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## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Good afternoon the Hurlingham Academy! We are now entering mock exam season for Year 10 and Year 11, as well as the first set of exams for Year 7. It is a busy time and really important that you make the most of the opportunities that exams provide.

Exams are a chance for you to practise what you will be assessed on at GCSE. Practice makes better! Every time you practise exam questions you will improve in answering them and ac-

tually find them a little easier. Exams are also an opportunity to practise retrieval of past learning. It is this recall that you will be assessed on in Year 11 at GCSE. Year 7 and Year 10, can you recall all that you have learnt this term so far at The Hurlingham Academy? Year 11, can you retrieve the knowledge and skills from the past year and a half of your GCSE courses?

The most important factor for exam success is not intellect and being clever, but revision. How hard are you willing to revise? You need to find a way of revising that works for you and helps you to store and retrieve your learning in each subject. Flashcards and spider diagrams are great ways of condensing all your revision down and then quizzes are a fantastic way to practise the recalling of answers. Get mums, dads, nans and siblings to test you!

Good luck Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 and start revising early. This will help you stay calm and to feel on top of all that you have to do. Exams are important but your wellbeing matters too.

Ms. Hiscocks, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Pudney and I can't wait to see your results!

## Year 10 & 11 Mocks

Year 10 & 11 exams began this week and students are already working hard. Well done and keep up the good work, Key Stage 4!







## Year 7 Assessments

Year 7 students will sit assessments from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December, in all subjects apart from maths and PE. Students were given their revision manifests and exam time-table this week. These are also available for you to view in the Students section of the school website.

# **Parent Survey**

It's the last chance to complete our parent feedback survey! Look out for an email from Edurio, containing your unique link. If you have not received one, please contact Blves@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk.

Thank you to everyone who has filled in the survey already - we appreciate your feedback.

# Mystery of the week



## KS3

#### Who killed Darius Drake? by Rodman Philbrick

When he receives a mysterious letter written in blood asking, 'Who Killed Darius Drake?', Darius – who is very much alive – is determined to find out who sent it and why. Recruiting schoolmate Arthur's help, the first clue leads them to a creepy old abandoned house across town. But what they find there is not what they expected.

With its strange, underhanded threat, the letter is a catalyst that leads the boys into a deep plot involving a mysterious town legend, a family tragedy, and clues to finding the priceless, long-lost Dunbar Diamonds. Can Arthur, Darius, and Arthur's step-sister Deidre solve this hundred-year-old mystery for good – and escape those who'd kill for the treasure?

A crime mystery with a treasure-hunting twist that keeps readers guessing right up to the end!

## KS4

### The Door that led to Where by Sally Gardner

AJ Flynn has just failed all but one of his GCSEs, and his future is looking far from rosy. So when he is offered a junior position at a London law firm he hopes his life is about to change - but he could never have imagined by how much. Tidying up the archive one day, AJ finds an old key, mysteriously labelled with his name and date of birth - and he becomes determined to find the door that fits the key. And so begins an amazing journey to a very real and tangible past - 1830, to be precise - where the streets of modern Clerkenwell are replaced with cobbles and carts, and the law can be twisted to suit a villain's means. Although life in 1830 is cheap, AJ and his friends quickly find that their own lives have much more value. They've gone from sad youth statistics to young men with purpose - and at the heart of everything lies a crime that only they can solve. But with enemies all around, can they unravel the mysteries of the past, before it unravels them?



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# Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

I am pleased to see our pupils' continuing 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 11 - Shania

Year 10 - Chikayzea

Year 9 - Jasmine

Year 8 - Asiya

Year 7 - SPARX: Kabishan



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

Year 11 - Billy

Year 10 - Mohammad

Year 9 - Chuqiao

Year 8 - Kumar

Year 7 - Igor





## Getting to know you - Mme Banert-Lucas

Name: Mme Banert-Lucas

Job: Teacher of Science

Favourite Book: 'Such a fun age' by Kiley Reid

Interesting fact about me: I used to rock-climb competitively when I was at school!

**Favourite thing about working at THA:** How everyone looks out for each other, which is especially important in the current climate

#### House: Veritas

#### Lunch menu 2 - week beginning November 23rd Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Hot Chicken stir fry with BBQ chicken drum-Fish fingers served with egg noodles food Chicken Thai Green stick served with new chips and tartare Beef/vegetable Roasted vegetable curry served with rice potatoes and gravy sauce lasagne served with quiche Jungle curry served with garlic bread Tortellini fromaggio Cherry tomato rice macaroni cheese Panini Panini Tuna melt, Cheese Pasta bar Pasta bar Tuna melt, Cheese and and tomato, BBQ tomato, BBQ chicken chicken /egetables Steamed Carrots Green Beans Kale Garden Peas Roasted cauliflower, sweetcorn and peas Savoy cabbage Broccoli Florets Baked Beans Carrots Jackets Various fillings on offer daily such as cheddar cheese, tuna with low calorie mayo and baked beans Sweet Apple strudel with Banana tempura Plum sponge with Oaty fruit crumble with Ice Cream or Fruit Lolly with toffee sauce vanilla custard custard custard Frui Daily selection of seasonal fruit

## Key dates for week beginning November 23<sup>rd</sup> - week 2

Description	Date	Time
All pupils required in school at their respective start times	Monday 23 <sup>rd -</sup> Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	08:25 - 16:25
Covid-19 testing	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	09:00 - 15:00
No KS3 enrichment for the lock down period	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> November	15:00 - 16:15

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