



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I am often reminded of what a special place The Hurlingham Academy is to be a part of. There are the frequent, small moments such as a friendly "Good morning" from a pupil; bigger moments such as 26 enrichment opportunities running concurrently on a Monday afternoon or momentous events such as our Academic Awards Evening last term. However, this year something rather 'extra-special' has happened: The Hurlingham Academy has been on TV! Our journey to fame began with a visit from a school neighbour - the writer of BBC drama, *Silent Witness*. He recognises the journey the school

has come on in the last few years and commends our pupils on their behaviour out in the community. He felt our students deserved the chance to be part of a national television show. A short while later, the entire cast and crew were filming a two-part episode at The Hurlingham Academy. Lots of pupils were extras in the show while the GCSE Media Studies group were able to shadow the crew and experience what a working TV set was like.

I am so proud of the site staff who made the school look its best and of our students who grasped the opportunity to be a part of the show and gain valuable life experience. I encourage you all to watch the episodes on BBC iPlayer. What a truly special place our school is.



## "TimeSplitters" with Mr Charkham

This Wednesday's House competition was *TimeSplitters*, a timeline sorting game where pupils had to sort 15 historical events into their chronological order, from cavemen of 200,000 years ago through to modern day and the Brexit vote. Students showed impressive knowledge, most correctly aligning the Egyptians (500AD), Greeks (350BC) and Norman Conquest (1066) in the correct order. Many found the painting of the Mona Lisa harder to place (1503) while a well known tournament win in 1966 was accurately placed in the post-war period. It was Aequitas and Veritas that were declared joint winners of this week, with Caritas and Unitas coming in a third and fourth respectively. Well done Aequitas and Veritas, and credit to the History department!



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

With Year 11 Mocks and KS3 assessments in core subjects, independent learning is more important than ever this week. As always our pupils rose to the occasion and have really stepped up their revision at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths, science and English leaderboards:

Top of the leaderboard for Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 11 - Osman

Year 10 - Isis

Year 9 - Abdulahi

Year 8 - Zane

Year 7 - Myla



It was Abdulahi once again who topped the whole school leaderboard for a record breaking 5<sup>th</sup> week having completed an amazing 36 hours of work over the holidays.

Aequitas once more took the points for the House reading leaderboard having read over 4,500,000 words during the Christmas break. Well done Aequitas. Our top readers for the week are Charlotte, Adem, Souha, Precious and Luna.



Topping the Year 11 leaderboard for Tassomai this week are Susana, Luna, Machi, Samuel, Christian and Tyler. Well done to these pupils. I look forward to seeing your hard work reflected in your Mocks.

## Key dates for week beginning January 21<sup>st</sup> - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Year 11 Mocks	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	08:25 – 15:30
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	16:30 – 18:30



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