



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week the school has been absolutely buzzing with the excitement of Charity Week. We have had bake sales, various sporting events and of course the ever popular sponge a teacher..... for some reason this always seems to be a big money maker! The highlight for me was the staff vs. students football matches. It was such a popular event that Mr Pudney had to roll some games over for a second day. I loved seeing the sportsmanship of all teams as well as all the support from peers. With the sun shining it felt like our very own

Hurlingham world cup. Most importantly, this week has raised over £353 for our nominated charities. It is important to me that pupils have a say in how we donate this money therefore we voted in Houses for our House charity for this year. Charity Week is always a time when we can take a moment to reflect on the importance of being grateful for what we have.

Musical Outings

Last Friday, 40 of our budding musicians went to see the Classical Spectacular at the Royal Albert Hall. Pupils also received a tour of the fantastic building whilst they were there. There was lots of excitement during the performances, with @marcinguitar being a real highlight for the pupils. This was followed by another fantastic

opportunity on Wednesday, where pupils attended the Brass and Woodwind Playing Day with the Tri-Borough Music Hub. During the day different schools came together to learn and play a series of pieces at Kensington Town Hall. What a fantastic week for music here at The Hurlingham Academy. We would like to say well done to all pupils who attended the trips, and a massive thank you to Mr Clarke for arranging them.



Hammersmith & Fulham Youth Council



Fantastic news! Two students from The Hurlingham Academy were successful in their application to join Youth Council. We had Niamh in Y10 who is now the Hammersmith and Fulham Deputy Youth Mayor, and Anastasia who has joined as a Member of Youth Parliament. They both had to go through a rigorous application process and create their own manifesto, and have done brilliantly by driving voting interest at school during break and lunch time. This is fantastic news and will give them great experience for future jobs and career choices.

Charity Week

For our annual Charity Week, we hosted a number of competitions and activities to raise money for two charities; a local charity in West London Action for Children, and to raise money for the Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal. On Monday we did staff vs. students netball – staff were dominant, in particular Miss Ahmed scoring a number of points. Tuesday we held our incredibly popular staff vs. students 6aside football, which was so popular needed two days to complete 8 fixtures. This ended up with 4 draws, 2 wins, and 2 losses for the staff. Wednesday we had a bake sale at break and lunch time, which raised a whopping £113.80 in a single day. Thursday we allowed pupils to pay £1 to “sponge the teacher”, which gives pupils a moment of payback for any detentions or sanctions that have happened over the years. The sponges were fully soaked with water and it was great fun for all. Miss Eshelby was targeted for behaving so confidently before and during, but she did get a few good shots to the head with the sponge! Friday was finally our staff vs. students basketball – quite frankly the pupils are a lot better than many members of staff, so money was put towards the staff team and that meant that Y11 could team -up with the staff. Mr Wilson showed that he is not only a table tennis expert, but a calm and composed basketballer. Mr Charkham gave away a world record number of fouls without knowing it, and Mrs Mulcahey made a couple of baskets, but overall the pupils were a formidable opponent throughout.

We have raised £353.61 in the space of five lunch times, and our pupils have been incredibly generous and engaged throughout. What a fantastic community we serve!

The last activity we are running for charity is our staff murder mystery...pupils may see the staff behaving a little differently to normal, but we can assure you, nothing is wrong!

Tune in next week for a final House update!



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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, science and English leader boards:

Top of the leader board for Hegarty Maths this week are:

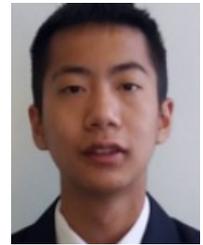
Year 7 - Sofia

Year 8 - Jayde

Year 9 - Alan

Year 10 - Leif

Year 11 - Ryan



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

Year 7: Omar

Year 8: Laith

Year 9: Adnan

Year 10: Yll

Year 11: Mischa



Top of the leader board for Bedrock English this week are:

Year 7: Abigail

Year 8: Leah

Year 9: Nila



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Subject in the Spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is PE with Head of Department, Mme Mulcahey.

