



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Another half term has whizzed by and I speak alongside all staff at The Hurlingham Academy when I say, it has been a busy one! While preparing and supporting Year 11 through their GCSE exams, we have also had weekly enrichment; our Year 8 First Give events; rehearsals for the Queen's Jubilee Parade; our first face to face parents evening, numerous successful sporting and debating competitions and trips to historical museums and Westminster university to name just a few! These opportunities mean everything to me as a Head. As well as ensuring our Year 11s are best prepared for their GCSEs, we are not a school that closes off opportunities for Years 7-10 during this exam period. We strive to provide an education with character at all times. Of course, I care about life outside the class-room and the holistic education of our students. Of course, I care about their GCSE results. However, it is just as important to me that my students respect themselves and one another and enjoy their time at school. You only get one education: make the most of it! Personally I plan on taking some time to rest over the half term. The only plan I do have scheduled is to make sure I tune in to the Queen's Jubilee Parade on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. It makes me so proud to think that our pupils will be taking part in a parade that will not only be watched by people in the UK but globally. I know they will do us proud, and we will all be tuning in to support them. I can't wait to see Mme Reid waking her flag with the pupils! I wish you all a restful half term and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

## First Give

FirstGive was such a fantastic event. All of the tutor groups presented about their chosen charities and set out the social actions which they have all been working so hard on this term. They have been having bake sales, doing car washes, hosting movie nights and raffles and much more. All the groups have raised a phenomenal amount of money for their charities which will go to a variety of important causes. The winners of the £1000 were 8R with an incredible presentation. This will go towards St Mungo's charity (initially set up by Miss Horne's Dad!). A massive well done to Year 8 - I am very proud of you all.



## Subject in the spotlight



This week's subject in the spotlight is.... Religion and philosophy (R&P) with Head of R&P, Ms Ahmed.

This week in: Religion and Philosophy...

**Year 7** are starting to finish their studies on Jewish persecution, zooming in on the Holocaust and how the Jewish community have responded to the mass murder of 6 million Jews. Here, Y7 touch upon the Problem of Evil, how can an all-loving and all-knowing God allow such evil to exist in the world? This lesson lays the foundation for further study on morality and evil in the Y9 Philosophy modules and GCSE RE.

**Year 8** will continue their learning on Christianity and learning about the crusades and slavery. They will be exploring key religious concepts such as the sanctity of life and pacifism within Quaker Christianity. They will also be evaluating how the Bible supports and opposes slavery.

**Year 9** are deepening their knowledge on the Eucharist, one of the Gospel sacraments. They learn about how the Eucharist is practiced and the different Christian beliefs about the Eucharist: transubstantiation, consubstantiation and memorialism.

**Year 10** have started a new unit of work in their GCSE studies. The issues of relationships module includes themes of family, marriage, divorce. This week Y10 are evaluating the extent to which Christianity and Islam permit contraception and why Catholicism opposes its use.

**Year 11** have completed two of their GCSE RE exams and have one exam left. Over half term, they will be revising Islamic beliefs and practices in preparation for their final exam. We wish them the very best of luck!

## End of year assessments

End of year exams for all students in Years 7-10 will begin on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June**. This is a great chance for all students to show off what they have learned this year.

Students have been given their exam timetable and revision manifests and should start their revision over the half term break. We particularly recommend the following revision techniques:

Self quizzing to learn definitions from a knowledge organiser (see [this video](#))

Testing yourself on flashcards using the Leitner system (see [this video](#))

Completing practice questions - your teacher will provide you with these

Teachers will be giving out lots of revision tips in lessons after half term, so it's important for students to be in school every day and to get plenty of rest each night. You can find the revision manifests and exam timetables available [here](#).



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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 Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 7 - Nisrin

Year 8 - Mustapha

Year 9 - Helena

Year 10 - Yan

Year 11 - Aya



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

Year 7: Joshua

Year 8: Juan

Year 9: Alan

Year 10: Tina

Year 11: Cherise



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## House Update



Lots to update you on in terms of activities and points...although not much movement in the standings!

Aequitas have really stepped it up this term with a number of rowing wins and a competition win – they are hot in the heels of Veritas who are continuing their fine form from Term 2. Aequitas won rowing as well as two weeks worth of E-praise totals. But, Veritas have been setting the pace as well with wins at rowing, and a number of second placed finishes in various events.

We held our very own Sport Day prep by having a relay race on the main playground which involved pupils of all year groups; a fantastic way of keeping Y11 (who are revising very hard right now for their exams) engaged and happy.

We also ran a sack race on the playground by reception, and as you can see from the photos, they had lots of fun!

See below for updated scores!

### Term 3

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Aequitas</b>	<b>1225</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Veritas</b>	<b>1300</b>
=3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Caritas</b>	<b>1000</b>
=3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Unitas</b>	<b>1000</b>

### Overall

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Veritas</b>	<b>8960</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Unitas</b>	<b>8645</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Aequitas</b>	<b>8580</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Caritas</b>	<b>8040</b>



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## LBHF Council Meeting

Here at the Hurlingham Academy we are incredibly proud to be so well represented within the local council. Not only we have our academic mentor Mme Khan as the newly elected Councillor for London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham but we also have Niamh (Year 10) as youth Mayor and Anastasia as a youth member of parliament. They are all working incredibly hard and we have no doubt that you will bring about so many positive changes for the community over the next year. We look forward to working with you all.



## Key dates for weeks beginning 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June

Description	Date	Time
Start of half term 6 for all pupils	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	08:30 - 15:30
Whole school assembly	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	08:30 - 09:00
GCSE exams continue	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	08:30 - 15:30
France trip parent information evening	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	17:00 - 17:30
Year 6 transition meetings	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	16:00 - 18:00
Year 7 end of year assessments begin	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	08:30 - 15:30
Year 8 and 9 trip to France	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	All day

