



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It has been a big week here at The Hurlingham Academy, as we opened our gates to pupils for the first time in three months. Although we were not able to welcome all pupils back, it was so lovely to be able to walk around the school and see lessons in action. All pupils have come back ready to learn, and teachers have been incredibly impressed with their engagement in lessons. The pupils have also adapted very quickly the new normal, respecting the 2-metre distancing at all times. It has been a very successful first week, and we look forward to welcoming more Year 10 pupils on Monday morning. As I mentioned last week, we have the end of year assessments coming up for all year groups. The aim of these assessments is to ensure we are able to have a clear picture of where all our pupils are with their learning and identify any topics pupils may have struggled with whilst working from home. Our teachers will then be able to adapt the curriculum for September to ensure that it perfectly reflects the pupil's needs. You can now find the assessment manifests on Show My Homework and the school website. Ensure you check your assessment timetable carefully, so you know exactly when you will sit each assessment, and make the best use of this when planning your revision. This assessment season will inevitably look very different to the end of year exams we are all used to. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your assessments, please speak to your form tutor or head of year.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

It's been another busy week of learning, both at school with Year 10 and at home with years 7-9. This week's commendations are as follows:

Mr Cheetham would like to congratulate Anastasia for her fantastic song submission, exploring what it means to be a young black female in today's society. In her songwriting and performance, she demonstrated not only musical talent, but a real ability to reflect on her own experiences. Well done Anastasia.

Mr Lewis would like to congratulate the following pupils for their fantastic work submission on Show My Home work; Zeynep, Siobhan, Kemal (7U), Ellis, Nila, Harun (7R), Gabriela, Alfie, Hasan (8H), Riarna, Mahad, Myla (8R), Anastasia, Julia, Ary, Adem (9H), Enrique, Gabriel and Mary (9R).

Team English would like to say well done to the following top readers this week; Taurie Palmer, Victor Ravrini, Kumar Price, Anas Koudy, Misty Ougan Goldsmith, Na-Sean Card, Omar Adbel Hamied, Adem Yahaoui and Mohamed Ahmed.

Finally, Miss Coulson would like to congratulate the following pupils for being Seneca superstars, topping the table this week; Junior (7L), Alfie and Alvina (8I), Ibrahim and Daha (year 10).

Well done to all the above pupils and keep up the hard work.

Learning Resources of Show My Homework

Show My Homework has been a fantastic platform for teachers uploading classwork each day. However, your teachers have been busy producing many more fabulous resources which you can access through the notice board on SMHW. As well as your usual year group assembly, this week you will have also noticed an assembly produced by Mr Wilson and Miss Mowbray discussing the black lives matter protests. It is an incredibly informative and thought-provoking assembly, and I encourage all pupils to engage with this assembly, as well as all the support resources posted by Miss Mowbray last week. Next week there will be an assembly with Mr Davis discussing revision tips and how best to prepare for your end of year assessments.

Ensure you are regularly checking the notice board section for all the amazing extra resources being produced by your teachers.

Black Lives Matter Protests

They were prompted by the news of George Floyd's murder by a policeman in the USA.



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Silence is slaughter - written by Niamh Falaye 8H

I am a woman
I am black
I am young
But I am independent, strong and proud to be stood here in my skin
So please don't try and tell me I'm something that belongs in the bin
That chapter is over because we will never let racism win
The police want to focus on what George Floyd did
But that's not the point, it's that these people lived
Breonna Taylor lived
Tamir Rice lived
Ahmaud Arbery lived
Tyree Crawford lived
Trevor Smith lived
Say their names
Say them out loud
Don't be afraid of standing out in the crowd
Break the mould and make the powerful politicians fold
It is not enough to be "not racist" you need to be actively anti-racist
I hope that now you are starting to get the gist
For hundreds of years we have been cutting our chains
Why are we still cutting them today?
Black is beauty
Colour can be clever and achieve
Support your melanin kings and queens
BAME are people
Don't hide the cracks, let them show
Let your light and knowledge educate and flow
People in the Windrush were payed to stay quiet
But now people are starting to riot
Please, don't sit there and be quiet
Don't be afraid to stand out in the crowd
Don't be afraid to break the mould
Let's stand together and make politicians fold
So say their names
La'vante Briggs, Mya Hall, Mark Duggan
Atatiana Jefferson, Alonzo Smith
These people... LIVED



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What are you currently reading? – Mme Venegas

I am currently reading *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari. *Sapiens* is a fascinating book about the history of humankind by Yuval Noah Harari. It is beautifully written and easy to read (I decided to read it in English instead of Spanish). This book just made me want to know more and more about how the author thinks the world evolved to what it is today. And, although, some of his points can be arguable, most of it really changes your perspective of the world. *Sapiens* will shock you. It will entertain you. It will make you think in ways you haven't thought before. You must read it!



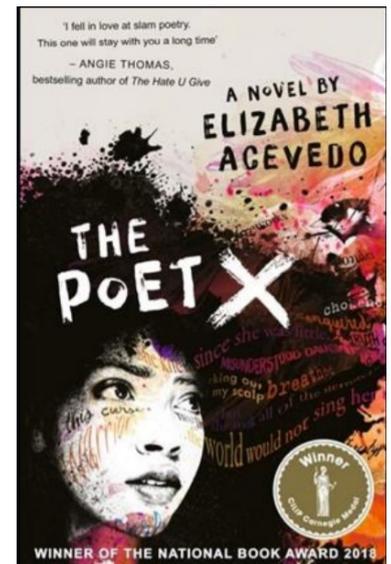
Recommended Reading– The Poet X, Elizabeth Acevedo

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A novel about finding your voice and standing up for what you believe in, no matter how hard it is to say. Brave, bold and beautifully written– dealing with issues of race, feminism and faith.

Xiomara has always kept her words to herself. When it comes to her standing her ground in her Harlem neighbourhood, she lets her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But X has secrets– her feelings for a boy in her biology class, and the notebook full of poems that she keeps under her bed. And a poetry slam club that will pull those secrets into the spotlight.

Because in spite of a world that might not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to stay silent.



THA House Competitions

This week we have several house competitions running. You can win points for your house through Seneca, Educake, Reading and Times Tables Rockstars so get competing. There will be another exciting competition launching on Monday. I will leave it to Mr Clarke to make the big reveal, but all I can say is get your pots and pans (and maybe some earplugs) ready!



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