



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Well, another end of term is upon us and what a year we have had so far! Walking around the school this week has made me feel so immensely proud of our students and staff; I have seen such excellent teaching and learning taking place! The hard work that continues in every classroom as I walk around the school, despite all of the challenges that we have all had to overcome, is truly heart-warming. While I wasn't able to hold my annual tea dance for our local senior citizens

this year, lots of our usual traditions have been able to take place that have continued to bring the whole school together; rewards assemblies, counting up donations for the foodbank, discos for KS3, Christmas lunch and our end of year rank order for Year 7!

My thoughts turn to 2021 now, which will be an important year for us with the continued changes to our lives; exams for Year 11 will look a bit different, our year bubbles will continue and the start of virtual parents' evenings. I'm looking forward to it! Most importantly though, our school will continue on its journey to being the best school in the borough! I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to everyone for their hard work and support this year; the teachers, support staff, kitchen and site who all keep our school running everyday and ensure that our school community is one to be proud of. I wish you all a well deserved rest and look forward to seeing you again in the new year— staff on January 4th and students on January 5th 2021!

Year 7 assessments

Yesterday we released the Year 7 rank order. This is the order in which individuals stand after the recent assessments within the whole year group and determines what group they are in after Christmas. We are extremely proud of how hard Year 7 have worked under these strange circumstances and look forward to further success in the new year. If there are any questions about your son/daughter's new group or results, please contact Ms Hiscocks for further information.

Year 8 and Year 9 assessments will take place in January!



End of term well wishes from Heads of Year

Year 7: I am so proud of Year 7 for the way they have settled in to their first term at The Hurlingham Academy. They have worked so hard and this was really shown on Wednesday when the rank order went up. As a year group, they have shown real maturity around the assessments and rank order and most importantly they have supported one another as a community to be the best they can be. I hope they have a well-deserved rest over the holidays, and I look forward to the next term.
Ms Hiscocks



Year 8: I am so impressed with Year 8 this term. They have worked so hard inside and outside of lessons. They have shown determination, resilience, kindness to others and above all outstanding attitude to learning. I am so proud to be your Head of Year! Have a lovely break, work hard for your assessments and spend some quality time with your loved ones. See you in January!

Miss May



Year 9: Well done to Year 9 for a fantastic first term. I have been incredibly proud of your progress both academically, and as you mature into kind and independent young people. I cannot wait to see your new rank order next term - happy revising and have a happy Christmas!
Ms Robinson



Year 10: Thank you Year 10 for a brilliant start to the year. I am extremely proud of the way that you have approached your exams and look forward to seeing you in January. This is a very serious year for you as you start your GCSE studies and I'm sure you will continue to impress me! Mr Perkins



Year 11: What a strange start to Y11...but, how we quickly got used to it! As your Head of Year, I have been incredibly proud at how you have responded to the changes, despite many of you having spent four years here doing things very differently. You have responded with positive attitudes, organisation, cooperation, and maturity. That really says something about the kind of people you all are. When we return in January, it will still be cold, the days will start early and finish late, and we will continue to have the highest of expectations from you all. It is going to be a challenge. Undeterred by this, it is crucial that you return with the same positive attitude and view that you can continue to improve. Take time over the Christmas holidays to contact family members and those closest to you, you really deserve it after the past 12 months of uncertainty. Please continue to follow guidelines to ensure that you and those around you stay healthy and safe.

