



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



For the past couple of weeks I have been carefully following the developing situation in Ukraine. I am very aware that some members of our community are directly affected by the events happening. Of course, as a school we want to help and support all those affected in any way that we can. During registration last week all pupils looked at some of the history and potential reasons for the conflict. We want our children to be informed about what is going on there, to understand something of why it is happening and to be able to identify a little of how it affects the rest of the world. It is understandable that pupils have a lot of questions about the situation. However, the most common question that I have heard as I walk around the academy is what can we do to help? It makes me so incredibly proud to know that our pupils are showing such compassion and desire to help those in need. During assembly on Monday I launched an appeal to raise money for those impacted. I asked each pupil to bring in £1. This collection was very different to previous charity collections. In previous times we have always raised money through events or non-uniform days. This was the first day I appealed for donations without the promise of anything in return. On the Monday evening I said to my senior management team that this really would be a reflection of how considerate and generous we are as a community. I can honestly say I'm not sure I've ever been more proud of the pupils here at The Hurlingham Academy than I was on Tuesday morning when we were collecting the donations. I am so please to say that in just one morning we raised £702. To put this figure into context, we currently 650 pupils on our roll, meaning some members of the community donated more than the suggested £1. It was also lovely to see pupils who forgot money on Tuesday bringing it in throughout the week and giving it to their teacher despite no reminders being sent out. I think this is absolutely fantastic and demonstrates the compassion of the pupils here at THA.

As I mentioned, I am very aware that this crisis has directly affected some members of our community and we wish to do everything we can to support each other during this difficult time. Please do contact myself or your child's head of year if you have any concerns. We are keen to do all we can to support, so if you have any more ideas about what we can do as a community, I would welcome all suggestions. I hope you have a restful weekend and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday for another busy week here at The Hurlingham Academy.



Subject in the Spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is music with Head of Department, Mr Clarke

Year 7 have been working on their technical skills on their chosen instruments in their Big Band lessons, either trumpet, trombone, clarinet, saxophone, piano, or guitar. They have been working hard to be able to play the notes accurately so that they can progress onto a more challenging piece. 40 of our Big Band students will also be visiting Kensington Town Hall on Wednesday 23rd March to play with other local schools as part of a huge brass and woodwind orchestra, which is very exciting!



Year 8 have continued their work looking into the development of the blues. This week the classes have been learning to play the 12-bar blues as a whole-class ensemble and will be learning to improvise using the blues scale in the coming weeks.



Half of **Year 9** are composing their own pieces of Electronic Dance Music on GarageBand using the department's new iMac suite. Some very promising composers! The other half of the year group are working as whole-class bands learning the song *Africa* by Toto in preparation for a performance assessment. After the Easter break, the two halves will swap projects.

Year 10 have been working on mini composition sketches on blues and dance music and have been preparing for their solo performances next week.

Year 11 have been working extremely hard to get their coursework completed. Their final submission is after the Easter break, so we're working to get their performances and compositions completed by then.

We also have planned a trip to the Royal Albert Hall to see the Classical Spectacular on Friday 18th March, where we will take the highest attainers from each tutor group as a reward for their hard work!

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



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Y9/10 GIRLS CONSTRUCTION TRIP – BERKELEY GROUP

On Tuesday 8th March we were invited to a fantastic breakfast and careers event which was hosted by Berkeley Group, a large construction firm who have developed many sites across the borough. This was a specific event to educate girls about the various roles available to them within construction, such as finance, marketing, engineering, as well as construction and



site management. They were offered free breakfast and had a range of speakers from different departments come and speak to them about their roles and experiences. What a fantastic event to take Y9/10 girls on, and on International Women's Day. They will also be following up this event with a trip to their construction site in Fulham on April 1st and again in May for more pupils.

House Update



Busy week after World Book Day last week which saw the return of our weekly competition – a streetsurfing time trial. This has always been a popular activity in PE lessons, and so we extended this to the House system on Wednesday. Pupils had to complete one lap of the sports hall in the fastest time possible. This was won by Constantine in Y9 who a regular attendee at streetsurfing club on Wednesday's after school. Well done Constantine and all those who participated!

We then had our regular House rowing event on Tuesday and this was won by Aequitas who had a very enthusiasm and active House captain in Abdullah K Y10 who was actively vigorously looking for as many Aequitas participants as possible. He, and Miss Hargreaves, Dr Payne, and many other Aequitas members fought very well and won by rowing a mighty 4763m in 20 minutes during lunch time.



Countdown was then as popular as ever on Thursday lunchtime. This was won by jointly by Unitas and Veritas, who both did very well in the majority of the rounds for Countdown.

A big thank you this week needs to go to the Heads of House – Miss Hargreaves, Miss Hayward, Miss Banert-Lucas, and Miss O'Reilly. Every week they give up at least two lunch times to motivate and encourage pupils to participate. We have a great set of leaders in the House system! See below an update for this term and an overall table for the year so far!

Term 2

1 st	Veritas	2950
2 nd	Aequitas	2675
3 rd	Caritas	2510
3 rd	Unitas	2450

Overall

1 st	Veritas	7260
2 nd	Unitas	7220
3 rd	Aequitas	6780
4 th	Caritas	6565



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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: Raami

Year 8: Lamarrio

Year 9: Tamila

Year 10: Daniele

Year 11: Chrisa



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

Year 7: Yara

Year 8: Efrata

Year 9: Charlie

Year 10: Daniel

Year 11: Tyler

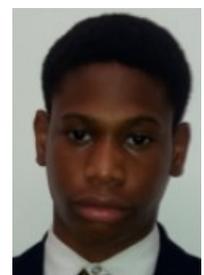


Top of the leader board for Bedrock English this week are:

Year 7: Theo

Year 8: Leah

Year 9: Ebuchim



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Performing Shakespeare

Once of the clubs we offer as part of Year 7 enrichment on Monday is performing Shakespeare. During enrichment time pupils have been working incredibly hard on practicing their monologues and on Wednesday evening we had our first performance. The pressure was on as not only was this the first time pupils had performed to an audience, but their performances were being judged by Mr Wilson. The students did incredibly well and each performance was absolutely phenomenal. In fact they were so incredible that they even brought tears of pride to some of our teachers in the audience. We would like to say a massive well done to Abi, Karim, Nicole and Jernice. A particular well done to Nicole who won the event. We should also say thank you to Ms Mayall, Ms McIver and Ms Stavrianakos for dedicating so much time to supporting these pupils with their flourishing talent. We would love for pupils to now have the opportunity to perform in front of their peers so Year 7..... watch this space.



Key dates for week beginning March 14th - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 14 th March	08:25 - 09:00
KS4 Mock Exams	Tuesday 1 st – Friday 18 th March	08:25 - 15:30
Royal Albert Hall Concert	Friday 18 th March	08:25 - 15:30



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