



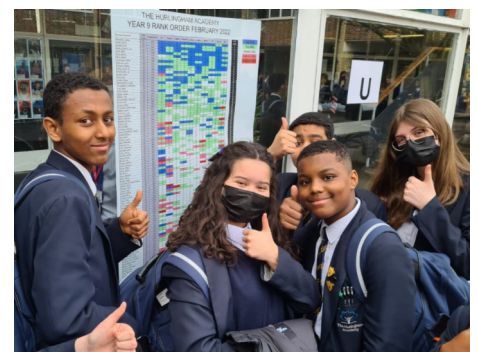
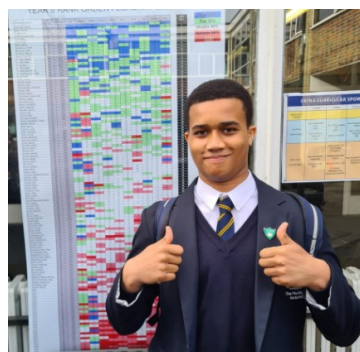
Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It's been an incredibly busy week again here at The Hurlingham Academy. On Tuesday we had our termly PSHCE and House Drop Down Day. In the morning pupils tackled a number of important issues. Years 7 and 8 looked at life choices, and the importance of the decisions you make; Years 9 and 10 looked at the topic of consent and Year 11 had a careers talk with a focus on the financial sector. As always, pupils were polite and respectful, and as I was walking around the building I heard some incredibly insightful discussions. The afternoon was given over to the House system. Pupils competed in six 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, 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 countdown on Thursday to keep the points rolling in.

KS3 Assessments

Well done to all students in Years 7-9 for completing their mid-year assessments. There was much excitement as the rank orders went up this week. It was lovely to hear pupils supporting and congratulating each other. Reports have now been sent to parents by email, which include students' exam results and attitude to learning grades. We have produced a video explaining what your child report shows, which can be accessed here: <http://tinyurl.com/2p9524xt>. If you would like to discuss your child's report in more detail, please contact their Head of Year.



Subject in the Spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is Modern Foreign Languages (MFL), with Head of Department, Miss Cabo.

This week in: MFL...

Year 7 students have been learning about what they do in their free time. We have also looked at how to express opinions and justifications about those activities and how to expand the sentences adding who with. They have started to learn about grammar and how to 'conjugate' different verbs to refer to other people. Most students have completed an extended writing in French/Spanish .

In **Year 8**, students have learnt about food in Spanish-Speaking countries and how to talk about their daily routine. We have revised reflexive verbs and how to talk about sports they do and play in their free time. This is linked to the topic of healthy living, which they will continue studying after half-term.

In **Year 9**, students have recently started the topic of festivals and customs. They have been learning about different food from different Spanish-speaking countries with special focus on the ingredients you need to prepare them. They have had a look at specific vocabulary to describe well-known festivals around the world and they have worked on how to compare them with festivals in the UK.

In **Year 10**, students have learnt about the topic of school. During this term, students have been able to express their opinion about the subjects they like and dislike and they have also described teachers in school. They have learnt how to give positive and negative arguments about wearing the uniform and other rules at THA and they have talked about problems in school and after school-activities.

In **Year 11**, students have finished with the last topic of the GCSE: jobs. They have learnt how to talk about jobs they would like to pursue in the future, as well as other plans when they are older. They have talked about past experiences job-related, and they have learnt how to apply for jobs writing a personal statement in Spanish.

For further curriculum information, please go to www.thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps



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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, science and English leader boards:

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

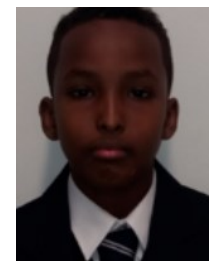
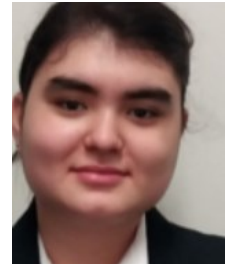
Year 7: Harry