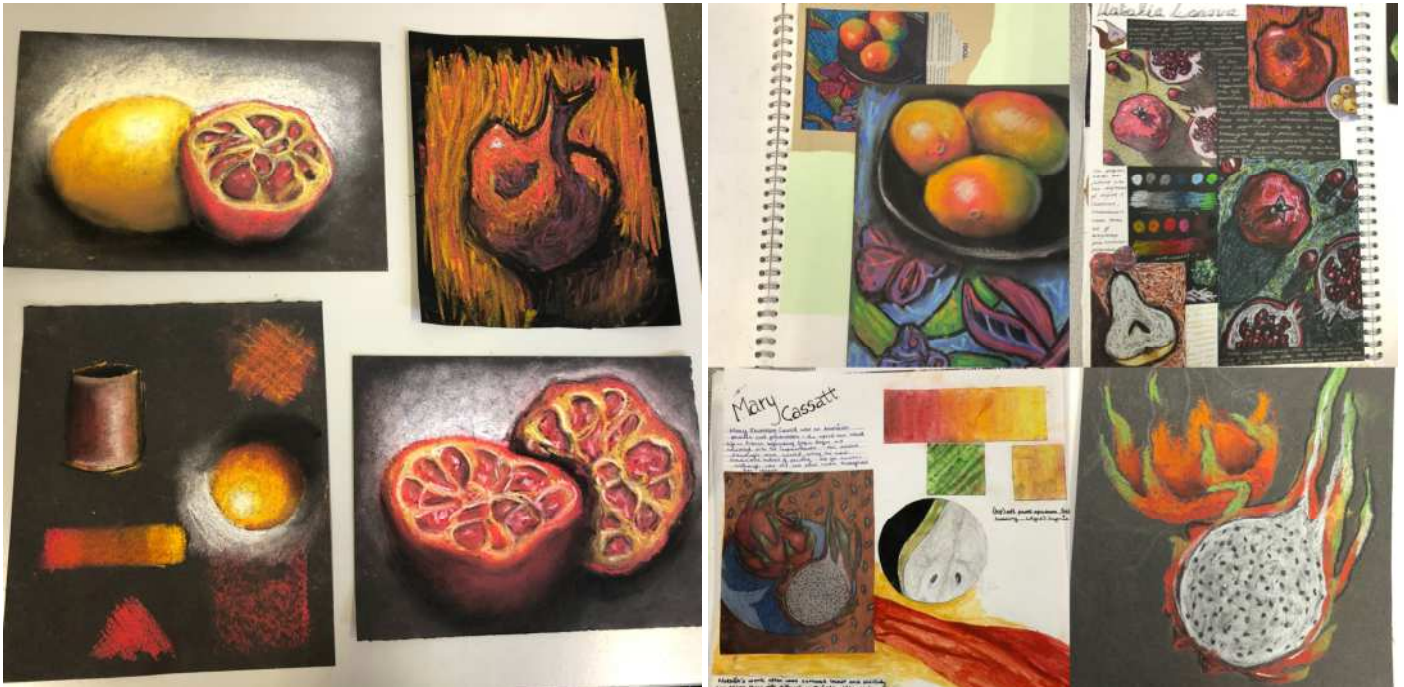
Merry Christmas.

Mr Pudney



Artists of the week

Our artists of the week are Year 10 with their phenomenal fruit soft pastel developments. Well done Year 10!



House points– Well done...AEQUITAS!



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Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

I am pleased to see our pupils working to a consistently high standard both in class and at home. 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: Alba

Year 8: Omar

Year 9: Erisa

Year 10: Samia

Year 11: Shqiponja



The following students are top of the Educake science leader board this week for most correct questions answered:

