



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



There is so much going on over the next week! Today is Chinese New Year, Sunday is Valentines Day, next Tuesday is Pancake Day but the most important thing for me is that next week is...HALF TERM! And what a well deserved break it will be. Teachers and students alike have worked so hard this half term to keep up the hard work remotely and ensure the same energy and effort goes into their classes online as they do every single day in real life and I could not be prouder. It has been so heart-warming for me to attend the Parent Forums we have held online over the last few weeks

and witness first hand the appreciative comments that parents and students have for their teachers here at the Academy. The gratitude shown for how much care and time our teachers put into their lessons and into the progress of our young people has been so humbly received by our staff.

Although we are still in lockdown and it is important that we abide by the restrictions set out, I would like to remind you all that the half term holiday is an excellent chance to enjoy yourselves and reconnect with your families (albeit virtually), make that phone call to a loved one you haven't seen in a while, set up the zoom chat you haven't had time to do with your friends and also to make sure we spend time on ourselves. I hope you all have a restful and happy half term break and return to school online on Monday 22nd with plenty of energy and enthusiasm for the next half term ahead!

Pastoral Hour

KS3 students:

Have you got some free time after school? ...Of course you have!

Join us after half term for our Pastoral Hour every Thursday from 15:30-16:30 with your Head of Years where you can have some fun with your friends online, play some games, whip up a new recipe, tell some jokes, beat your teachers in a quiz and enjoy some down time with us. Ms Hiscocks, Ms May, Ms Robinson and Ms Reid are looking forward to seeing you! Please speak to your tutor for the Teams meeting link.



Artists of the week

Can you guess these famous Year 9 faces?

These self-portraits from Year 9 show some of the talent that awaits us in preparation for GCSE next year!



Well done Year 9!



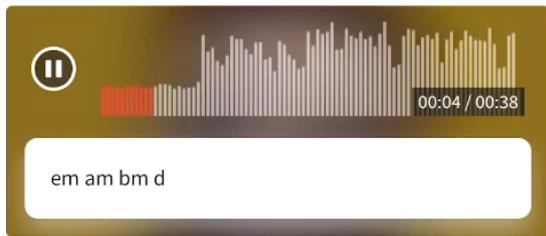
Follow @ArtHurlingham on twitter for more artistic updates



HurlinghamAcademyMUSIC @HurlinghamMusic · 5 Feb
Our Year 10 GCSE Music class is looking at the genre of rock through composition. Here's the start of Sergej's rock-inspired piece! Keep up the great work Sergej! 🎸🔥

Rock Music Exercise

No description

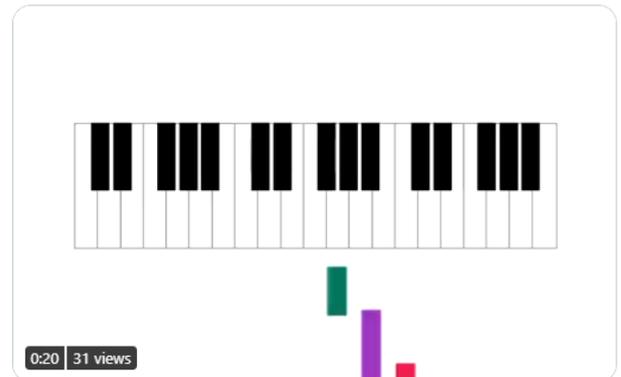


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HurlinghamAcademyMUSIC @HurlinghamMusic · 10 Feb
Year 8 were improvising short phrases using the blues scale today using #ChromeMusicLab. This is Naomi's spicy little melody! 🎹🔥

#CanDoMusic #MusicEd #HomeLearning



There are also lots of new musical snippets on our twitter page. Follow @HurlinghamMusic for the latest musical updates



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Subject in the Spotlight!

This week's subject in the spotlight is.... **Religion and Philosophy** with Dr Sanderson, Vice Principal and Head of RE



In **Religion and Philosophy** this week we have been:

Year 7: Learning about sacrifice and atonement in the Old Testament and how this links to the New Testament and the story of Jesus. Students have demonstrated a very good understanding of the Jewish Tanakh. After half term we will be starting a new topic: Christianity. This will explore the various stories of the New Testament and the life of Jesus.

Year 8: Understanding how Islamic terms have been misunderstood by the media. We have investigated the concept of Jihad and its true meaning in Islam. After half term we will be starting a new topic of the History of Christianity.

Year 9: Over the last few weeks we have started the GCSE course which begins with Christianity. We are exploring Christian beliefs about the nature of God and thinking about how evil poses a problem for Christians and their beliefs about God. After half term we will be looking at various theodicies (defences of God in the face of evil).