It's been another exciting week and term for the THA PE students as they continue to further their knowledge and understanding about diet, hydration, sleep, mental health, growth mindset and components of fitness.

Year 7: Have for the first-time experienced theory lessons in PE. They have been discussing mental health and its effects on performance in sport. The students have been full of questions on how they can improve their own mental health and have designed some support resources for anyone suffering with depression/ or other mental health issues. Year 7 PE students of the term are Charles, Yara, Mia, Jayden, Emmanuel and Adam H.

Year 8: Have also been enjoying PE theory lessons and have been looking into topics surrounding diet, hydration, and sleep. Students have discussed the differences between fats, carbohydrates and proteins and have even discovered recommended daily consumptions of sugar and water. Students are also aware of how much sleep they should be achieving each evening so they can function to their full potential each day. Year 8 PE students of the term are Archie, Khadijah, Lexi and Malakai.

Year 9: Have also been having GCSE PE taster theory lessons and have investigated mental health, high level performance, components of fitness and fitness testing. Year 9 PE students of the term are Abdullah, Ricki-Lee, Tasia, Darnell, Jack and Ibrahim.

Year 10 core: It has been a diverse few weeks for year 10 core as they have been getting to try out your more untraditional sports from around the world like street surfing/ ultimate frisbee, lacrosse and volleyball. The unit of work will continue until Easter and then we embark on athletics and striking and fielding games.

Year 10 BTEC: After working so hard in the run up to the mock two assessments we now take a break from UNIT 1 and begin a journey into practical performance analysis. Students will look at the rules and regulations of basketball, netball and rounder and learn to referee and lead activities. They will also learn and gain ways to analyse their own and other performances.

Year 11 BTEC: This course is coming to an end for many of our students as the coursework is nearly complete. Students are currently working through Unit 3 (PEP personal exercise programme) writing up their analysis. Discussing their strengths and areas for improvement.

Year 11 GCSE PE: Preparations have started for the PE moderation day which will be taking place on Wednesday 27th April. Students have been rehearsing moderation drills and techniques in boxing, 100m sprint, basketball, and netball. In theory lessons students have been interleaving and revising all topics from both exams but have been delving into more depth and looking at exam questions for the higher tariff topics across both papers.

KS4 PE pupils of the term are Sismay, Daniel, Andzhi, Ashley, Mya, Najae, Cherise and Lesharn. Well done to all of our students of the term.

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



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Geography Trip

On Thursday, 68 Year 9 geographers went to Brighton to participate in wind energy workshops, facilitated by the Rampion centre. They learned how turbines turn wind into electricity for our homes, and had a go at designing their own off-shore windfarms, with all the pitfalls and hazards involved! The workshops were fantastic deeper dive into a vitally important topic, both for a GCSE geographer and those building a 'greener future' in light of changing global climates. Other parts of the day offered the chance to practice geographical skills - students carried out an investigation into the importance of tourism through primary and secondary data collection, and the day ended with a ride on the British Airways 360 Tower, 162m above the city! A fun, important and hot day that pupils will remember for a very long time, thank you to all staff involved.



Key dates for week beginning March 28th - Week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 28 th Match	08:30 - 09:00
Thorpe Park Rewards Trip	Tuesday 29 th March	08:30 - 16:00
Horrible Histories trip	Wednesday 30 th March	12:00 - 16:00
Golden Envelope Evening	Wednesday 30 th March	16:00 - 18:00
Year 7 Green Futures Day	Thursday 31 st March	08:30 - 15:25
Year 9 Pathways Evening	Thursday 31 st March	16:00 - 18:00
Break Up For Easter	Friday 1st April	13:05
INSET Day No School For Students	Tuesday 19 th April	08:25 - 15:25
Back To School	Wednesday 20th April	08:25 - 15:25



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