



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week saw the start of the KS3 assessment cycle. This is the first set of formal assessments for pupils in years 7—9 and are incredibly important for both the pupils and teachers here at The Hurlingham Academy. Assessments are cumulative, testing their knowledge of all topics they have learnt since September, so 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 throughout the assessment week, as the results will be used to move pupils into new groups in all subjects. Pupils have assessment manifests outlining exactly what knowledge will be tested during each exam. I encourage pupils to use these and ensure they are planning their revision carefully. Pupils have been working incredibly hard since September and so should feel confident and prepared for every assessment. I hope all pupils continue to focus on their revision over their weekend and come back on Monday ready to demonstrate all their knowledge and skills in their remaining assessments next week.

Pictionary with Mr Charkham

Last Thursday the year 10 historians stepped back in time to visit the Old Operating Theatre by London Bridge. The Theatre is the oldest surviving operating theatre in Europe - and it definitely made our pupils grateful to have modern surgery! Our guide explained how one rather sharp looking implement was poked up...eek! How blood was collected in boxes of sawdust; and how dirty bandages wrapped up wounds that had been burned closed (cauterised) to stop infection. Our unlucky volunteer Jake was - almost - subjected to a leg amputation...with no anaesthetic! A walking tour of backstreets 19th century London followed, where the realities of living conditions and deadly diseases were brought to life. Year 10 thoroughly deserved their trip, which supported their GCSE study of Health and the People through time, as they have been dedicated, conscientious historians all year. Neither did they disappoint on the trip - they were a credit to Hurlingham, and it was a pleasure to go with them.



Sporting News

On Friday year 7 and 8 girls represented Fulham FC in the Girls South West Regional football finals. It was a big opportunity for our pupils, and they were supported throughout by the Fulham ladies football team. The day was jam-packed, and after a tough group round, we eventually qualified for the semi-final. We were up against Brentford, a very strong Richmond Park school team. Despite being 2-0 down at one point, true Hurlingham determination and spirit shone through, and in the last minute of play, we were rewarded by a fantastic goal scored by Demi Watt. The girls pressed and pressed, and after hitting the crossbar and post in the dying seconds, the game, unfortunately ended 2-1. All pupils should feel incredibly proud of their efforts and the phenomenal team spirit they showed throughout. A massive well done to Nyet, Anais, Ashley, Elsie, Ricky-Lee, Tamzin, Taliyah and Demi.



THA goes Skiing



After last week's announcement in the newsletter, places have been filling up incredibly quickly for the Easter 2020 ski trip. There are now only a couple of places left. If you wish to attend, please contact Miss Ling as soon as possible to secure your place before they are all gone.

Key dates for week beginning January 20th - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School assessments	Monday 13 th January – Friday 31 st January	08:25 - 15:30
Year 10 Geography Field Trip	Monday 20 th —Wednesday 22 nd January	All day
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thursday 23 rd January	16:30 – 18:30



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