years really is commendable. The Queen must have a fantastic team that she has built over the years, who help and support her throughout. It strikes me that this is the key to success. Yes having a dynamic, successful leader is important, but it is ultimately the people that you surround yourself with and support you that push you to the highest level. It is true of communities anywhere, including schools. I firmly believe that the key to the future success of our school is how much we are willing to work together and strive to continue to improve our community. Not that I am comparing myself to the Queen, but I firmly believe that the success of our school is not down to one individual but our whole community. Everyone works incredibly hard as part of a team to ensure we provide the best for our pupils. June brings with it plenty of opportunities to be a part of the team I trust that all of us will play a part in developing our team spirit.

Jubilee Parade

It gave us such pride to be asked to participate in the parade for the Queen's Jubilee. To know that our pupils would be seen by millions of people, not only in the UK but world wide. The pupils who participated gave up two days of their half term to practice and then Sunday was the big day. It was fantastic to see the pupils all having such a great time, and of course Mme Reid and Mme Horne also made their TV debuts as part of the parade. Well done to all who took part.



Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... history with head of department, Ms Mowbray.

It is an important week for historians across the school, with Y11 gearing up to take their final GCSE exam on Thursday and Years 7-10 starting to prepare for their upcoming assessments too.

KS3 classes have all been given revision guides to help with assessment preparation, remember to make the most of using them to ensure you are as prepared as you can be!

Year 7: Y7 have completed their unit on the Challenges to Medieval Kings, where they evaluated whether the threat from the peasants, the barons or the Church was the biggest. This week they are using lesson time to focus on assessment preparation for their exam on the 23rd June. Y7 will be tested on all the units they have learnt about this year: Medieval Worldviews, the Normans, Religion in the Middle Ages, Medieval Mali and Challenges to Kings.

Year 8: Y8 have completed their unit on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, when they were asked to consider what was the main reason for the abolition of the Slave Trade in 1807 - ethical reasons, economic factors or the role of the rebellions of enslaved people. They have now moved on to assessment preparation for their exam on the 24th June. Y8 will be tested on all the units they have studied this year: The Reformation and Break from Rome, the Tudor religious rollercoaster, The English Civil War and The Transatlantic Slave Trade.

Year 9: Y9 have completed their unit on the Holocaust, in which they considered the ways that the persecution of Jews changed and increased during the 1930s and early 1940s. This week Y9 students also had the opportunity to have this period of time brought to life through hearing the testimony of a Holocaust survivor in a talk for the whole year group. Thank you to Eva Clarke and the Holocaust Education Trust for giving up your time to speak with us. Y9 have now moved on to assessment preparation for their exam on the 20th June. They will be tested on most of the units they have studied this year: The causes and experiences of WW1, the Women's Suffrage movement and the Holocaust.

Year 10: This week Y10 students have been continuing their study of the USA during the 1930s, looking at 'The Bust' and the Great Depression, to FDR and the New Deal. They have also been working on their exam skills for the USA GCSE unit. Y10 have their exam on the 27th June, which will be on both the Medicine and USA units.

Year 11: The final countdown is on for their last GCSE exam on 'Health and the People, 1000c-present day' on Thursday. They have been working very hard so far, we know they are going to do themselves and their teachers very proud. Please wish them lots of luck!

This week postcards of excellence went home to:

KS3: Zlata in 7I, for making a fantastic start to her time at the school and being able to recall so much information already!

Dylan 8H for making thoughtful contributions in class and showing enthusiasm when having class discussions.

KS4: Anas and Josh Y10 for consistent enthusiasm and resilience.

And a special shoutout for all the students in Ms Mowbray's and Ms O'Reilly's Y11 classes, for all the hard work they're putting in for the final push for their GCSEs!



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House update

This week we ran our popular Guess the Logo quiz – pupils are given a worksheet with various blurry logos and badges of different brands and companies and need to name as many as possible. We had 65 pupils take part in this competition which was a great turn-out! Well done to Veritas, who had 20 pupils answer correctly, it was a tie in 2nd place with Caritas and Unitas who both put forward 17 successful entries, followed by Aequitas who managed 11. So, very good start by Veritas but could they dominate for the rest of the week?..