Year 8: Abdullahi

Year 9: Bilal

Year 10: Rihanna

Year 11: Ganjina



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

Year 7: Minnah

Year 8: Aamer

Year 9: Alan

Year 10: Justin

Year 11: Banin



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

Year 7: Aryan

Year 8: Leah

Year 9: Asiya



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House News with Mr Pudney

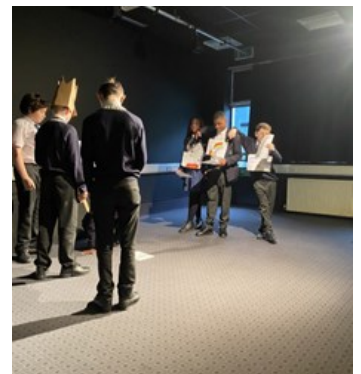
House Update –

It was yet again time in year for our second Drop Down Day. Pupils from Y7-10 battled it out across six different activities – Dragon's Den, Debate, Sports, Taskmaster, Creative Writing, and Performance. It was an absolutely epic day with pupils across the school incredibly engaged with their task. One of best things to see across the school was the ability of pupils across all year groups to work so well together. Great examples of leadership in the dodgeball and benchball events, where Y10 Veritas pupils were trying to give advice and tactical advantage to their younger House mates. This clearly worked as Veritas won the overall fixtures in the dodgeball and benchball. Pupils in the Performance activity were given a fairy tale, such as Snow White, and asked to act out a short piece from this fairy tale. Lots of planning and creativity went into the final pieces, with Veritas again winning the Performance event!

Debate was won by Aequitas, who stormed through the opening rounds and used fantastic communication skills to argue their points across to the audience and judges. Unitas in Dragon's Den came up with a fantastic idea on sustainability. Maybe worth pitching to the real Dragon's?!

Overall, an immensely enjoyable afternoon of activities that bring our school community together and make us remember what is so amazing about our students. They are resilient, hardworking, thoughtful, patient, talented and caring.

Countdown was won by Caritas this week, with over 35 pupils rammed into the library to participate! Well done Caritas! See below for Term 2 results and our yearly points update. Veritas really ramping up the heat on Unitas! The yearly prize is still very much up for grabs!



Term 2

1 st	Veritas	2225
2 nd	Aequitas	1825
3 rd	Caritas	1810
3 rd	Unitas	1775

Overall

1 st	Unitas	6545
2 nd	Veritas	6535
3 rd	Aequitas	5930
4 th	Caritas	5865



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Dads Matter



A forward-looking, solution-focused group
for Dads and Step-dads

Topics include:

- ✓ Being a dad
- ✓ Setting limits
- ✓ Getting cooperation
- ✓ Being encouraging
- ✓ Passing on your values
- ✓ Keeping your cool
- ✓ Building memories
- ✓ Working with your partner



**West London
Action for Children**

6 Wednesday Evenings

6.00pm – 7.15pm

**Starts 23rd February 2022
On Zoom**

To book contact: Trevor or Deborah at team@wlaac.org.uk
Or deborah@wlaac.org.uk



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Arbor App

Arbor is the new free parent app that gives you a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school. The app gives you direct access to your child's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements, behaviour and much, much more. You will also see that we update and change the information in the app as the school year moves along.

We can send you messages directly to the Arbor app relating to important information about your child's education and to remind you of events that are taking place at school. Instructions on how to download and login have been sent to your email. Please contact the school if you have any questions or issues. **Please ensure you have downloaded the app by Monday 21st February, as from this date, all communication will come via the app.**



Enrichment clubs

<u>Extra-Curricular Sport Timetable</u>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school 7:15-8am					Fitness Open to All
Lunchtime 13:05-13:45	Year 11 Basketball Year 11 Fitness Year 8 Football	Year 7 & 8 Basketball Year 9 Football House Rowing	Year 9 Basketball Year 10 Football Year 10 Fitness and Rowing	Year 10 basketball Year 9 Fitness Year 8 Football	Year 8 Fitness/Rowing Net Games for all
After school 15:30-16:30	Year 7 & 8 Netball Year 7 Enrichment, including fencing and gymnastics	Year 7-10 Girls Football Volleyball for all Year 7 Rowing	Year 7 & 8 Boys Football	Year 9 & 10 Boys Football Year 9 and 10 Girls Netball	Dance for all
16:30-17:30		Year 11 Wellbeing and Fitness			

Key dates for week beginning January 21st - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 21 st February	08:25 - 09:00
Year 7 Brilliance Club Trip	Monday 21 st February	08:25 - 15:30
Year 10 Geography Field Trip	Wednesday 23 rd - Friday 25 th February	08:25 - 15:30



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