



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



I was thrilled to welcome our largest number of visitors through our doors on Thursday evening at our annual Open Evening. As I always say, our doors are open to anyone who would like to see The Hurlingham Academy. However, our Open Evenings and Open Mornings do serve as a special treat. They are a chance to see the students, staff and school shine as they discuss what they are most passionate about: learning. As I joined various tour groups throughout the evening, led by our exceptional Prefect team, I noticed how much pride our students have in their school. Pupils from all years were eager to come back in the evening and spend time showing Year 6 pupils all the fantastic activities they do and just how fun secondary school can be. Year 11 Prefects spoke with authority as they described the rationale behind our systems and explained how they plan to achieve outstanding results this year. I was overwhelmed by all the positive comments from parents, who saw first hand the passion both our staff and pupils have for their school. The community spirit we have at The Hurlingham Academy really shone through. I was incredibly proud to stand in front of parents last night as principal of such a fantastic school. We will always be humble enough to strive to improve, but we are grateful enough to take real pride in what we have achieved thus far.



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

It has been another impressive week here at the academy, with pupils once more working hard on their studies both in the classroom and at home.

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

Year 11 - Adam

Year 10 - Jana

Year 9 - Rahima

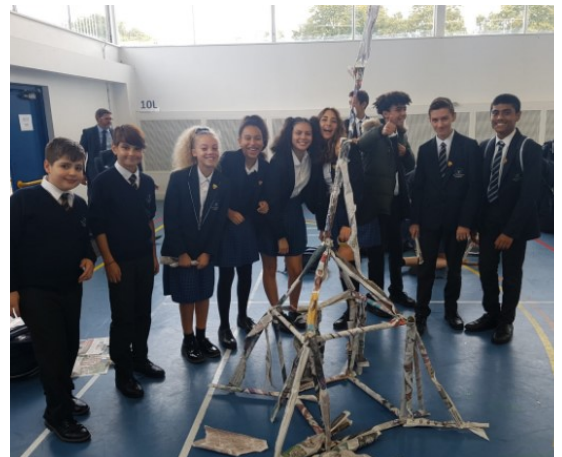
Year 8 - Chloe

Year 7 - Theo



## Tallest Tower with Mr Lewis

This week's house competition was a test to see who could build the tallest free-standing tower using newspaper and Sellotape. After being given the rules, all house teams got off to a frantic start discussing ideas and rolling newspaper columns. Caritas got off to a flying start leaving the others in their wake. However, Caritas could not maintain the blistering start as other towers went up Caritas flopped down. In the end, Aequitas were the clear winners building a tower over 6 foot tall. All teams participated and competed in good spirit. The turn out from all the years was fantastic to see, and much fun was had.



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## Open Mornings

After the success of open evening, we would like to remind all parents and members of our community we have a number of open mornings coming up throughout October and November where you will be able to come in and tour the school in action. However, as always we would like to reiterate that you do not need to wait for an open morning to come in and find out what makes us so special. Our doors really are open at all times for a tour. We look forward to seeing many prospective parents and pupils over the next couple of weeks.



## Getting to know you - Ms Coulson

**Name:** Ms Coulson

**Job:** Head of Geography

**Favourite Book:** The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

**Interesting fact about me:** I have visited every continent except for Antarctica. (Still on my list! Potentially...)

**Favourite thing about working at THA:** A great community spirit - care and mutual respect for staff and students.

**House:** Veritas



## Key dates for week beginning September 30th- Week 5

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 30th September	08:30 - 09:00
Open Morning	Monday 30th - Friday 5th October	09:00 - 12:00
Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge	Tuesday 1st October	09:00 - 15:25
Battlefields trip Meeting	Wednesday 2nd October	17:30
Welcome to GCSE Evening	Thursday 3rd October	17:30



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