



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Following Boris Johnson's much-anticipated announcement on Sunday, I am aware that there are many questions around what this means both for our day to day lives and for your child's education.

As you will have seen, the government has announced that it hopes to allow Year 10 students to receive some element of face-to-face time with teachers during the second half of this term. This may begin as early as the week of 1st June. This is very good news as it starts to bring students back to school in a safe and controlled manner which minimises the risk both to them, their families and to staff. There is, however, currently no further update as to when any other secondary Year Groups will be able to return.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure parents and pupils that before the school reopens to any students, we will make sure that we are fully prepared and can meet the hygiene and social distancing requirements that the governments' scientists will expect of us. Alongside this, we will, of course, be continuing to operate our learning from home programme for all year groups until students return to school. As I mentioned last week, it is vitally important that every student accesses this provision.

Our heads of year have been working hard this week to create assemblies explaining the governments' announcement and what this means for our pupils. I highly recommend that all pupils watch these, as they address a lot of the questions that children may have. Please also remember that we are here to support all members of our community throughout this difficult time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Art Attack

Once more, our pupils have been producing some outstanding artwork from home. Year 9 are currently working on a portraits project and learning how to draw their self-portrait. We would like to say a massive well done to Jesse who went above and beyond completing this fantastic portrait of Leonardo DiCaprio over the bank holiday.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

Working from home continues for all teachers and pupils here at The Hurlingham Academy, and we have had some amazing work submitted. This week's commendations are as follows:

The Geography department would like to congratulate the following pupils for being Seneca superstars; Denat, Alfred (7N), Junior (7L), Abigail (7R), Thenisha (7U), Jo Jo, Jordan, Lexi (7H), Larry, Dania (8I), Oliver, Bailey (8L), Sonny (8R), Anais (8H), Jesse (9R), Alexandra, Shuab, Ana, and Adam (Year 10) and Precious (Year 11).

Team Science would like to congratulate the following for their hard work on Educake; Abdu Abdalla, Arian Kurd, Adam Kebbouche, Rafaela Ribeirorijo and Emir Aybars Demirbas. Miss Ling would like to say well done to Rafaela Ribeirorijo, Victoria Venegas, Jabel Semambo, Teja Pierre, Catalina Paredes, Muhammad Khan, Loyan Ahmed, Hannah Ciftci, Daniela Doga, Denver Gadd, Anna Gesini, Aniza Hassan and Malachi Johnson-Wright for their consistently high standards of work.

Miss Robinson would like to congratulate Anais Ansari, Natalia Calderon Maier, Bailey Kidd, Chloe Lester and Roxy Lester for submitting amazing logo designs as part of the Year 8 Pandemic Papers project.

Finally, Mr Pudney and Mr Perkins closely monitor Year 10 submission rates each week, and each week all Year 10 teachers are asked to report on the quality of each pupils' work. This week, the following pupils have been judged as outstanding by every single one of their teachers; Na-weed, Melak, Aisha, Charlene, Adam, Hannah, Ayman, Kimberly, Kyle, Jaxon, Justine, Lisa, Daniela, Arina, Anna, Shqiponja, Muhammed, Kani, Farah, Catalina, Teja, Alexiane, Josie, Rafaela, Lorenzo, Amelia, Alejandro, Valentyna, Jabel, Nicole, Elena, Mariam, Victoria and Sara. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement. Well done and keep up the hard work.

What are you currently reading? – Dr Payne

I'm currently reading 'Use of Weapons' by Iain M. Banks. It's a sci-fi book in the classic 'space opera' genre (think space ships, aliens, galactic empires etc.) - a great bit of escapism for present times! It follows the exploits of a mercenary called Cheradenine Zakalwe as his tormented past catches up to him.

It's part of a series by Banks called the Culture series, which I'm currently working my way through this year. So far, I'm enjoying them a lot!



VE Day Celebrations



Last Friday the nation came together to celebrate 75 years since VE day. Pupils from THA have been submitting photos of how they celebrated whilst in lockdown. To see all the images visit @HurlinghamHist on Twitter.



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