



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



As well as GCSEs, this week we saw the start of Year 7's end of year assessments. Years 8-10 will be starting next week. I always look forward to Assessment windows. As I watch the Year 7s entering their exams, and the revision lessons that are happening around school, I see just how proud the pupils are of their work. It really showcases the work ethic that our pupils have here at The Hurlingham Academy. Assessment week provides a valuable chance for our pupils to demonstrate the skills they have been practising all year. I firmly believe that pupils do not work hard despite the difficult exams but *because* of them. Our ambitious pupils relish the rigour of their assessments and revel in the chance to show off the vast knowledge they have acquired in their lessons. My favourite moment, of course, is the truly deserved satisfaction that pupils feel when they receive their results. During feedback week, I visit as many lessons as I can to catch pupils celebrating and reviewing their exams. Of course, there is always room for improvement and we should always strive for more. I urge pupils to be proud of the hard work they have put into their assessments and look for those gains that can be made when they receive feedback.

Gravity

On Tuesday we took 115 golden postcard winners to Gravity to celebrate their success. It was a fantastic day, full of fun, from bowling to crazy golf. Students really enjoyed themselves and it was lovely to see so many new friendships blossoming. Mme Venegas has already launched the next rewards trip which will be to the Thorpe park. We look forward to taking as many pupils as possible. Keep up the hard work in lessons to ensure you earn your place!



Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... geography with head of department, Ms Coulson.

It is It's been another exciting week for the THA geographers as they continue to further their knowledge and understanding about the world.

Year 7: Yr7 have been revising for their upcoming exam next Tuesday with a focus on development and rivers & flooding.

Year 8: Yr8 are starting their revision for their exam on Monday 27th June. They will be focusing on coasts and population & migration.

Year 9: Yr9 continue to learn about the tropical rainforests and taiga forest - two important global biomes. These are also the focus of their upcoming exam on Thursday 30th June.

Year 10: This week Yr10 students have been concluding their topic on river processes & pressures. They now begin their revision for their upcoming exam on Monday 27th June. They will be focusing on coasts, rivers and their coastal fieldwork.

Year 11: Yr11 had their last exam on Tuesday - congratulations Yr11 on completing your Geography GCSE! Enjoy your long summer - you deserve it after all your hard work!

KS3 Geographers of the Week

8H Enis, Khadijah

8U Mariah, William

8L Riley, Alisha-Rose

8I Simeon, Archie

8N Layla

7U Niamh

7R Dominic, Mohamed

7L Lilli, Dylan

7I Samiir

9H Ayub, Meron

9I Karis, Angel

9R Elis

KS4 Geographers of the Week

10B/Gg1 - Chloe, Daniel, Natalia, Tiare

10B/Gg2 - Nubia, Eduarda, Elias, Brandon



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Mr Wilson's Commendations

Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and science leader boards:

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

Year 7 - Hamid

Year 8 - Sulaimaan

Year 9 - Nila

Year 10 - Anais

Year 11 - Chrisa



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

Year 7: Marwa

Year 8: Bo Wen

Year 9: Amir

Year 10: Yll

Year 11: Mohannad



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House update

In the scorching heat we took to the playground for our weekly House competition. This week was a penalty shoot out – the pupils had been asking for it so we thought it was time to deliver the good news to them! Each House was given a fixture of who to take their penalty again. Veritas were not only strong when taking their penalties, but also in goal! They came out on top of this event and were followed closely in joint-second place by Caritas and Unitas.

Rowing was a different story however. Aequitas have been performing very well in this event for a number of weeks now – Miss Hargreaves has grown abnormally large lungs since participating for her weekly minute since Christmas, and just pipped the 1st place by just over 100m.

Always stay tuned in to our House news each week to find out what our pupils and staff have been getting up to.

It really is getting exciting in the termly and yearly points tables. Veritas are just holding off Aequitas who are having an incredibly strong Term 3!

Eyes are firmly placed on Sports Day and the House Project in July...

Watch this space.

Term 3

1 st	Aequitas	1900
2 nd	Veritas	1725
=3 rd	Caritas	1450
=3 rd	Unitas	1400

Overall

1 st	Veritas	9385
2 nd	Aequitas	9155
3 rd	Unitas	9045
4 th	Caritas	8490



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Year 10 Performances– Please do come along



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End of year exams

End of year exams for students in Years 7-10 are already underway! Year 7 began their exams this week, and Year 8-10 begin their exams next week.

Students have been given their exam timetable and revision manifests - these are also available online [here](#). A reminder that we recommend the following revision techniques:

- Self quizzing to learn definitions from a knowledge organiser (see [this video](#))
- Testing yourself on flashcards using the Leitner system (see [this video](#))
- Completing practice questions - your teacher will provide you with these

During the exam period, it's really important for students to eat a healthy diet and get plenty of sleep each night. We recommend mobile phone use in the evenings is kept to a minimum, as research shows that this can affect the quality of our sleep.

If you have any questions about the exams, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

We wish all students the best of luck in their exams!

Key dates for weeks beginning 20th and 27th June

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 20 th June	08:30 - 09:00
Year 7-10 end of year assessments	Monday 20 th June	All day
Year 11 Prom	Friday 24 th June	18:00 - 23:30
Year 7 PGL trip	Friday 24 th - Sunday 26 th June	All day
Year 7 grammar stream visit to Ibstock place	Tuesday 28 th June	11:30 - 15:30
Year 6 induction evening	Thursday 30 th June	17:00 - 18:00



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