Year 10: Preparing for their GCSE's by studying Islam and the concept of Al-Qadr (predestination). This explores God's Ultimate plan for all humans and looks at questions around heaven and hell. After half term we will be continuing in their study of Islamic beliefs. We will then go on to Islamic practices.

Year 11: This term we have been looking at issues of good and evil which is a module based around philosophy and ethics. We have looked at the aims of punishment. After half term we will look at issues of human rights which explores big questions about what it means to be human. You can help by testing students on keywords and encouraging them to have conversations with you about what they have been learning.

Theologians of the week:

Year 7: Khadijah, Year 8: Abdullah, Year 9: Abigail, Year 10: Naib, Year 11: Hannah

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



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Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

I am pleased to see our pupils working to a consistently high standard both in their online lessons and at home. 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: Efrata



Year 8: Ali

Year 9: Calum



Year 10: Naib

Year 11: Faye

The following students are top of the **Educake science** leader board this week for most correct questions answered:

Year 7: Luna



Year 8: Marwa



Year 9: Chloe

Year 10: Mischa



Year 11: Anna

Our top readers this week in Yr8 as recorded on **Accelerated Reader** are:

1. Thenisha
2. Christine
3. Ibrahim
4. Meron
5. Megan



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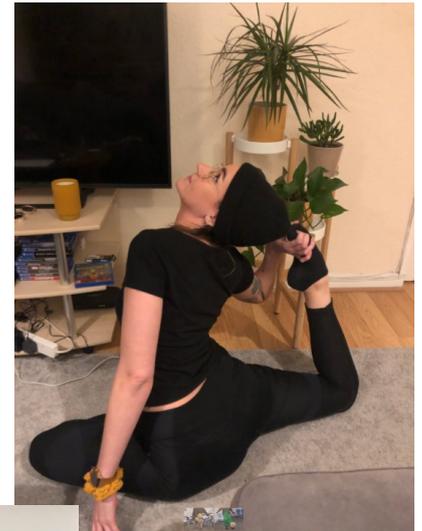
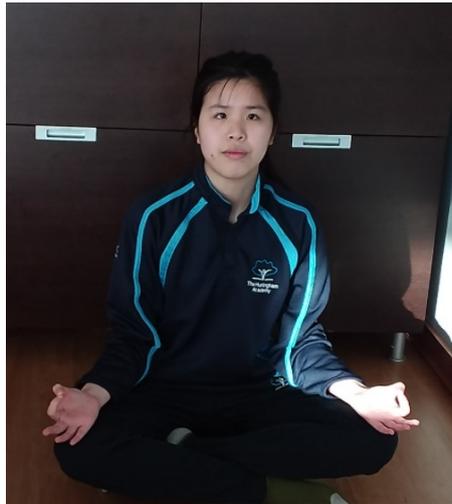
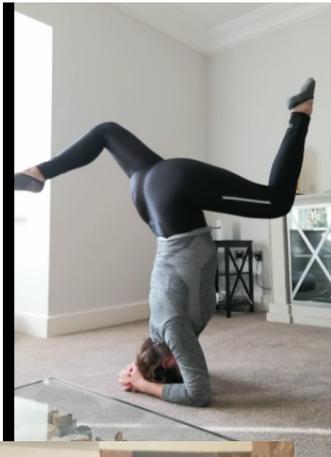
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House updates



This week's House competitions were extremely competitive and whilst Aequitas might have stormed ahead with the number of Kick up (thanks to Ricki-Lee) it ended up being a close competition for second place, with Caritas beating Veritas to second place by only two kick ups! However, our Hurlingham community also managed to find their zen with an impressive yoga competition with some seriously flexible moves, particularly from Ms. Hargreaves who won the most creative pose for Veritas. The competition was so tight this week that we have two winners with Caritas and Aequitas both securing 300 points. Will Caritas finally overtake Aequitas next term?



House points this week



This term	1775	1825	2100	1150
This year	4225	4200	5025	3325



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Key dates for week beginning 15/02/21 and 22/02/21

Description	Date	Time
All students – Half Term	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	08:30-15:00
Key worker and vulnerable students in school	Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th February	08:30-15:00
All students learning remotely	Monday 22 nd —Friday 26 th February	08:30-15:00



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Getting to know you - Mme Kramer

Name: Mme Kramer

Job: Maths Teacher

Favourite Book: Lovely War by Julie Berry

Interesting fact about me: I am Métis! (An Indigenous Person of Canada)

Favourite thing about working at THA: My amazing coworkers and of course the amazing students!