Countdown was won by Aequitas, who scored highly in all categories (numbers and letter), followed by Caritas, then Unitas and Veritas who tied for last place. Make sure you are attending the Countdown event as it really does cater for so many pupils – watch the TV show on Channel 4 to see how the pro's do it!

House Rowing was an exciting 15 minutes of intense exercise! This was so close between Caritas and Aequitas, and it was Aequitas (and Miss Hargreaves on the final stretch!) who came out victorious with 3381m rowed, followed so closely by Caritas who managed 3378m. Veritas and Unitas followed in 3rd and 4th places.

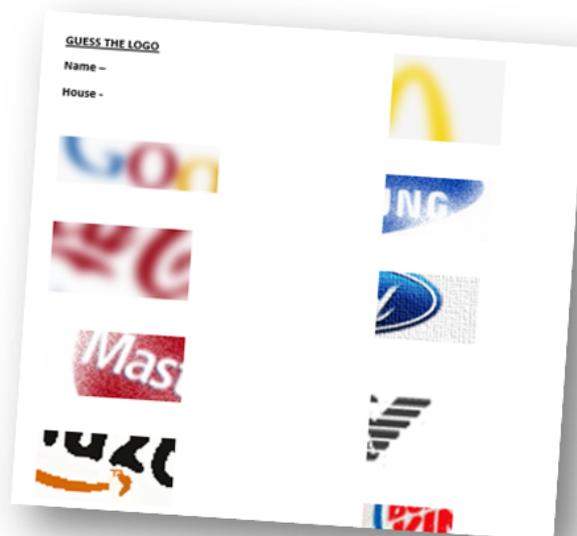
See below for updated scores. It is really close between Veritas and Aequitas in 1st and second – Aequitas are having a really strong Term 3 so far, but can they do enough by the end of term?! Caritas are hot on the tails on Unitas who started so strongly this year but have taken their foot off the pedal in recent months!

Term 3

1 st	Aequitas	1650
2 nd	Veritas	1525
=3 rd	Caritas	1275
=3 rd	Unitas	1225

Overall

1 st	Veritas	9185
2 nd	Aequitas	8870
3 rd	Unitas	8870
4 th	Caritas	8315



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Mr Wilson's Commendations

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:

Year 7 - Tallulah

Year 8 - Poppy

Year 9 - Ebby

Year 10 - Simon

Year 11 - Aya



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

Year 7: Karim

Year 8: Bo Wen

Year 9: Vitoria

Year 10: Alfie

Year 11: Phoebe



Health and Wellbeing

With GCSEs in full swing and Year 7-10 assessments upcoming it is important to remind pupils about the importance of looking after themselves. We understand that some pupils may find exams stressful. Some things you can encourage your child to do to look after themselves are:

- Make time for the things they enjoy– schedule these into their revision timetable
- Talk to others about how they are feeling
- Take care of their physical health – make sure they get enough sleep, food, water and exercise

We would also like to remind pupils about the importance of making the right choices outside school. If you have any concerns regarding health and wellbeing please do not hesitate to contact the school.



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KS3 Coding Club

One of the new enrichment opportunities we are offering this summer term is a KS3 coding club. The take up has been phenomenal and I have been really impressed with the progress the pupils are making. Who knows, maybe we have the next big game or app crazy being developed under this very roof. As well as being enjoyable, the ability to code opens pupils up to a whole world of new jobs so it is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils. The club runs every Thursday 15:45-16:45. Please speak to Mme Ling or Mme Khan if you wish to join.



Key dates for weeks beginning 13th and 20th June

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 13 th June	08:30 - 09:00
GCSE exams continue	Monday 13 th June	08:30 - 15:30
Year 6 transition meetings	Monday 13 th June	16:00 - 18:00
PGL information evening - virtual	Tuesday 14 th June	17:00 - 18:00
Year 7 end of year assessments begin	Thursday 16 th June	08:30-15:30
Year 8 and 9 trip to France	Friday 17 th June	All day
Year 8, 9 and 10 end of year assessments begin	Monday 20 th June	All day
Year 7 PGL trip	Friday 24 th - Sunday 26 th June	All day

