



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It seems one of life's great impossibilities that I enjoy each academic year just a little bit more than the last. Every year, I think "I could not be more grateful to my staff or more proud of these pupils". Yet, every year, here I find myself, amazed at the successes of our school and delighted at the journey we are on together. I know this year has thrown up some challenges that none of us ever expected to face, but through this difficult time, here at The Hurlingham Academy we have remained a community, all working together to provide the best for our pupils. Though we have faced many uncertainties, one thing I am now sure of, even more than ever, is that I really do work with the best staff, parents and pupils I could have ever dreamed of. I know the holidays are not easy for those of us who appreciate the routine of learning. However, I urge all of our community to use the next weeks as a chance to truly rest and re-charge. We may have been working from home, but do not underestimate the toll the new routines and worry about the unknown will have had on your body. I know that during the first week, I will be spending a lot of time catching up on the reading material that has accumulated on my bedside table and really taking the time to rest. For staff, I must express my sincerest gratitude for your energy and effort this year; you could not be more deserving of a holiday. For pupils, I remind you to make the most of your time away from school by continuing to learn! Go out and spend time in the fresh air; spend time with friends and family, from a socially appropriate distance of course, and revisit all that glorious knowledge that you have learnt this year. I wish you all a safe summer holiday and I am already excited at the thought of what the next year might hold.

## Year 11 Circle of Truth

Year 11 were able to get together for one last hurrah on Thursday afternoon as Mr Pudney arranged the first ever Zoom call with the cohort. We were joined by around 55 pupils and 25 members of staff who logged in to hear the warm messages from tutors, teachers, and each other. The event included a message from Mr Pudney, Mr Wilson, Year 11 awards which will be collected on results day, and a photo slideshow video which illustrates their amazing journey from Year 7 to Year 11. We are looking forward to seeing many of you on Results Day (August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am) to collect your grades. Remember, this will always be their school. Stay safe, Year 11.



## Year 9 Graduation

On Tuesday Year 9 had their KS3 graduation. Nothing was going to stop our students celebrating their great achievements over the last three years. Although it was online, it was a brilliant event where Mr Wilson, Ms Reid and Mr Cheetham gave their messages of congratulations. Tutors had a chance to say goodbye to their tutees and there was a lovely message of gratitude to the tutors from Mischa, Kiaus, Aaliyah, Jack and Paris.

Although not all students graduated, the students are fully aware they need to work hard over the summer holidays to ensure they're fully prepared to start their GCSEs in September. Have a restful summer and be ready to work even harder come September. Mr Cheetham will miss you all greatly.



## What are you currently reading– Mr Cheetham



I'm currently reading *The Motorcycle Diaries*—memoir of Ernesto "Che" Guevara. This book was given to me by a friend who recommended it. I was interested in reading this as I love travelling and exploring new places. The book is great for the history in South America in the 1950s and it reminded me of some of the memories and stories I have from travelling there myself with friends. An added bonus is that it helps me with my spanish as lots of names and places to learn and pronounce!

## Mr Wilson's Commendations

The hard work pupils have put in over the past three months shows just how committed our pupils are to their education. This week's commendations are as follows:

Ms Coulson would like to congratulate the following Senneca superstars; Badriyah, Miya (7H), Mikail (7L), Benjamin (8I), Giorgio, Adam and Ana (Y10).

Ms Cabo would like to say well done to everyone in Y9/Sp1 for their amazing remote learning lesson and consistency during the last months. To Ana and Justine in Y10 for their great spanish work in every single lesson. To Taurie (Y7) for her improvement in spanish in the last term.

Mr Lye would like to congratulate the following; Y10 - Daniela, Anna, Jabel, Denver; Y9 - Nathan, Anela, Danna, Gabriel; Y8 - Adam, Bailey, Sergio; Y7 - Victor, Miya, Harun, Asharie, Rudainah, Jack, Donovan.

Finally Ms De la Pena would like to say well done to the following;

In Y7 for a wonderful completion of the cultural lesson: Thenisha, Ridwan, Raheem, Jaylen, Blake, Amir, Megan, Subhan, Sofiane, Kemal, Meron, Marwa, Naomi, Saron, Emma, Tamzin and Ellis.

In Y8 for looking for ways to improve and always trying their best: Xin Lin, Athos, Pedro, Thomas, Kashmita, Jaden, Aaliyah. In Y9 for their fantastic progress: Makyla, Lesharn and Jesse.



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## Recommended reading– Terror Kid, Benjamin Zephaniah

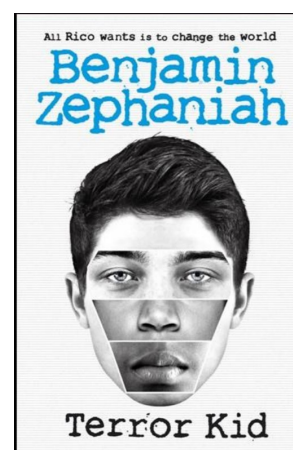
### Terror Kid, Benjamin Zephaniah

Rico knows trouble. He knows the look of it and the sound of it. He also knows to stay away from it as best he can. Because if there's one thing his Romany background has taught him, it's that he will always be a suspect.

Despite his best efforts to stay on the right side of the law, Rico is angry and frustrated at the injustices he sees happening at home and around the world. He wants to do something– but what?

When he is approached by Speech, a mysterious man who shares Rico's hacktivist interests, Rico is given the perfect opportunity to speak out about injustice. After all, what harm can a peaceful cyber protest do.....

*From best selling author of Refugee Boy comes a powerful novel about justice, trust and idealism gone wrong.*



## Key dates for September

Description	Date	Time	
GCSE Results Day	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00 - 12:00	
Training day for SLT and new staff	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	08:30 - 15:25	
Staff Training Day	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	08:30 - 15:25	
Staff Training Day	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	08:30 - 15:25	
First Day of School Year 7 & 11 only	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7	08:25 - <b>15:10</b>
		Year 11	08:25 - <b>15:25</b>
First Day of School Year 10 <b>Year 7 &amp; 11 start at break</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 10	08:25 - 15:20
		<b>Year 7</b>	<b>10:45am arrival</b>
		<b>Year 11</b>	<b>11:30am arrival</b>
First Day of School Year 9 <b>Year 7, 10 &amp; 11 start at break</b>	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 9	08:25 - 15:15
		<b>Year 7</b>	<b>10:45am arrival</b>
		<b>Year 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>11:30am arrival</b>
First Day of School Year 8 <b>Year 7, 9, 10 &amp; 11 start at break</b>	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 8	08:25 - 15:30
		<b>Year 7</b>	<b>10:45am arrival</b>
		<b>Year 9, 10 &amp; 11</b>	<b>11:30 am arrival</b>
All pupils to arrive at school for a staggered start	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 & 11	8:25am arrival
		Year 9 & 10	8:35am arrival
		Year 8	8:45am arrival



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