



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I have been blown away this week by messages of support and encouragement from our parents and carers and I cannot tell you how much this has meant to our staff at such a challenging time. Thank you all again for your dedication and perseverance to this new way of working. Although challenging, I am so proud of the way our staff and students have adapted and I often can't believe that we have only been de-

livering live lessons for two weeks! Whilst I miss the buzz of my school being full of life, I am also slightly pleased that parents and carers are now getting the opportunity to see for themselves what goes on in our lessons albeit through a computer screen. I hope that you are all filled with the same warmth I feel when I walk around the school and see the passion and knowledge spilling out of classroom doors (or screens).

Next week there will be some small changes to the KS3 timetable in response to some suggestions we have had which we hope will alleviate some concerns regarding screen time. Whilst this is still very new to us, we continue to welcome your feedback and are listening to your experiences so that we can make the virtual school day as positive and purposeful as possible. If you are at all concerned that your child is struggling during lockdown, please contact their tutor or Head of Year directly: Year 7 – Ms Hiscocks, Year 8 – Ms May, Year 9 – Ms Robinson, Year 10 – Mr Perkins, Year 11 – Mr Pudney. We will endeavour to support all our students and their families at this difficult time.

Important information

Laptops: here were very few problems this week but if your child still does not have access to a laptop to complete online learning, please let us know as quickly as possible so that this can be resolved. Please email info@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk or contact your child's Head of Year. We will do our best to provide all students who need them with access to a chromebook and internet access if these things are proving to be barriers to learning at the current time.

KS3 timetable change: Please see letter from Mr Wilson sent Thursday 14th January.

Free School Meals: Students who are eligible will continue to receive vouchers.

Year 11 exams: Please see letter regarding exams announcements. It is vital that Year 11 students continue to attend online learning.



Artists of the week

Artist of the week:

Some wonderful final natural pieces this week in Year 10 again. A beautiful natural form from Isadora. Could she be a contender for the United Learning Art competition?

Follow @ArtHurlingham on twitter for more artistic updates



International Art Competition

Win a trip to Tokyo to represent the UK at the International High School Arts Festival

If you will be aged between 15 and 18 on 1st April 2021, you are eligible to enter the United Learning International Art Competition.

The winner will receive a round trip to Tokyo to see their work exhibited at the International High School Arts Festival. The 3 runners-up will also have their work exhibited in Tokyo.

How to enter

Ask your art teacher to upload a high-quality digital photograph and a brief description of your piece onto the Hub. Your artwork has to be flat with maximum dimensions of 100cm x 100cm. The submission deadline is **Tuesday 16th February 2021**.

The winner will be decided by social media voting, United Learning's art network and executive team as well as professional artists.

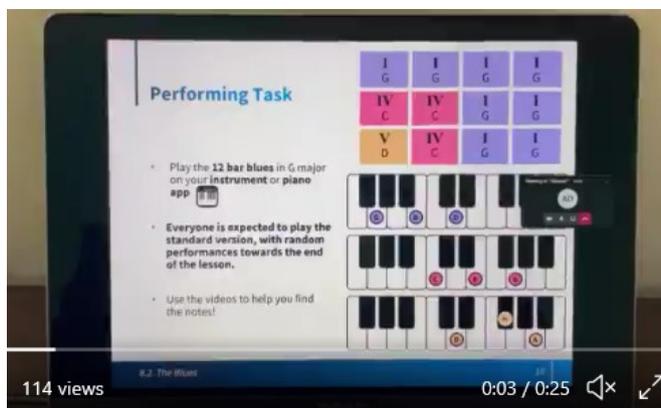


Good luck - get creative!

Musician of the week:

An excellent example of a 12 bar blues piece from Taliyah in Year 8 working on a keyboard app at home!

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Subject in the Spotlight!

Each week we will be sharing with you a snapshot of what each Year group is working on in a specific subject area. We hope that this will help to inform you of what your child has been learning, enable you to have discussions at home about their learning and support your children with upcoming topics.

This week's subject in the spotlight is maths with Mr Capes, Head of Maths



In maths this week we have been:

Year 7: Learning the fundamentals of fractions: Equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions, converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. Next week we will be covering the Addition and Subtraction of fractions.

Year 8: Learning all the Units of Measurement that students need to know in the GCSE (units of length, mass, volume, and time) and how to convert between these. Next week, we will be learning lots of new angle rules, looking at angles formed by parallel lines and angles in polygons.

Year 9: Revisiting and developing our understanding of the core algebra knowledge that students need for the GCSE. Next week we will continue with algebra, looking at quadratic expressions and index laws.

Year 10: Learning the brand new and highly important topics of Graphs and Probability. Next week, we will continue with these topics.

Year 11: Covering a variety of topics with different classes, focusing on completing the GCSE syllabus, closing gaps identified in the November Mocks and developing student's exam technique. We will continue to do this next week and for the rest of the year!



The participation and hard work of our students has been outstanding so far this term. Thank you to all of you for your positivity and commitment.

This week's congratulations goes to Anis from Year 9, who pushes himself onto every challenge question and actively contributes to every part of the lesson!

