



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Over the month of October here at The Hurlingham Academy we are very much looking outwards at the world around us, with the commencement of Black History Month. For me, this is one of the most intellectually and emotionally engaging months of the year, as we take the opportunity to consider the impact on the world of some truly inspirational people. This year, we are asking pupils to think about their hopes for a Black British future. I want our pupils to understand that they can be the driving force for

change, and in tutor times they have been reflecting on what this change might look like and how they can achieve it. To inspire pupils, they have also been learning about a number of Black British icons during assemblies and House competitions. I am so excited to announce that after a 2 year hiatus, we will once more be celebrating the diverse community here at The Hurlingham Academy with our Cultural Gala on Thursday 21st October. I encourage as many of you as possible to come and celebrate with us. There will be fashion, music and of course my world famous jerk chicken!

Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

Each young person deserves to have their voice heard by as many people as possible. It was therefore lovely to see Year 10s doing exactly that. On Tuesday, they spent the day participating in an expert-led workshop for the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge 2021. They were given top tips for speaking in public and then every student was given time to use the skills they acquired to build their own speech from scratch, which they successfully presented to their peers. Eight students were selected to go through to the next round, which will take place internally. A huge well done to: Giulia, Natalia, Josh, Eduarda, Bailey, Anas, Niamh and Gabriela!



Black History Month – recommended reading

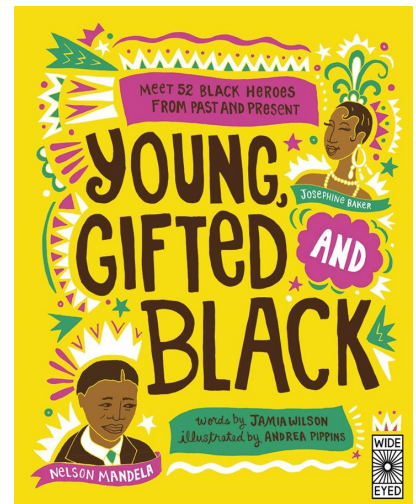
KS3 Recommendation

Young, Gifted Black is a perfect introduction to both historic and present-day icons and heroes.

Discover 52 icons of colour from the past and present in this vibrant book:

Martin Luther King, Maya Angelou, Oprah Winfrey, Beyonce Knowles, Nelson Mandela... and many more.

Leaders, changemakers or pionners, let the stories of these extraordinary men and women encourage, inspire and empower the next generation to chase their dream...

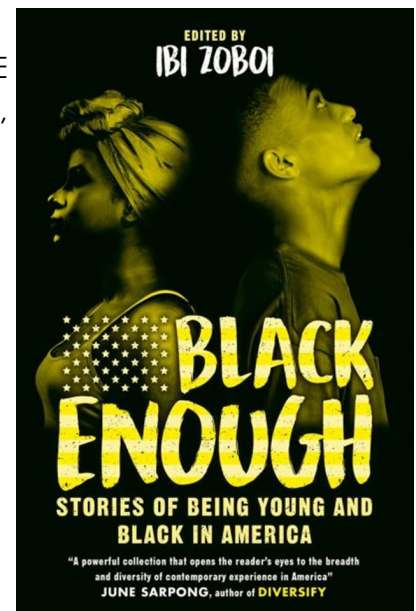


KS4 Recommendation

Black Enough is an anthology bringing together the best BAME writers of our generation: Ibi Zoboi, Nic Stone, Justina Ireland, Jason Reynold... and many more.

Their stories delve into the closeted thoughts, hidden experiences, and daily struggles of black teenagers in America. From a spectrum of backgrounds—urban and rural, wealthy and poor, mixed race, immigrants, and more—*Black Enough* showcases diversity within diversity.

Black Enough is an essential collection full of captivating coming-of-age stories about what it's like to be young and black in America.



Arbor App

Arbor is the new free parent app that gives you a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school. The app gives you direct access to your child's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements, behaviour and much, much more. You will also see that we update and change the information in the app as the school year moves along.

We can send you messages directly to the Arbor app relating to important information about your child's education and to remind you of events that are taking place at school. Instructions on how to download and login have been sent to your email. Please contact the school if you have any questions or issues.



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House update

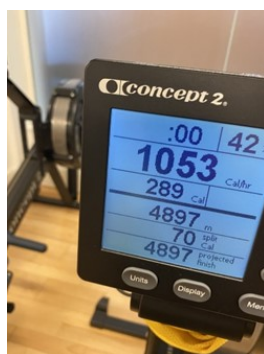
The House system was full of life this week with our regular competitions bursting at the seams, and a special Black History Month (BHM) Treasure Hunt involving staff and students.

We started the week with House rowing at lunch time on Tuesday, and once again it was a very close event! Aequitas were able to just about clinch the win with an impressive 4897m rowed at lunch time. Which House will be the first to claim the colossal 5000m?! Closely following Aequitas were Unitas in second place with 4642m. We then had Countdown on Thursday at lunch time in the library, and over 30 pupils participated in the event this week which is another fantastic turn-out. Unitas were able to claim victory across all the tasks, followed by Veritas in second, Aequitas in thirds, and Caritas in fourth.

Our weekly event was a BHM Treasure Hunt, whereby members of staff were given a British black icon ID card to keep for two days, and pupils were tasked with finding as many of these icons as possible. There was a real buzz across the last two days, as pupils were rushing around trying to find all 20 people. The winners were announced at afternoon registration, and a special draw was made for two of the finishers to claim some special prizes; You Are A Champion by Marcus Rashford, and a Nike sports bag!

Well done to all those who participated this week in House events, and a big congratulations to Miss Hargreaves who was appointed as the new Head of House for Aequitas, and Miss Hayward who is the new Head of House for Caritas. This year's competition will be huge! It is still all to play for!

