



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Today marks the end of what I can only describe as the strangest half term of my career. We have faced so many challenges, but I couldn't be prouder of how pupils and staff of The Hurlingham Academy have responded. We have high-quality resources being sent out to pupils each day, and the quality of work submitted is incredibly impressive. It really does make me proud to be part of such a strong community. The next big challenge we face is the re-opening of school for Year 10 pupils on

Monday 15th June. As I said last week, I believe that the announcement that we can bring Year 10 back is a good thing as it starts to bring students back to school in a safe and controlled manner. I have been working closely with United Learning to ensure that all safety guidelines are met prior to the reopening. Staff and pupil welfare is my main priority, and I am confident that the plans we have in place are robust. I will be writing to all parents of Year 10 pupils separately outlining our plans for returning. I will also be holding a parent consultation evening to talk through plans, as I very much value your feedback during this process. Please lookout for more details with regards to the timings of this over the next week. Please also ensure you follow our twitter account, for photographs of how we are preparing the building and classrooms ready for the 15th June. Unfortunately, we still have no further guidance as to when other year groups will be able to return. I would like to take this time to reassure parents that we will continue to create high-quality online resources until we are given the go-ahead for wider reopening.

Though the half term break may not be quite as you had planned, I hope everyone takes some time to relax and hopefully make the most of the sunshine we have been promised. I look forward to welcoming you all back (virtually) on Monday, 1st June.

Art Attack

Once more, there has been some fantastic artwork being produced from home. Year 10 GCSE have been working on a project titled 'Natural Forms'. Nicole has produced some amazing work as we can see here. It has been lovely to see how hard you have been working at home. Well done and keep up the hard work.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

Throughout the half term, the standard of work submitted has remained consistently high, and my inbox is full of teacher nominations for weekly commendations. It really has been a pleasure to see.

I would like to start this week's commendations off by sharing this fantastic poem titled The Four Element, written by Lexi in 7H:

"I am Earth, hurt and ruined by your actions,
You break me and break me, it's just a chain reaction.
I am Air, damaged and full of pollution,
The harmful chemicals you keep spreading, soon there will be no solution.
I am Water, you fill me with plastic,
Your killing animals, your conclusions should be more drastic.
I am Fire, you use me to burn wood,
You think it is nothing but it really isn't good.
You're damaging our planet, can't you see,
This could eventually be the end for you and me.
We need to do something, to make it right,
But we can't just do it overnight.
The forces work together, just like we should,
We must do something, so our great grandchildren can make it to adulthood.
I am Earth, loved and cared for,
We look after each other and are no longer at war.
I am Air, pollution lives no longer,
We all work together and are now much stronger.
I am Water, clear of harm,
The ocean deep and blue, a part of our world's charm.
I am Fire, only used for good,
We have done it and we should be proud, forever we should."

The Geography department would like to congratulate the following pupils for their consistently high standard of work; Jordan, Ema, Ameen, Lexi (7H), Hamdi, Kemal (7U), Jack, Omar, Amir, Harun (7R), Jaylen, Junior, Maria (7L) Kashmita, Niamh (8H), Thomas, Justin (8R), Bailey, Elsie, Oliver, Bianka (8L), Malachy, Erisa (8I) Danna, Mischa (9H), Simon, Mary, Isadora (9R), Jesse (9), Adam, Abigail, Shuab (Year 10), Precious, Famila and, Carla and Beril (Year 11).

Miss Robinson would like to say well done to Blake Chamberlain, Lucas Barbosa, Mahad Hassan, Shuab Barre and Kimberly Corbi for all their hard work in maths this week.

Team Science would like to congratulate the following for their hard work on Educake; Maria Cendon Ferreira, Filip Ferens, Lara Ivanovic, Ayman Coomber and Emir Aybars Demirbas.

Miss May would like to congratulate Kemal for excellent resilience and outstanding work this week. She would also like to say well done to Jack Benson, who is currently in the lead for the 1k challenge with an amazing time of 4 minutes. There have also been some amazing baking entries this week, in particular Izai-ah Lucien for an outstanding Meringue Pie and Imiya Summers who made a Vegan Strudel.

The MFL department wants to say well done to Liban Dualeh, Miya Hunt, Marwa Abdalla, Meron Teshome, Megan Nafi, Keman Unal, Tenisha Pennyfeather, Ema Rata, Jake Reid, Malakai Cole, Moses Lopes, Andrea Dobрева Adam Coomber, Sonny Enkhat, Thomas Cendon Ferreira, Myla Mighty, Kashmita Peratheepan, Vesa Gara, Simon Gidey, Giulia Catalucci, Kurt Morcilla, Undram, Gabriela Correa, Owen Edwards, Mohamed Ahmed, Abdirahman Omar, Jesse Rivero, Jacopo Pirani, Julia, Adem Y, Vienna, Samuel Mateus, Adam K, Mobina, Scarlett W, Denver Gadd, Jabel Semambo, Rahaf Aldawibi, Lizbeth Victoriano Silva, Ana Rafaela Ribeiro, Kimberly Corbin, Jaxon Davis, Hamza A, Carla, Precious and Emir.

Finally team English would like to congratulate the following pupils who came top of accelerated reader this week; Giff Nkiribari, Taurie Palmer, Donovan Corbin, Hamza Iqbal, Miona Ivanovic, Riarna Tamer, Adem Yahiaoui, Omar Abdel-Hamied and Julia Ourofino Scalia Vasconcelos.



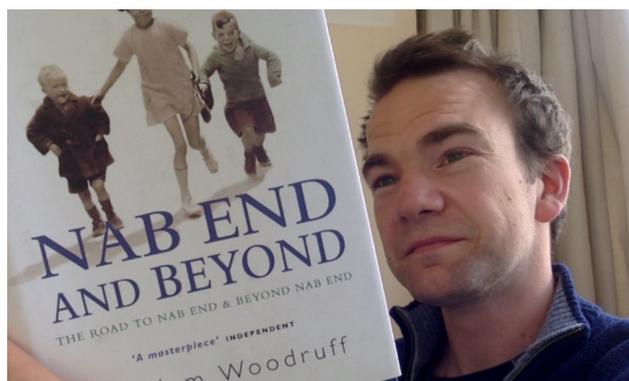
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What are you currently reading? – Mr Charkham

I'm reading 'The Road to Nab End', it's an autobiography of someone who grew up in Blackburn, Lancashire in the 1900s. His father works in the cotton mills, and it's a pretty tough life, it's a powerful insight into the grinding poverty at a time of economic hardship. I'm slightly waiting for the part when he escapes to London to provide some relief! I'm enjoying the real-life experience of processes like deindustrialisation, which I teach in a rather matter of fact way, this makes it seem a lot more human. It's a great book but not easy to read, about the real impact on people's lives when large industries close down.



Family Welfare

We are aware that due to Covid 19, many family circumstances have changed, whether this be personal, living arrangements or financial. We would like to take this time to remind you of the support available for those who may need it.

If your financial circumstances have changed you may be eligible to apply for Universal Credit, which you can do here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit>

If your earnings are less than £7,400 per year (£616.66 per month) alongside the award of Universal Credit, you can apply for free school meals:

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/benefits/student-'benefits-and-grants>

Riddle of the week

Two weeks ago we set you a riddle to try to crack. As promised, the answer is below:

“What is so fragile to say its name breaks it?” **Answer: silence**

This weeks riddle is as follows:

“What letter of the alphabet carries the most water?”

We would like to say a massive well done to Zunaira (Year 7) for being the first pupil to submit the correct answers. See if you can also crack the riddle... answers will be published in the first newsletter after half term.



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