House: Unitas

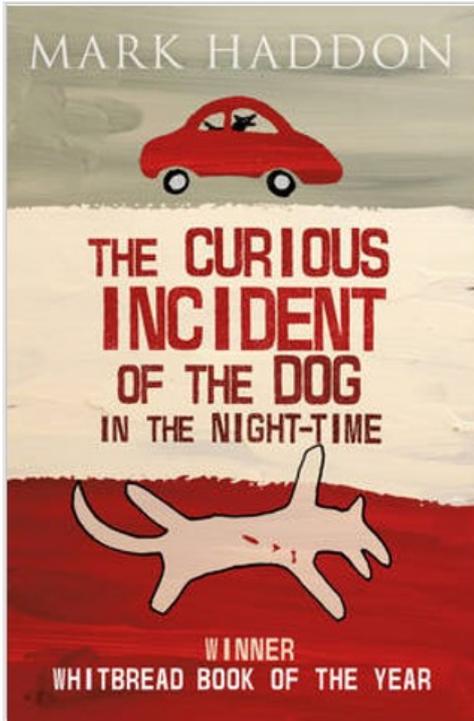


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Book of the week- KS3



The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night -Time

Mark Haddon

Mark Haddon's best-selling story of how Christopher, a boy with Asperger's syndrome, sees the world and makes sense of it in his own particular way became a success for children and adults alike. When Christopher finds a dead dog on his neighbour's lawn he applies the principles he has learnt from Sherlock Holmes, his own literary hero, to the situation and so begins the narration of his own remarkable story.

In particular, Christopher traces the mystery surrounding his mother's absence and his father's unexpected behaviour, drawing on the clues he can understand. Christopher's use of clues that help him rather than using the more familiar props of emotional recognition make this story a very special journey of discovery.

Book of the week- KS4

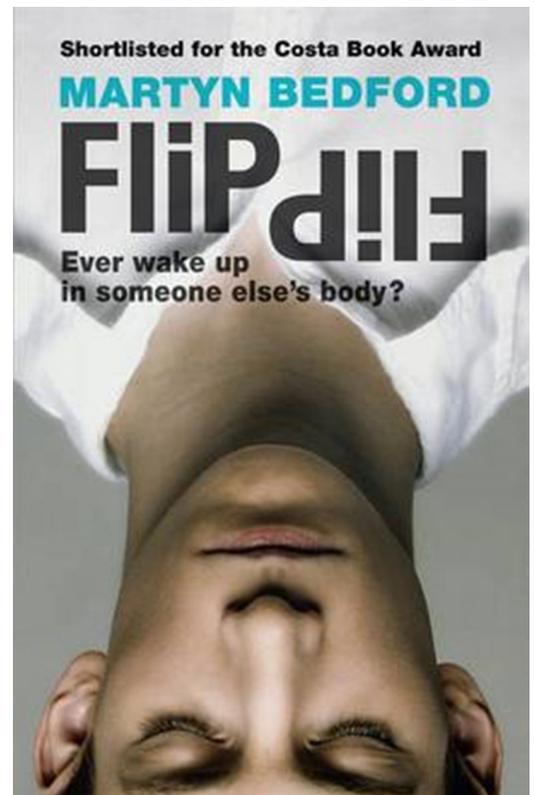
Flip Flip

Martyn Bedford

Alex, 14, goes to bed in December, and wakes in June, in a strange house to a strange family. Waking up as someone he's never even met is the strangest experience of Flip's life. Suddenly he's Philip – or Flip – and nothing and no-one is familiar any more; the house, his 'mother', even his own face have all changed and no one can tell him why. Then there's school, friends – a whole world to be navigated but without any help!

Unless Alex finds out what's happened and how to get back to his own life, he may be trapped forever inside a body that belongs to someone else. What is identity, the will to survive, and what will we sacrifice to survive?

How Alex works his way through the extraordinary situation is a gripping and questioning psychological thriller.



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Chinese New Year

Our wonderful MFL department are organising a poster competition to celebrate the Chinese New Year (the year of the ox). Students have been encouraged to create a poster featuring the word Fortune (FÚ) in Mandarin.

COMPETITION TIME!



Fortune

[fú]

福 [fú] represents fortune and good luck. This character is often mounted on the wall upside down because 'upside down' is a homonym for 'to arrive' in Chinese.

By putting the character 福 [fú] upside down, it means that fortune is arriving. Chinese people normally put this sign by the door to indicate that fú is coming to their household.

Can you help Miaomiao trace 福?



- ***Make a poster featuring the word 福 (fú) over the holidays the winner will be announced in assembly after mid-term***
- ***Try your best with the calligraphy and be original decorating it***



Discover more Chinese words at learnwithmiaomiao.com  

Submission: send your entry to Mrs Fernandez through SMHW or rfernandez@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk

Deadline for submission: Monday 22nd February

Winner will be announced in the WSA on the 1st March.



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