



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week's assemblies have focussed on respect. It is vital that we have respect for one another and for ourselves and that we show this in and around our school community. I think the key to respect lies in the sense of community. We are all members of the same school and all responsible for making it a safe and happy place to be. I am always proud of our pupils for their polite and well-mannered attitude; it is the minimum expectation that we have at The Hurlingham Academy. I also want our pupils to be interested in others, inquisitive about their learning and active

members of their community. I was delighted, for example, to hear about our Year 10 pupils who won the Stock Exchange competition across all United Learning schools. A great achievement - well done Year 10!

Mental Health Action Week led by Year 8H

This week was Mental Health Action week, a week focussed entirely on Mental Health. Students as well as teachers have been handed informative leaflets (written by 8H) on the subject, and participated in Mental Health Quizzes, and carried out journaling sessions in tutor times. Students have learnt the importance and consequences of mental health and hopefully have learnt some ideas to help counteract it.

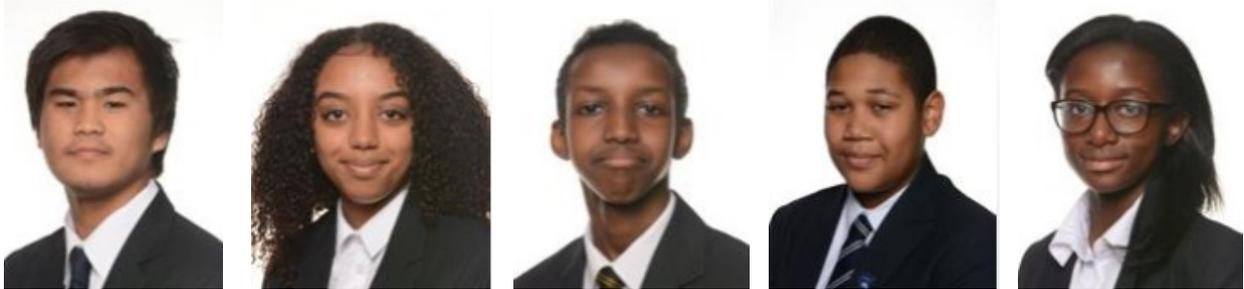
The House competition on Wednesday was a Mental Health quiz which was designed and run by Tania from 8H. Tania has also written the following write up: *"The quiz was designed to get people thinking about different health issues such as depression and anxiety, and to make people aware of what they look like. I think that the students that participated learnt something new and had fun by working together and being resilient. There were three rounds of the competition, a multiple choice round, a picture rounds and a quotes round. The multiple choice round was fairly easy, as you just had to say the answers and it was designed to get you thinking. However, the picture round was a bit challenging as you had to think carefully and imagine what that specific mental health issue or subject looked like, for example depression or empathy. The final round was possibly the hardest because you had to fill in the gaps with the missing words from key motivating quotes, two of which are from the walls around school. For example, a quote by Serena Williams was 'A champion is ___ defined by their wins, but how they ___ when they fail'. Hard eh? The missing words are 'not', and 'recover'. There was not one winner, but the Houses that came first were Caritas, Aequitas and Veritas with 9 points and Unitas second with 8 points. The quiz was out of 14 points. I enjoyed the quiz because it gave me the confidence that I never knew I had by speaking in front of a large number of people. I also felt a sense of leadership by being able to run a House event."*



Mr Wilson's Commendations

It's been another busy week at the Hurlingham Academy with pupils working incredibly hard both in lessons 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:
Top of the leaderboard for Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 11 - James
Year 10 - Doris
Year 9 - Abdulahi
Year 8 - Ryan
Year 7 - Rihanna



Despite a complete change to our top readers, it was Aequitas who once more managed to take the House points for the winning House this week. Watch out Unitas, Aequitas are creeping every closer to the top spot of the House leaderboard. Our top readers this week are Lucas, Shyloh, Loyan and Precious. Well done to all.



Topping the Tassomai leaderboard this week are Susana, Samuel, Machi, Tiago, Mark and Leah. It's great to see so many Year 11s working so hard on their science. With mock results coming out next week, I have no doubt that you will see your hard work pay off with some excellent grades.



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Easter Egg Challenge

Last week we launched the Easter Egg challenge and we have already had a number of pupils coming to check if they are on track to win an egg. The eggs have now arrived and are displayed outside the hall, making the pupils even more determined to meet the target and win the chocolate. In order to win an egg, pupils have 2 more weeks to complete at least 12 hours of Hegarty Maths and 4 English quizzes. Winners will be announced on Friday 5th April.



Charity Week

Next week we are running our annual Charity Week at The Hurlingham Academy. Each of the four Houses will choose a charity to represent and every day throughout the week there will be fundraising activities, led by our fabulous Heads of Houses. Charity is at the heart of the ethos of The Hurlingham Academy and we encourage as many pupils as possible to get involved in the week's events. Whether it's sport, singing or throwing a wet sponge at a teacher (funnily enough this is always a big money maker) there will be something for everyone. On Friday we will be running a cake sale so we ask all budding bakers to please donate a cake.



Key dates for week beginning March 25th - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 25 th March	08:30 - 09:00
Charity Week	Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th March	08:30 - 15:30
Ambition to Succeed	Tuesday 26 th March	17:00 - 19:00
Bridging the Gap	Wednesday 27 th March	17:00 - 18:00
Charity Cake Sale	Friday 29 th March	11:15 - 11:45

