



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message

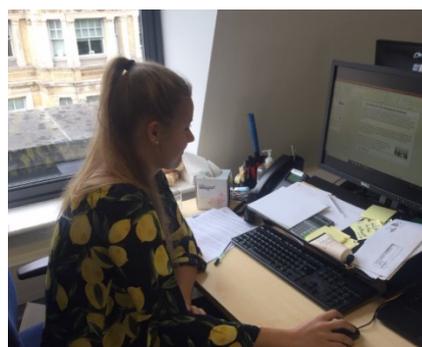


It seems one of life's great impossibilities that I enjoy each academic year just a little bit more than the last. Every year, I think "I could not be more grateful to my staff or more proud of these pupils". Yet, every year, here I find myself, amazed at the successes of our school and delighted at the journey we are on together. I know the holidays are not easy for those of us who appreciate the routine of school terms; I find it difficult to settle during the long, uncertain weeks away from my team and the school bell. However, I urge all of our community to use the next weeks as a chance to truly rest and re-charge. I will be catching up on the reading material that has

accumulated on my bedside table; finding new parts of London to explore with my wife and getting some exercise out in the sunshine. 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 see our great city; spend time with friends and family and re-visit 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 10 Work Experience

Last week, from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, Year 10 students carried out five days of Work Experience. This was a fantastic opportunity for the Y10 cohort to get a real sense of the demands and expectations of full time work, across a range of different career paths. The students had already travelled to their Work Experience provider to introduce themselves, and this was now a chance to show an experienced manager the depth of quality and maturity that our Y10 pupils demonstrate at The Hurlingham Academy. We sent pupils to a range of different locations, including marketing firms, coding agencies, primary schools, nurseries, council offices, hairdressers, food stockists, law firms, sports associations, and many more. When visiting the pupils, Mr Pudney and Ms Quinton were very impressed with how they were conducting themselves and how professional and appropriate they looked for work. The feedback received was very complimentary of our pupils' behaviour, and we are very proud at how well they carried out the work. A number of pupils now have a summer job awaiting them. Well done!



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

Even in the last week of term, our pupils showed real commitment to their learning both in the classroom and at home. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and English leaderboards:

This week's **Hegarty Leaderboard** is as follows:

Year 10 - Valentina  
Year 9 - Abdulahi  
Year 8 - Vesa  
Year 7 - Nouman



Top of the leaderboard once more this week is Abdulahi. Abdulahi has consistently gone above and beyond in his studies this year and since September he has completed a phenomenal 448 hours on Hegarty maths. Well done and ensure you keep up the hard work as you move into KS4 in September.

## THA goes International

This week we welcomed 30 pupils on exchange from China. All pupils were teamed up with a buddy from our Academy, and attended lessons as a member of our community. Our buddies went above and beyond to make our guests feel welcome, and it has been a great opportunity to learn about a new culture. Some of our buddies have even taken the opportunity to learn a bit of Mandarin. To say thank you for hosting, our guests put on a spectacular show with a range of musical performances and even some traditional Chinese dancing to their buddies on Thursday afternoon. We have loved hosting and look forward to many more opportunities to host exchanges in the future.



## KS3 Disco

Last Friday was the Hurlingham Academy's Year 7 and 8 Disco! With Mr Wells on the decks, and plenty of fairy lights, the hall was transformed. The Year 7 and 8s were showing off their best dance moves to songs from 'Old Town Road', to 'Candy' to the Jackson 5. There were also plenty of Year 9s helping out, who did an excellent job. Their job role included, selling the food and snacks, being security for the night and handing out plenty of glowsticks. Thank you very much to these Year 9s, Miss Hateley couldn't have done it without you!



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## House Trophy 2019

This year has been the closest leader board in Hurlingham House history. At the end of last year I mentioned that Heads of House are already working out their game plans for beating Unitas this year and it's fair to say they really put their plans in to practice right from September. We have had such a range of events this year; from card competitions shows to quizzes, tallest towers to wheelbarrow races, it's fair to say a wide range of skills were put to the test. The leaderboard changed numerous times throughout the year and going into the final week there was only 75 points separating the first 2 Houses. But after a year of competitions and a very tight title race, we are pleased to announce that the winner of this years House competition is Aequitas. A massive congratulations to Miss Hateley and all Aequitas members, and well done to the other 3 Houses, their competitive spirit never wavered . With three new heads of House next year, I've no doubt that we will be in for an event closer title race next year.



## Key dates for next term

| Description  | Date  | Time   |
|--|---|--|
| Year 6 Transition Camp                                       | Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July | 10:00 - 15:00  |
| GCSE Results Day   | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August                          | 10:00 - 12:00  |
| Training Day For SLT And New Staff                           | Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August                            | 08:30 - 15:25  |
| Staff Training Day   | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September                          | 08:30 - 15:25  |
| Staff Training Day   | Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                         | 08:30 - 15:25  |
| First Day of School Year 7 Only                              | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September                       | 08:20 - 15:25  |
| First Day of School Year 10 & 11<br><b>Year 7</b>            | Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September                        | Year 10 & 11 08:20 - 15:25<br><b>Year 7 11:35 - 15:25</b>            |
| First Day of School Year 8 & 9<br><b>Year 7, 10 &amp; 11</b> | Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September                          | Year 8 & 9 08:20 - 15:25<br><b>Year 7, 10 &amp; 11 11:35 - 15:25</b> |