1 st	Unitas	
2 nd	Veritas	
3 rd	Aequitas	
4 th	Caritas	



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HOW TO PLAY
 20 teachers have been given a black icon ID card.
 You need to ask members of staff if they have one of these cards.
 If they do, they will read their biography and they will then give you the person's name.
 Please also write the name of the teacher who gave you the person's name.
 Good luck!

Aequitas **Caritas**
Unitas **Veritas**



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Wilson Cup

It feels like a lifetime since we were able to take our pupils for a sports fixture. On Thursday afternoon, we kicked-off the Wilson Cup – a tournament between ourselves and Lambeth (no prizes for guessing who named the tournament!!). The competition commenced with Y10 boys' basketball. We took an 8-man squad consisting of Elijah O, Joaquim Justin T, Liam, Daniel P, Alfie V, Florian, and Najae T. After a decent warm up of lay ups, shooting, and 1 vs. 1, we tipped off at 4:25pm. Lambeth came flying out of the blocks going 4-0 up in the early stages of the match. The first half largely consisted of the team getting to know each other on a full-sized court, and matching the Lambeth energy, who were quick on the offense and organised in defence. We came in at half-time 13-2 down. After a few points to improve from Mr Pudney, and a quick team discussion regarding tactics, we started the second half like a new team. Elijah was making the most of his 6 foot 5 inches frame and pounding towards the Lambeth basket, making a number of baskets in quick succession. This really took Lambeth by surprise, who also were not able to attack as fluidly as they had done before. We were quicker to intercept the ball, and supported each other a lot more with rebounds and transitioning from defence into attack. A basket each for Joaquim and Liam, as well as more from Elijah got us back to 23-22. Elijah drove toward the basket and was giving a shooting foul which meant he had two shots. With 15 seconds left on the clock, Elijah requested a time-out to hydrate and re-focus before his free-throws. After a quick team talk, we were ready for the final moments of the game. Elijah narrowly missed his first free-throw, but sunk his second. 23-23! We dropped quickly into defence as Lambeth tried to quickly attack and steal the win. Out of nowhere, we were able to quickly intercept and attack down the right centre of the court. Daniel and Joaquim sprinted forwards and attempted a lay up which hit the rim and backboard, Joaquim collected the rebound and attempted a shot which also narrowly missed, and virtually straight after that passage of the play the buzzer sounded to finished the match. 23-23. A real game of two halves! Elijah O performed fantastically, scoring 19 of our 23 points. Great team effort, lots to work on, but so enjoyable overall to take our pupils to a fixture...finally! Well done boys. You showed great sportsmanship and showed that here at The Hurlingham Academy we don't quit when times get tough, instead we persevere and as always your hard work really paid off. A great start to the tournament, I can't wait until our next fixture.



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Mr Wilson's Commendations

When walking around the school, I am always struck by how committed our pupils are to their studies. This is also reflected in their studies at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, English and science leader boards:

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

Year 7: Harun

Year 8: Rafael

Year 9: Ricki-Lee

Year 10: Imraan

Year 11: Adem



Top of the leader board for Bedrock in English this week are:

Year 7: Omar

Year 8: Ethan

Year 9: Kemetia



Top of the leader board for Educake this week with most correct questions answered are:

Year 7: Mahdar

Year 8: Alba

Year 9: Malakai

Year 10: Inaya

Year 11: Mobina



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Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... Modern Foreign Languages with Ms Cabo.

This week in MFL...

Year 7 have been learning about physical descriptions and pets. They have learnt more adjectives to describe their and someone else's appearance, reinforcing the 3rd person description in the target language. Students have reinforced the use of key verbs in the present tense, such as 'he/she is' and 'he/she has'. They will continue working on this next week to consolidate the first unit of the year.

Year 8 have been learning about the activities they would like to do and justifying it. They have recently been introduced to the past tense in order to express what they did yesterday and their opinion about it. They will continue reinforcing this topic next week to consolidate the unit for 'free time' before the end of the term.

Year 9 are working on the topic of relationships. They are learning how to express their future plans and what they want to do in the future. In order to do this, students are reinforcing the use of key grammar (near future tense) as well as recapping previous vocabulary linked to family members.

Year 10 have been learning about the topic of holidays. Students have worked on key vocabulary about how to book accommodation whilst on holiday and they have also learnt how to express any problem they may have with their room or facilities. Students have also practised how to make requests in the reception of a hotel.

Year 11 have been learning about role models. Students looked at different famous people who have had a big impact in the world and they have discussed the qualities of a good role model and how the media and celebrities impact young people's behaviour. Students are now moving to exam-style questions as a revision of the topic of 'free time' in preparation of the next mock exam and the speaking exam.



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Getting to know you– Ms Guron

Name: Ms Guron

Job: Teacher of Geography

Favourite Book: The Reluctant Fundamentalist

Interesting fact about me: I've worked in Rwanda with an international development organisation.

Favourite thing about working at THA: Meeting our lovely students in the library at break time and hearing about what they're reading

House: Unitas



Key dates for week beginning October 18th- Week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 4 th October	08:30 - 09:00
Open Morning	Monday 18 th , Wednesday 20 th and Friday 22 nd October	09:00 - 12:00
THA Cultural Gala	Thursday 21 st October	17:00– 19:00
Cultural dress/ colours of your flag day	Friday 22 nd October	08:25 - 15:30
Year 8 PGL Trip	Friday 22 nd – Sunday 24 th October	All day
Half Term	Monday 25 th October– Friday 29 th October	All day
Staff inset day– <u>no school for pupils</u>	Monday 1 st November	08:25 - 15:30

