



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term. At the start of each term, I think it is important to reset expectations. Here at The Hurlingham Academy, we believe that consistency and clarity of routines is key. During assembly with Mme Reid Nelson on Thursday, pupils were reminded of the expectations of our school, and the importance of being in every lesson, every day. I have been absolutely thrilled to see our routines so

well embedded as I walk around the school this week, meaning teachers can get on with doing what they do best, teaching the highest quality lessons to our pupils. Next week we are celebrating World Book Day. We have events happening throughout the week from visits to local libraries to dressing up as your favourite book character on Friday. Do take an interest in these fantastic opportunities - I may even change my character. I have been told by Ms Quinton that I am not allowed to come as James Bond for the 8<sup>th</sup> year running.

## Food technology

We have been so pleased to reintroduce Food Technology back onto our key stage 3 curriculum this year. It has been fantastic to see how pupils skills have developed throughout the year. I have been hearing reports of pupils going home and cooking recipes that they have learnt in class, for their family dinners. What a phenomenal achievement. On Wednesday we had over 95 pupils from Years 7 and 8 cooking roasted vegetable couscous and I have to say, they all smelt amazing. I am also incredibly proud of all the pupils who have really pushed themselves outside their comfort zone, trying new foods they thought they didn't like (in particular some vegetables!!) and are now choosing to add them into their recipes. I can't wait to see what else you produce throughout the course of the year.



## House update

After a well-earned half term break for our pupils, we hit the ground running with our regular weekly competitions; House Rowing, a Wednesday event, and Countdown on Thursday.

Rowing was quite quiet this week, so we are looking at shaking things up a little. However, those that participated made it interesting! We are seeing some new faces which is great. It was very close, but the winners were from Unitas who just pipped the 3000m mark. Aequitas and Caritas followed narrowly in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

On Wednesday Ms Eshelby made a very challenging event based on riddles which got our pupils thinking and working well together! Aequitas were triumphant as they set very high standards with this event. Veritas then finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> to get more points on the board, following by joint 3<sup>rd</sup> of Unitas and Caritas.

Countdown was done al fresco as we waiting for the interactive board to come back from the main hall. Caritas won this week...maybe Miss Hayward has managed to get an English teacher to help them with the letters' rounds!

See below for scores!

### Term 2

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Unitas</b>	<b>2325</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Aequitas</b>	<b>1975</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Caritas</b>	<b>1925</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Veritas</b>	<b>1725</b>

### Overall

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Unitas</b>	<b>6300</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Aequitas</b>	<b>5875</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Caritas</b>	<b>5825</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Veritas</b>	<b>4800</b>

## NATIONAL WORLD THINKING DAY



Join your house in the **library** this **lunch time** to take part in this weeks house competition.

Battle it out to answer the most correct **riddles** to win points for your house



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## Strike action

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) is going ahead with the second day of strike action, on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. I appreciate your understanding with this ongoing situation. I would like to reiterate that the strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay (and to ensure that this is fully funded and does not continue to come out of existing school budgets) and not because of any issues at The Hurlingham Academy. Some teachers at The Hurlingham Academy are striking and I would like to note that this is also to effect long term change and lasting improvements to young people's education.

I am writing to let you know our **arrangements for Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Based on the numbers of staff who will be in, it will not be possible to open school as normal. As a result, only the following year groups will attend school at the usual times. Their day will consist of any lessons taking place by teachers who are in school, exams and group study sessions:

- **Year 10**
- **Year 11**

The following year groups will need to **stay at home on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. We will set centralised tasks for students to complete via Satchel:One (ShowMyHomework). **There will also be a link on the school website.**

- **Year 7**
- **Year 8**
- **Year 9**

I am sorry that many of you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child and that they will experience disruption to their education. Whilst there may be different views and opinions, I ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect and empathy.

If you have any questions or concerns about the alternative arrangements outlined above, please do contact me at [\*\*info@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk\*\*](mailto:info@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk)

We will monitor the situation carefully and will continue to make the best decisions possible for our students, staff, and families in the given circumstances. We are working closely with our staff union representative to keep up to date on any future action, and I will inform you as soon as possible of any updates.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



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## Mr Wilson's Commendations

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 Sparx in maths this week are:

Year 7: Omar

Year 8: Max

Year 9: Angelina

Year 10: Mohammad

Year 11: Mudesir



Top of the leader board for Educake Science this week are:

Year 7: Elizabeth

Year 8: Aryan

Year 9: Goldie

Year 10: Karis

Year 11: Liam



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## Year 10 and 11 mocks

A reminder that the next set of Year 10 and 11 mock exams start next week. Students have been given their exam timetables and revision manifests, but these can also be downloaded from the school website here: <https://www.thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk/students/assessment-manifest>. All students should make sure that they get plenty of rest each night before their exams. Good luck to all students!

## Authors talk with Sarah Govett

On Thursday Trinity School's Book Award students had the opportunity to attend an authors talk with well known children's author Sarah Govett. The pupils were fantastic throughout, asking some incredibly thoughtful questions throughout the talk. They even managed to secure an interview with Sarah for our school magazine, The Hare, so watch out for this in next term's edition.



## Key dates for week beginning February 28<sup>th</sup> - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	08:25 - 09:00
KS4 mock exams	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	8:25 - 15:30
Teaching strike – no school for KS3	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	All day
Year 10 bank of America trip	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	8:45 - 13:13
World book day	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	8:25 - 15:30
Parent forum	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	18:15 - 19:15
Emanuel school trip	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	15:15 - 17:15



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