

**The Hurlingham Academy** 

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#### 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. At The Hurlingham Academy, we believe that student voice and participation in school is vital. We recognise that as a key stakeholder, the student body is fundamental in driving progress. During assembly on Monday Ms Quinton spoke to the academy about another fantastic leadership opportunity that is open to all pupils; the Student Council. As outlined in assembly, pupils selected to sit on the council will work closely alongside our prefects and the senior management team to help further improve the school. This is a real opportunity for pupils to step up and take ownership, and an excellent stepping stone to becoming a prefect in Year 11 and maybe even the politicians of the future. I know each form is in the process of voting for their class rep and I look forward to meeting all the successful candidates at our first meeting. Good luck to all of you who have applied.

#### House Events wit Mr Pudney

Another busy week of House events! Rowing on Tuesday was packed full of students from all year groups, and lots of members of staff participating this week trying to help their House get more points on the board! We rowed the furthest distance of the year totalling 17,234 metres. A VERY close encounter between Caritas, Unitas, and Aequitas, but there could only be one winner... Unitas! Excellent work from all our pupils and young athletes!

Countdown on Thursday was also an incredibly busy affair. We had over 35 pupils crammed into the front of the library to participate. Some brilliant seven letter words by Unitas and a difficult five

letter word meant that they won most points overall. It is such a pleasure seeing so many pupils from different year groups work so well together after such a long period separated in their year group bubbles. Despite Miss O-Reilly having to work from home, Veritas are showing real loyalty and performing in the absence of their leader! Aequitas, potentially showing signs of fatigue after such a dominant period last year. It is still all to play for...





### Subject In The Spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... Maths with Head of Maths, Mr Capes .

This week in: Maths

Year 7: Year 7 are currently focussing on building the foundations of their understanding of place value, addition, and subtraction. These are some of the most core skills of mathematics. Without them, the rest of their maths curriculum at THA cannot be accessed. Once these skills have been mastered, students will be moving onto perimeter, rounding and estimation.

Year 8: Year 8 are currently learning the topic of Prime Factorisation, which is used to find the HCF and LCM of large numbers. This is a very common topic at GCSE. Next, they will be moving onto rounding to significant figures which they will use to estimate complication calculations.

Year 9: Year 9 are currently starting the GCSE curriculum, focussing on the core number skills needed to access the maths GCSE. They are currently focussing on Rounding and Estimation, and will be moving onto Indices, Powers and Roots next.

Year 10: Year 10 are currently studying the GCSE unit of Linear Graphs. It is a new and very important GCSE topic that they have never seen before, with real world applications in Finance and Science. They will be then move onto learning how to calculate with Speed, Density and Pressure.

Year 11: Year 11 are studying a variety of topics, depending on their tier of entry in maths GCSE. Students in set 1 and 2 are finishing off the Higher course, studying Proof, Iteration and Quadratics. Students on the Foundation course are studying Transformations and Bearings and starting to revise everything that they have learnt since Year 9.

For further curriculum information, please go to www.thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk/ curriculum/curriculum-maps







#### Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

When walking around the school, I am always struck by how committed our pupils are to their studies. From pupils self quizzing with their knowledge organisers at break and lunch, to the work they produce in lessons, it's clear that our pupils have a real drive to succeed. This is also reflected in their studies 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 maths this week are:

- Year 7: Olivia Year 8: Dimalat Year 9: Karis Year 10: Lilian
- Year 11: Omer



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

Year 7: Niamh

Year 8: Lou

Year 9: Taliyah

Year 10: Hamza

Year 11: Eishan



#### **Open Events**



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# **OPEN EVENTS**

#### **OPEN EVENING**

Tuesday 28th September 5.00pm - 7.30pm Principal's talk at 6:15pm

# **OPEN MORNINGS**

(ALL OPEN MORNINGS ARE FROM 9:00AM TO 12:00PM)

Monday 4th - Friday 8th October Monday 11th October Wednesday 13th October Friday 15th October Monday 18th October Wednesday 20th October Friday 22nd October

ambition | confidence | creativity | competition | respect | enthusiasm | determination

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#### Mind Universal Workshops for Parents and Carers



The Mental Health Support Teams in Hammersmith, Fulham, Ealing and Hounslow Mind are providing free virtual workshops for parents/carers throughout this academic year. These workshops will be delivered by our team over Zoom.

The workshops we are offering parents/carers are:

- Sleep Hygiene, Routines & Self-Care
- Mental Health Awareness & The Five Ways to Wellbeing
- Supporting Your Child With Academic Stress
- Supporting Young People with Their Transition From Year 13

Parents/carers can book onto these workshops via Eventbrite and the sign-up link in the tables below.

Autumn term 1 dates:

Title	Date	Time	Eventbrite Link
MHA and the 5 Ways to Wellbeing	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Octo- ber 2021	10:00 - 11:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mha- and-the-5-ways-to-wellbeing-workshop- for-parents-carers-tickets-167049289923
Supporting Your Child With Academic Stress	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oc- tober 2021	10:00 - 11:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ supporting-your-child-with-academic- stress-tickets-167047951921
MHA and the 5 Ways to Wellbeing	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	13:00 - 14:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mha- and-the-5-ways-to-wellbeing-workshop- for-parents-carers-tickets-167049289923
Supporting Your Child With Academic Stress	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Octo- ber 2021	13:00 - 14:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ supporting-your-child-with-academic- stress-tickets-167047951921
Sleep Hygiene, Rou- tines and Self-Care	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	10:00 - 11:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sleep- hygiene-routines-and-self-care-workshop- for-parents-carers-tickets-167049454415

#### Autumn term 2 dates:

Title	Date	Time	Eventbrite Link
Supporting Your Child With Academic Stress	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	10:00 - 11:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/ e/supporting-your-child-with- academic-stress-tickets- <u>167047951921</u>
Supporting Your Child With Academic Stress	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	13:00 - 14:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/ e/supporting-your-child-with- academic-stress-tickets- 167047951921
Sleep Hygiene, Routines and Self-Care	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	13:00 - 14:00	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/ e/sleep-hygiene-routines-and- self-care-workshop-for-parents- carers-tickets-167049454415

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#### Arbor App

Arbor is the new free parent app that gives you a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school. The app gives you direct access to your child's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements, behaviour and much, much more. You will also see that we update and change the information in the app as the school year moves along.

We can send you messages directly to the Arbor app relating to important information about your child's education and to remind you of events that are taking place at school. Instructions on how to download and login have been sent to your email. Please contact the school if you have any questions or issues.



#### Getting to know you - Ms Capes

Name: Ms Capes

Job: Learning Support Assistant

Favourite Book: Of mice and men

Interesting fact about me: I'm also an Illustrator and Designer

**Favourite thing about working at THA:** The positive atmosphere created by the relationships between the staff and students.

House: Unitas



# Key dates for week beginning September 27<sup>th</sup> - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	08:30 - 9:00
KS3 Enrichment Programme	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	15:30 - 16:30
Open Evening	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	17:00 - 19:30 ( <b>School to close for pupils at</b> <b>14:30</b> )
Late Start of School	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	School starts for pupils at 8:45
KS3 Globe Trip	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	15:00 - 20:00

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