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 and science leader boards:

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

Year 7: Efrata

Year 8: Jacob

Year 9: Undram

Year 10: Mohannad

Year 11: Kani



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

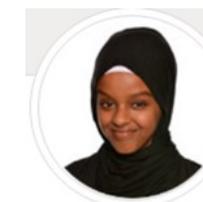
Year 7: Leah

Year 8: Tigan-Christopher

Year 9: Nyet

Year 10: Naib

Year 11: Luqman

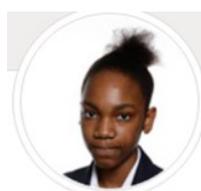


Our top readers this week in Year 8 as recorded on **Accelerated Reader** are:

1. Thenisha



2. Gift



3. Siobhan



4. Tamila



5. Anastasia



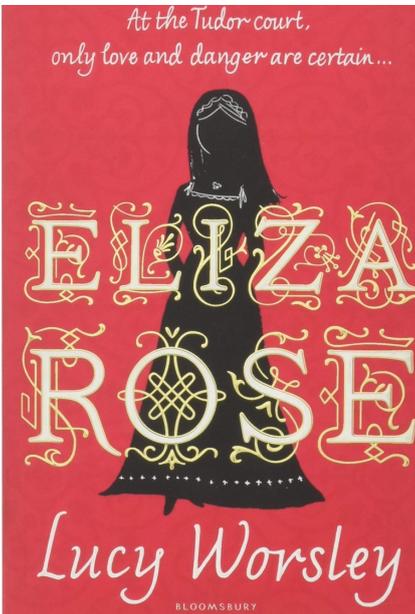
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Book of the week- KS3



Eliza Rose

By Lucy Worsley

The captivating debut children's novel from popular television historian Lucy Worsley is an exciting and charming glimpse behind the scenes of the Tudor court.

I would often wonder about my future husband. A knight? A duke? A stable boy? Of course, the last was just a wicked fancy.

Eliza Rose Camperdowne is young and headstrong, but she knows her duty well. As the only daughter of a noble family, she must one day marry a man who is very grand and very rich. But Fate has other plans. When Eliza becomes a maid of honour she's drawn into the thrilling, treacherous court of Henry the Eighth ...Is her glamorous cousin Katherine Howard a friend or a rival? And can a girl choose her own destiny in a world ruled by men?

Book of the week- KS4

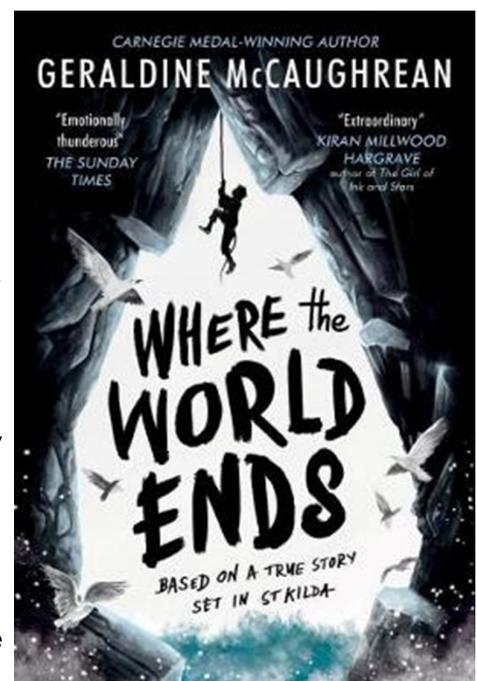
Where the world ends

By Geraldine McCaughrean

Every time a lad came fowling on the St Kilda stacs, he went home less of a boy and more of a man. If he went home at all, that is...

In the summer of 1727, a group of men and boys are put ashore on a remote sea stac to harvest birds for food. No one returns to collect them. Why? Surely nothing but the end of the world can explain why they have been abandoned to endure storms, starvation and terror. How can they survive, housed in stone and imprisoned on every side by the ocean?

Inspired by a true event, this is a breathtaking story of nine boys and the courage it takes to survive against the odds, from three-time winner of the Whitbread/Costa Children's Book Award Geraldine McCaughrean.



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House points – Well done: this term Caritas. This year Aequitas!



This term	150	275	225	100
This year	2600	2650	3150	2275

Key dates for week beginning 18/01/21

Description	Date	Time
Key worker and vulnerable students in school	Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd January	08:30 -15:00
All students learning remotely	Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd January	08:30 -15:00

Dates for your diary

Tuesday January 19th - **Online anxiety workshops for parents** (delivered by the school Educational Psychologist) This workshop is designed to support parents understand anxiety. We will explore what may contribute to young people's anxiety (whether this is Covid and or exam related) and how we can build their resilience. We will also consider what helps and supports young people experiencing anxiety may need. See the school website– Parent Forum page for booking.

Wednesday January 20th – **Year 8 Parent Forum Online**

Monday 25th to Friday 29th January - **Year 8 and 9 assessments**



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Getting to know you - Mme Fernandez

Name: Mme Fernandez

Job: MFL teacher

Favourite Book: Tales from Earthsea by Ursula K. Le Guin

Interesting fact about me: I grew up in the countryside having a lot of animals: chickens, cows and even a donkey

Favourite thing about working at THA: The feeling of being part of a big and caring family

House: Veritas



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