



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week, pupils in Years 10 and 11 began their first set of formal assessments. These assessments are cumulative, testing their knowledge on all topics they have learnt since the start of KS4. Pupils need to ensure they are prepared. Some useful revision strategies include creating a mind-map of key topics; learning key vocabulary and memorising information and then self-quizzing to check your own understanding. It is vitally important that the pupils perform to the best of their ability in all their assessments, as the results will be used to inform

predictions and set changes. Pupils have revision materials from their teachers, and they should use these to ensure they feel confident and prepared for every assessment. The manifests, revision materials and additional material are available on the school website and Show My Homework. I encourage all pupils to work hard and rest well over their weekend. They need to come back on Monday, ready to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in their assessments for the rest of the week.

Trip to Belgium

On Thursday and Friday last week, 50 Year 9 and 10 students from Hurlingham and Lambeth Academy travelled to Belgium and France to visit the battlefields and cemeteries of the First World War. With the UK celebrating Remembrance Day on the 11th November it is a poignant time of year to visit and remember those who gave their lives to protect and defend their country. Thursday began with an early start, but after a nap on the coach and hopping on the channel tunnel shuttle, we arrived in Belgium. We visited a war graves cemetery, explored a real trench system and got to see some real WW1 weaponry in action. We even recruited our very own WW1 soldier - Private Aniza Hassan! After a quick spot of chocolate shopping (I think the shop was almost cleared out by the time we left!) we took part in the remembrance ceremony at the Menin Gate. The ceremony has taken place every night since 1929 to remember those who died in WW1. Some of our students even got to join an esteemed list of people who have laid wreaths during the ceremony: Martin Luther King, Gandhi, Queen Elizabeth, JFK and now... Mischa and Julia from THA! Our accommodation for the evening was staying in mini apartments in the Messines Peace Village - I think some students would have quite liked to have stayed for the week! On day two, we headed to France to explore the battleground and cemeteries of the



infamous battle of the Somme. We walked in the footsteps of the British soldiers on their way to fight, which brought the sombre experience to life. It was two long days, but the students worked hard and showed just how great they are. When I finally got home late on Friday night, I went to sleep feeling a very tired, but very proud THA teacher!



Mr Wilson's Commendations

With the KS4 assessment cycle in full swing, pupils have been working harder than ever both in the classroom and at home. It is lovely to see this hard work filtering down the school to KS3. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, science and Spanish leaderboards:

Top of the leaderboard for Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 11 - Isis

Year 10 - Mariam

Year 9 - Mousa

Year 8 - Sonia

Year 7 - Sofiane



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

Year 11 - Nam

Year 10 - Anna

Year 9 - Julia

Year 8 - Elija

Year 7 - Rudainah



Top of the leader board for Memrise Spanish this week are:

Year 11 - Ivana

Year 10 - Hannah

Year 9 - Daniela

Year 8 - Sonia

Year 7 - Sofiane



Again, a particular congratulations to Sonia and Sofiane who both made it to the top of the Spanish and Maths leader boards for the second week in a row. Brilliant work from both pupils.

Sporting News

On Friday 8th November students from Year 7 and 8 ventured out to sunny Motspur park in Surrey, training ground to Fulham FC, to compete in the EFL cup. We had the tough task of playing three games in a row which but our girls really rose to the challenge. Each game was 9 minutes straight through, and after some great passing play, we were soon on our way with great goals from Ricki-lee and Nyet, beating Holyfield 2-0. The second game was much tougher as we were playing the reigning champions Holy Cross from last year. Unfortunately, we lost 4-0. The third game was against Raynes Park and with two goals from Anais and a goal each for Ricki-Lee and Demi we kept another clean sheet winning 4-0. After a 10-minute break, we played Chertsey winning 2-0 with goals from Demi and Ricki-Lee. The fifth game saw us beat Radnor school 3-1 with goals from Taliyah, Ashley and Ricki-Lee. The final league game was against Fulham College, and the girls won 5-0 with a hat-trick from Ricki-Lee and a goal each for Elsie and Demi. We had a nervous 10-minute wait to see if we qualified for the semi-final and we were drawn against Raynes Park. Raynes Park, unfortunately, had a seriously injured player and it was quite fitting and proves just how brilliant our girls are as they offered to play with 5 players instead of 6 to make the game fairer. In doing this, the girls immediately received praise for fantastic sportsmanship. The girls played so well and continued to press all game and finally in the last few minutes Ricki-Lee and Elsie got a goal each. We were in the FINAL and so excited and then realised we would have to replay Holy Cross who had beaten us previously 4-0 but in true Hurlingham style, we came back stronger than ever, eventually winning the game. It was truly an amazing experience with a fabulous group of students. We now look forward to the Regional finals representing Fulham FC in January. Well done to all the girls who played. You have made us all very proud.



Parent Survey

At The Hurlingham Academy, we pride ourselves in continuous improvement and always striving to be the best that we can be. For this reason, we would value understanding what you experience as parents/carers of a child at THA. All parents should have received an email from this address: 'no-reply@edurio.com' with the subject line 'Parent Survey on behalf of United Learning'. The survey takes no more than 10 minutes to complete. We would greatly appreciate it if you could take the time to complete it over the weekend. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions.

Key dates for week beginning November 11th- Week 1

Description	Date	Time
KS4 assessments	Tuesday 12 th November– Friday 29 th November	09:00 - 15:25
Whole school inset– no school for pupils	Friday 22 nd November	09:00 - 15:25



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