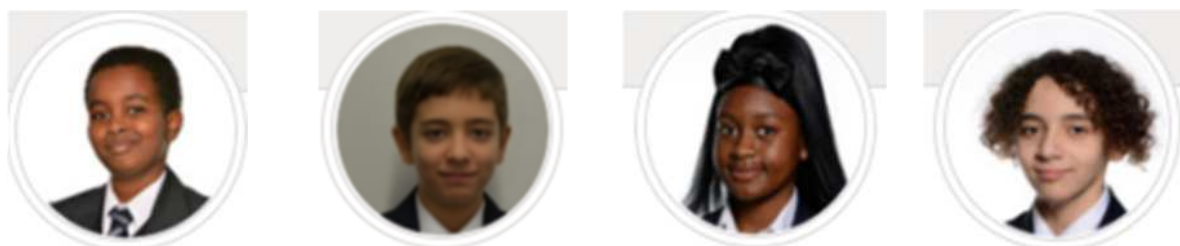
Year 7: Mustapha

Year 8: Amir

Year 9: Elias

Year 10: Anastasia

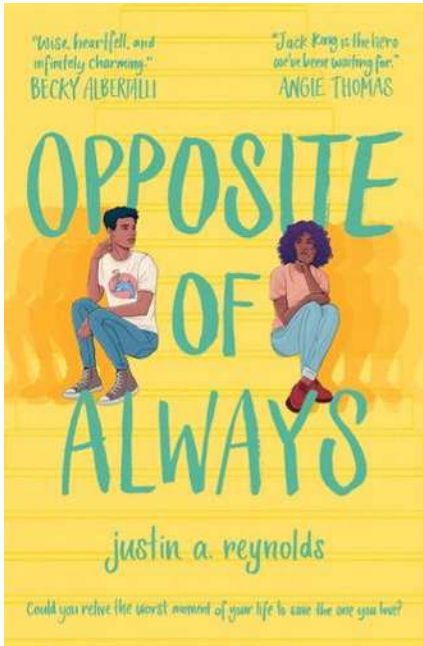
Year 11: Ryan





Book of the week- KS3

**Opposite of Always
Justin A. Reynolds**



From debut author Justin A. Reynolds comes *The Opposite of Always*, a razor-sharp, hilarious and heartfelt novel about the choices we make, the people we choose and the moments that make life worth reliving.

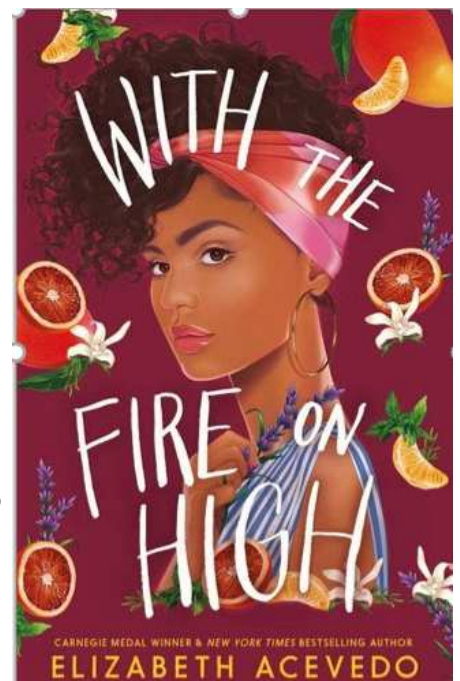
When Jack and Kate meet at a party, he knows he's falling – hard. Soon she's meeting his best friends and Kate wins them over as easily as she did Jack.

But then Kate dies. And their story should end there. Yet Kate's death sends Jack back to the beginning, the moment they first meet, and Kate's there again. Healthy, happy, and charming as ever. Jack isn't sure if he's losing his mind. Still, if he has a chance to prevent Kate's death, he'll take it. Even if that means believing in time travel. However, Jack will learn that his actions are not without consequences. And when one choice turns deadly for someone else close to him, he has to figure out what he's willing to do to save the people he loves.

Book of the week- KS4

**With the Fire on High
Elizabeth Acevedo**

The first novel from Elizabeth Acevedo - who in 2019 was the first person of colour to win the prestigious Carnegie literary medal for *The Poet X* - *With the Fire on High* tells the story of Emoni - a teenage mother to a two-year-old whose juggling school, parenting and everything in between. When she discovers a talent and passion for cooking, she grapples with the guilt she feels for wanting to become a chef but with the help of her friends and family, finds a way to make this dream a reality.



Dates for your diary

Mon 18th to Fri 29th January — **Year 8 and 9 assessments**

Tuesday January 19th — **Online anxiety workshops for parents** (delivered by the school Educational Psychologist) This workshop is designed to support parents understand anxiety. We will explore what may contribute to young people's anxiety (whether this is Covid and or exam related) and how we can build their resilience. We will also consider what helps and supports young people experiencing anxiety may need. See the school website IMPORTANT DATES for more information.



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Key dates for week beginning 04/01/21

Description	Date	Time
INSET day (no school for students)	Monday 4 th January	08:00 - 15:00
Start of term	Tuesday 5 th January	08:25
Year 8 parents' forum	Thursday 7 th January	18:00

Covid Updates

Schools have been asked by the Department of Education to remain contactable for a 6-day window to assist Public Health England with contact tracing. Therefore from the 18th - 24th December, we will be asking both families and staff members who test positive to contact the school. This is because the individual may have been infectious whilst still attending the school setting. There is more information at the end of this newsletter but you will need to email Ms Venegas if you have been tested positive at evenegas@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk This will enable the school to take appropriate action to reduce the spread of the virus. Again, please see information at the end of the newsletter for guidance over the holiday. It is important that you adhere to the guidelines and keep us informed to any changes to your situation over the break.





