



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Today's celebration of Saint Valentine has got me thinking about love. When we think of love, we may think of something we hold dear: our favourite meal, a fantastic book or a place that matters to us. We may think of someone we love and may be lucky enough to use Valentine's Day to celebrate with them. Walking around the academy today, I realised that you don't need to travel to an airport arrivals lounge to see love. Love actually is all around us here at The Hurlingham Academy.

Around the school, I see the love in how much care and time teachers put into their lessons. I watch as pupils develop a love for their favourite subject and enjoy time spent deepening their knowledge or practising their skills. I see the love in how we include one another in games at break time or hold doors open during the school day. And I hear love when parents come to meet with me and talk passionately about their child's education. So often, we forget to tell the people in our lives how much they mean to us. The half-term holiday is an excellent chance to reconnect with our families and those we love and make sure we spend time nurturing those relationships. I hope you all have a restful and happy half-term break and return to school on Monday 24th with plenty of energy and enthusiasm for the term ahead.

Golden Postcard Trip

Thursday was the very popular golden postcard trip! 26 lucky students went with Mr Cheetham and Ms De Pena to the London Bridge Experience. I'm sure Mr Cheetham was more terrified than the students when he read it was voted the UK's scariest attraction! They were taken back in time through the award-winning immersive show and explored the 2000 years of London's gruesome history, in the vaults of the city's most historic bridge. After that, the brave ventured into the psychological attraction coming face to face with the zombies, demons and monsters in the scare tombs. Lunch was more comforting joining Lambeth academy's golden postcard students in Pizza express -not a single slice left on plates!



Mr Wilson's Commendations

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those pupils who have gone above and beyond in their studies at home this week. It is so lovely to see so many pupils taking real ownership of their education. Congratulations this week goes to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, science and Spanish leader boards this week:

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

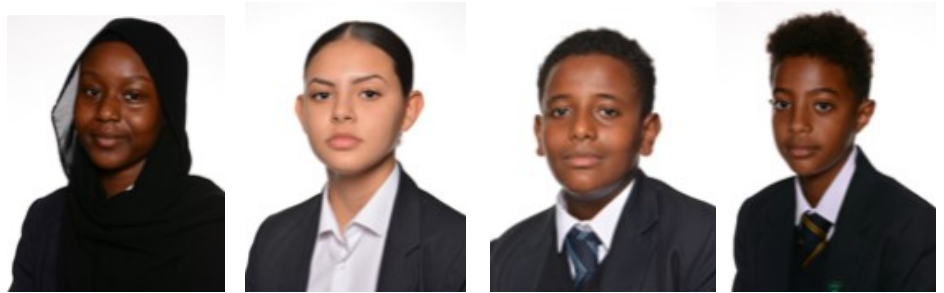
Year 11 - Ibtisam

Year 10 - Jana

Year 9 - Basile

Year 8 - Haroun

Year 7 - Afran



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

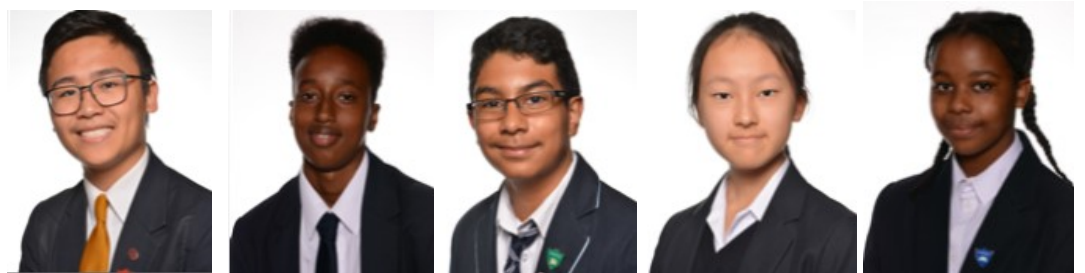
Year 11 - Nam

Year 10 - Loyan

Year 9 - Enrique

Year 8 - Chloe

Year 7 - Carmen



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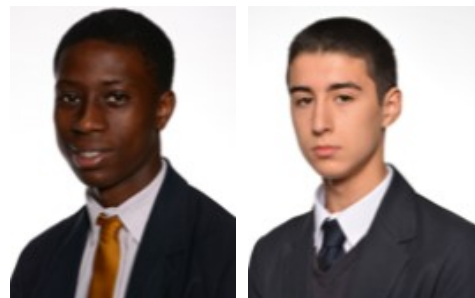
Year 11 - Rio

Year 10 - Giorgio

Year 9 - Ibrahim

Year 8 - Roxy

Year 7 - Megan



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THA in Barcelona



30 pupils from years 9 and 10 are currently in Barcelona. We have been receiving regular updates from Miss Cabo, and it looks like they are having an amazing time. We look forward to hearing all their stories when they return on Saturday. Make sure you check our twitter account for live updates and photos from the trip..... try not to get too jealous of the beautiful blue skies!

Bugsy Malone

36 of our pupils have been working hard since October to produce The Hurlingham Academy's first school musical: Bugsy Malone. A comedy designed to mock the 1920's gangster lifestyle in New York, this show has required our pupils to get to grips with catchy songs, slapstick comedy and faces full of pie! The show tracks two rival gangs as they battle for control over the new splurge guns (shooting out cream) and Bugsy has to try to help when all he wants to do is spend time with his new love, Blousey. Audiences are invited to join in the 1920's spirit and wear any flapper dresses or double-breasted suits they have around the house. Tickets on sale week commencing 24th February. We look forward to seeing you there!



Key dates for week beginning February 24th - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Half term	Monday 17th—Friday 21st February	All day
Whole School Assembly	Monday 24 th February	08:25 - 09:00
Ski Trip Information Evening	Wednesday 26th February	17:30—18:30
Golden Envelope Evening	Thursday 27 th February	16:30 - 18:30



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