



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week I was heartened by a great step forward in the world of equality and inclusion. Chancellor Philip Hammond made the announcement in his Spring Statement that the government will fund free sanitary products for girls in secondary education. For me, this is a welcome response to the concerns shared by myself and many head teachers following research by Plan International that one in 10 girls between the ages of 14 and 21 in the UK have been unable to afford sanitary products, while 49% have missed an entire day of school because of their

period. The campaign for free sanitary products was started by a 17 year old, Amika George, which goes to show that our young people have the power to make a change. We talk a lot at The Hurlingham Academy about 'using your voice'. Speaking loudly and proudly in lessons; sharing ideas and giving feedback to our staff and voting in the Youth Parliament Elections. This is an excellent example of how a strong, passionate voice can result in monumental change.

UnitedApp Finals

Last Wednesday, Marvin, Lorenzo and Seif in Year 9 took part in the UnitedApp final at IBM's headquarters in central London. The competition saw teams from across United Learning schools come up with ideas for a unique educational app. The Year 9 boys' idea of a healthy eating app was selected from over 400 entries for the final of only ten teams. During the day, the boys had a chance to take part in fun team-building games, work with IBM employees to hone their presentation, and listen to all the other teams' app ideas. What's more, their superb presentation on the day earned them a hugely impressive 2nd place overall. An outstanding achievement!



Mr Wilson's Commendations

With Year 10 and 11 mocks continuing this week, it is nice to see our pupils working so hard at home to ensure they achieve their best grades. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and English leaderboards this week:

Top of the leaderboard for Hegarty Maths this week are:

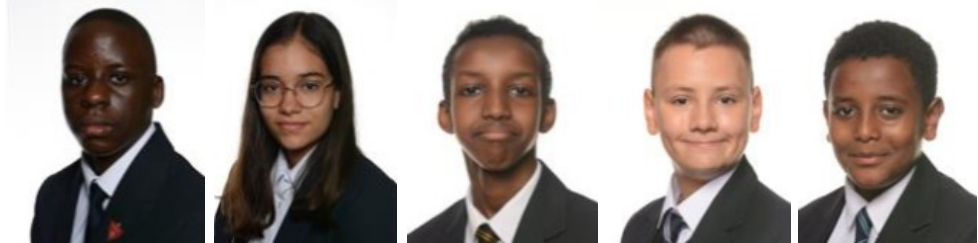
Year 11 - Trevor

Year 10 - Valentina

Year 9 - Abdulahi

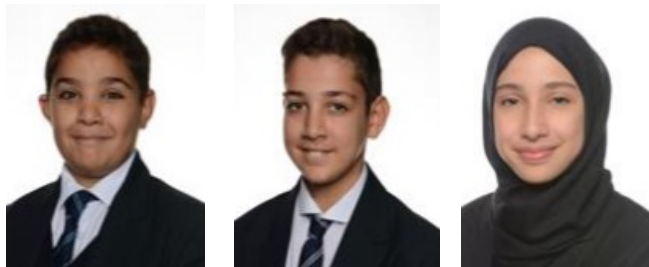
Year 8 - Kacper

Year 7 - Haroun



It is nice to see a few new faces this week. However once more it is Abdulahi who topped the leaderboard. You really are working incredibly hard on your maths, well done.

To celebrate World Book Day it was double House points for the winning House this week much to Mme Hateley's delight it was Aequitas who topped the leaderboard and took the 200 points. Aequitas really are now on Unitas's heels to win the yearly trophy. Our top readers this week are Anis, Adem and Souha.



Leading the way with Tassomai this week are Susana, Samuel, Machi, Tiago, Aisha, Leah and Joao. Well done to all.

Easter Egg Challenge

After the success of last year, the English and maths departments are pleased to announce the return of the Easter Egg Challenge. In order to win an Easter egg, pupils have 3 weeks to complete at least 12 hours of Hegarty Maths and 4 English quizzes.

Hours completed will be carefully monitored by Ms Ling and Ms Grainger and all winners will be announced on Friday 5th April.

There will also be an extra special chocolate related prize for the pupil who completes the most combined Hegarty and quizzes in this time period. I'd encourage all pupils to get a head start this weekend and best of luck. Let the challenge commence!



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International Women's Day

Last week we also celebrated International Women's Day at The Hurlingham Academy. As well as striking the 'Balance for Better' pose, some of our students wrote pledges, stating how they will help forge a better world. I have included some below and I'm sure you will agree, they are incredibly inspiring.

'I will encourage women to achieve their dreams and goals.'

Mariam

'I will be proud of how I look and make sure the women around me feel comfortable in their own body.'

Jahzeel

'I will challenge the stereotype of what women can't do and achieve my dreams.'

Kani

'I will make sure women feel confident and not underestimated by others.'

Catalina



Pi Challenge with Mme Hateley

In the week where the world record was broken for calculating Pi to 31.4 trillion digits, The Hurlingham Academy competed in their very own Pi related competition. They were challenged to work together to memorise as many digits as possible for 10 minutes, which they then needed to recite as a House! Any pauses or breaks meant their turn is over so they needed to be slick. Though we didn't quite reach 31.4 trillion digits, there were some impressive results. Unitas took first place after successfully memorising and reciting an incredibly 45 digits, Caritas came second with 41 digits, Veritas third with 7 digits and Aequitas last with 3 digits. It was great to see so many taking part (especially Mme Granger who took it incredibly seriously). Well done to all participants.



Key dates for week beginning March 18th - Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Ambition to Succeed	Tuesday 19 th March	17:00 - 19:00
Bridging the Gap	Wednesday 20 th March	17:00 - 18:00
Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 21 st March	17:30 - 18:30



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