



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



The start of a new academic year marks the start of many new opportunities for our pupils and one team of pupils who have embraced these opportunities over the first few weeks are our Year 11 prefects. It has been so great to see them all stepping up and taking on the responsibility and really having pride in their roles. I am so grateful for the work they do around school serving as excellent role models for younger years. I am looking forward to seeing them run Open Evening next week, really showcasing just how phenomenal our pupils

here are. During assembly this week Mme Ling spoke about the importance of our pupils taking responsibility, whether that be at home, in their studies or taking responsibility for maintaining the positive culture we have here at The Hurlingham Academy. Our school vision is not only to achieve the highest possible outcomes, but also to nurture responsible young citizens who care for their communities and are committed to bettering them. It is fantastic to see so many pupils taking responsibility for their actions and their community. We have two Year 8 pupils who have made an excellent start to running the school shop, school rabbit monitors who take care of my favourite member of our family here, and pupils acting as buddies taking on the responsibility of ensuring that our new admissions feel settled and supported. As I walk around the school I also see pupils working incredibly hard, taking responsibility for their learning. I would like to take this time to thank all those pupils who are working hard to support our community. It really does give me such pride to see pupils growing in confidence as they step up to their responsibilities.

## House events with Mr Pudney

Welcome back to the House system updates!

What a lovely few weeks; we welcomed Y7 into the House system and also kicked off proceedings with our first House competition – build the tallest tower!

Miss Dainty hosted her first competition of the year, as pupils were given three pieces of A4 paper to build a tower which had to stay upright for at least 10 seconds. The tallest tower was made by Caritas, which topped 90cm! In close 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place was Aequitas, Unitas, and Veritas.

We also reintroduced House rowing on Tuesday which was an epic battle to the finish line. Caritas and Miss Hayward continued their good form from the end of last academic year and steam rolled to victory, rowing over 3300m! Aequitas, Veritas, and Unitas followed in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>.

At the end of the week we ran our regular House Countdown on Thursday at lunchtime. This was close (as always), with Aequitas taking the spoils in 1<sup>st</sup> place.

What a great return to the House system, and we look forward to updating you again!

See below for scores!



## House results

### Term 1

1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Aequitas</b>	<b>350</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>Caritas</b>	<b>300</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Veritas</b>	<b>275</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Unitas</b>	<b>150</b>

### Overall

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Aequitas</b>	<b>350</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Caritas</b>	<b>300</b>
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## Subjects in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... English with Head of English, Ms Mackay.

This week in: English

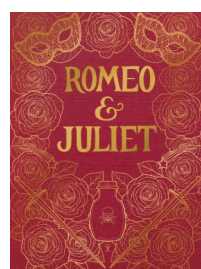
**Year 7:** Year 7 units have started the year with an exploration of poetry! The students are learning all about the most interesting poetic methods, and considering the power of individual word choice. The poems they are exploring at this stage include famous WW1 poets such as Wilfred Owen and Vera Brittain. We are proud of seeing the Year 7s develop their empathy for these late poet's experiences, and taking the opportunity to construct poetic pieces of their own!

**Year 8:** Year 8 are studying Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre. This is a classic Victorian novel with exciting gothic themes. Dark, twisting and turning - it tells the story of a young girl growing up in a challenging and unpredictable world. The students are having discussions on important topics such as gender roles and social expectations, and trying to decipher Bronte's clever messages to the reader.

**Year 9:** Year 9 are enjoying their first Shakespeare play of the year: Romeo and Juliet! They are reading, watching and performing from the classic tragic love story - immersing themselves in a world of passion and conflict! Alongside this, students are reading love poetry from a range of diverse contemporary voices and asking the question: is the experience of love timeless?

**Year 10:** Year 10 have started their GCSE study in English with Stevenson's The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. This intense and challenging text presents several complex and ambiguous protagonists and a mystery that is not revealed until the very final moments. Alongside this, students are working on their creative writing skills - developing their ability to craft well-structured and expressive narratives.

**Year 11:** Year 11 begin the year with their final Literature text: the Power and Conflict poetry cluster. This collection of 15 poems is a vast and varied presentation of internal and external conflicts from a diverse range of writers. Students will be coming up with interesting comparisons between these perspectives and asking themselves what their own views are on the same big questions!



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## Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

With the new academic year in full swing, it has been great to see pupils getting straight back 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 science leader boards:

Top of the leader board for Educake this week with most correct questions answered are:

Year 7: Paul

Year 8: Louisa

Year 9: Khadijah

Year 10: Jordan

Year 11: Sonia



Top of the leader board for maths this week are:

7: Mohammed

8: Mya

9: Poppy

10: Badriyah

11: Kashmita



## Getting to know you - Mr Ratray

**Name:** Mr Haltalli

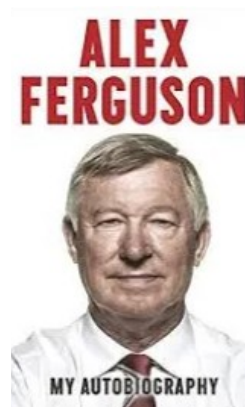
**Job:** Teacher of PE

**Favourite Book:** My Autobiography by Alex Ferguson

**Interesting fact about me:** I am a qualified scuba diver

**Favourite thing about working at THA:** I love the sense of family between staff and students

**House:** Aequitas



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## Open Events



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**OPEN EVENTS 2022**

**Outstanding GCSE results for all our pupils**

- English 4+ 98%
- English 5+ 96%
- Mathematics 4+ 94%
- Mathematics 5+ 89%
- English & Mathematics 4+ 93%
- English & Mathematics 5+ 88%
- P8 + 1.1



**Open Evening**

- Tuesday 27th September 2022 - 5:00 - 7:30pm.  
Principal's talk at 6:15pm

**Open Mornings October 2022**

- Monday 3rd - Friday 7th October
- Monday 10th October
- Wednesday 12th October
- Friday 14th October
- Monday 17th October
- Wednesday 19th October
- Friday 21st October

Book online by scanning the QR Code below.




## Key dates for weeks beginning September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	08:30 - 9:00
Open Evening	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	17:00 - 19:30
Late start for all pupils	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	School starts at 09:45
KS4 Ibstock Place visit	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	13:00 - 16:00
Whole school assembly	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	08:30 - 9:00
Year 11 final push evening	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	17:00 - 18:30



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