THE HURLINGHAM ACADEMY CHRISTMAS BREAK TRACK & TRACE CALENDAR



What if...	Mon-Friday 14 th -18 th Dec	Saturday 19 th December	Sunday 20 th December	Monday 21 st December	Tuesday 22 nd – Thurs- day 24 th December
<p>Student feels unwell</p> <p>Contact attendance</p>	<p>Parent action: If your child has high temperature or a (new) persistent cough or a loss of sense of smell or taste, please do not send them into school</p> <p>If your child is displaying Covid-19 symptoms, they must stay at home and take a Covid-19 test. Please notify us if they test positive as soon as possible so that we can start our track and trace system</p>	<p>SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 20px; padding: 10px; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> <p>Covid Symptoms</p> <p>High temperature</p> <p>A new, continuous cough</p> <p>A los or change to your sense of smell or taste</p> <p>During the Christmas break, for all Covid communications, use Ms Venegas' email to contact school: evenegas@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk</p> </div>			
<p>The school receives notification that a student has tested positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>School response: We will continue to update and notify parents and students during the week of confirmed Covid-19 cases which require individuals to self-isolate</p>	<p>Parent action: If your child is tested on this day and then subsequently receives a positive test result you must contact the school using the email address above</p> <p>School response: We will notify those individuals who will have had contact with the positive case 2 days prior to the Covid-19 test (if asymptomatic) or 2 days before the onset of symptoms showing</p>	<p>Parent action: If your child is tested on this day and then subsequently receives a positive test result you must contact the school using the email address above</p> <p>School response: We will notify those individuals who will have had contact with the positive case 2 days prior to the Covid-19 test (if asymptomatic), this is Friday, or 2 days before the onset of symptoms showing</p>	<p>You do not have to notify the school if your child received a Covid-19 test on or after 20th Dec and did not display any symptoms</p> <p>Parent action: You must contact the school if your child showed Covid symptoms whilst being at school or on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th Dec and was tested on this day</p> <p>School response The school will undertake track and trace for the 2 days prior to the onset of symptoms showing</p>	<p>You do not need to notify the school if your child received a Covid-19 test on or after 21st Dec and did not display any symptoms</p> <p>Parent action: You must contact the school if your child receives a Covid-19 test on or after 22nd Dec and showed symptoms on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th Dec</p> <p>School response The school will undertake track and trace for the two days prior to the onset of symptoms showing if in school</p>

What if..	The Christmas holiday period	Sunday 3 rd & Monday 4 th January	
Family/household members tests positive over the Christmas period	Please inform the school by 3 rd January when your child's self-isolation period will end Should it extend over the first three days of school, work will be sent home		The school office will be closed from Saturday 19 th December. On Monday 4 th January, we are holding an inset day, students should not attend school until Tuesday 5 th January. The school will be monitoring email communications during the school holiday break. It is vital that we hold the most up to date contact details for you so that we are able to contact you if we need to
Family/Household is feeling unwell with Covid-19 symptoms		Please, do not send your child into school until either a negative test result is received or once the self-isolating period has ended Please notify school Home learning letter will be sent	Information that we need to know: Has your child shown any symptoms? If yes, what was the date that he/she showed symptoms? When was your child tested for Covid-19? What date did you receive the positive test result? Who does he/she travel to and from school with? Who does he/she have lunch with?
Family member/household member is waiting to have a Covid-19 test		Please do not send your child into school until either a negative test result is received or once the self-isolating period has ended Please notify school Home learning letter will be sent	Please be aware that for all members of the community this is a challenging time and we ask you to be kind and thoughtful in all your communication about the situation
Student is feeling unwell but not showing Covid-19 symptoms		Please keep your child home until he/she feels well enough to return to school and inform school via the email above or via reception from Monday 4 th January Home learning letter will be sent	If you are travelling abroad this Christmas, please be aware of the restrictions in the country you are travelling to and the quarantine restrictions that may apply on your return to the UK. Any extended absence at the start of term that has not been approved in writing by Mr Wilson will not be authorised.
Student is showing Covid-19 symptoms		Please keep your child at home as soon as he/she starts to show symptoms. A Covid-19 test should be taken Please notify school of the return date post self-isolation Home learning letter will be sent	We understand that this is an unprecedented time for all and we would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support Wishing you all a great Christmas break and Happy New Year! Senior Leadership Team at The Hurlingham Academy

