



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week has been a busy week of exams for Year 10 and 11 but I'm extremely pleased with the way our students have approached the first exams of the year with such maturity and dedication. Well done! Year 7 exams start next week and I know that they will be just as prepared.

As we now head into December, the mornings and evenings are becoming darker and colder, the end of term is creeping up on us and it is so easy to become negative and complain about these ever so uncertain and difficult days we are all experiencing.

Every morning at The Hurlingham Academy a member of staff shares something that they have been reflecting on with the rest of the staff and it is a part of the day I really look forward to; one where we are all able to take a minute to stop, share and come together in our thoughts. More recently these reflections have been focused on gratitude, what we are thankful for and what we have been doing during these testing times to remain positive and hopeful. It is wonderful to hear how people are using their time to stay healthy, remain focused and appreciate what they have both in and out of school.

I have also been receiving some lovely emails from parents and students recently about how grateful they are to be a part of our school community and how lucky they are to attend a school like ours that is so supportive and committed to getting the best from everyone. It makes me so proud to know that so many of you feel this way and reminds me too just how grateful I am to be a part of such a warm and supportive school community. With this in mind, I would like this week for you all to take a moment to reflect and talk to your family and friends about what you are grateful for at this difficult time. I'll start- I am grateful that our school remains a safe and disruption free learning environment where all students have the opportunity to achieve their goals. Your turn!

Parent Survey

Our parent survey closes on Friday 4th December!
Thanks to those who have already given us your feedback. If you would still like to complete the survey, please look in your email inbox from a message from Edurio, our survey partner. If you have not received the link, please contact Blves@thehurlinghamacademy.org.uk.



Exams

Year 7 students begin their first set of exams next week. Students have already received their exam timetables and revision manifests, and these are also available in the Student section of the school website. The timetable for the exams is as follows :

Lesson	Monday 30th	Tuesday 1st	Wednesday 2nd	Thursday 3rd
1	English	Geography		
2				
3				
4				RS
5	History	MFL		
6				
7			Science	

COVID Testing Update

Unfortunately we have had to postpone our in-school COVID testing due to the lockdown period but this will now commence on Monday 30th November.

Art Project This Week

This week Year 7 have been getting creative for their colour wheel art project by baking cakes that show a variety of colours. Here are some of the delicious creations!



Mr Wilson's Weekly Commendations

I am pleased to see our pupils working to a consistently high standard both in class and 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 Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 7: Alba

Year 8: Afran

Year 9: Undram

Year 10: Atrid

Year 11: Ryan



The following students are top of the Educake science leader board this week for most correct questions answered:

Year 7: Igor

Year 8: Rudainah

Year 9: Justin

Year 10: Maryan

Year 11: Theo



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House Competitions

The first Wednesday House competition of the year was Pictionary in the Gym with Mr Charkham. Heads of Houses were eager to set a good tone for the long year ahead, and pupils responded by attending in good numbers and a competitive edge. Aequitas established an early lead while a strong Unitas team struggled to get past the opener, 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire'. Cecilia (8H) led a small Caritas unit, often just two pupils, through the early rounds to remain finish strongly in second. Veritas made short work of the 'Lion King' and 'iPhone 12', but Aequitas saw it home in the end to finish first with a mix of enthusiasm, shouting, and some excellent sketching. Despite unmatched numbers and confidence, Unitas never recovered from their slow start to end in fourth, but will surely be back, 'always learning' is their motto after all.

The second Wednesday House competition of the year was the Keepie Uppie Challenge. Pupils trying to complete as many keepie uppies for their House as possible! This was a particularly popular event for the Year 9 pupils, and competitors from all Houses put in so much effort. Big shout outs to Ashley, Nyet, Larry, Hayden, and Ali who were all present from the very beginning and tried their hardest to win for their House! Total scores were added up, and results were - Aequitas (691), Veritas (570), Unitas (476), and Caritas (304).

House Rowing from this week where Mr Charkham and Miss Hargreaves were showing lots of enthusiasm and energy to inspire the pupils!

After adding all of the Epraise weekly scores to the recent House Rowing and House Competitions, the current House table looks like this -

<u>Position</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 st	AEQUITAS	1925
2 nd	VERITAS	1450
3 rd	CARITAS	1350
4 th	UNITAS	1075



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Christmas Hampers



Help Someone This Christmas!

Thirteen million people live below the poverty line in the UK, with individuals going hungry every day for a range of reasons.

Every year I am overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community at Christmas time. On Monday 30th October, we will be launching our annual Christmas Hamper Competition. The food items that are donated will be taken to a local food bank to help those in need over the Christmas period. I'm so proud to say we have a community who is so thankful of what they have, and so committed to giving to those less fortunate. At this time of year especially, we should be grateful for the opportunity to give back to others and to share what we have. I passionately believe that we, as a school, serve our local community and that the service we provide extends beyond those of school age. Stay warm this weekend and, students, think about how you are being a positive and active part of your community.

Books Of The Week

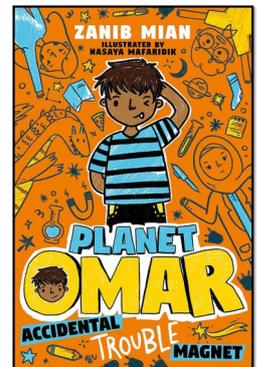
Book of the week- KS3

Planet Omar, Zanib Mian

My parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move me to a new school at the same time. As if I didn't have a hard enough time staying out of trouble at home, now I've also got to try and make new friends. What's worse, the class bully seems to think I'm the perfect target.

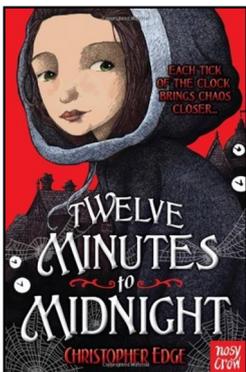
At least Eid's around the corner which means a feast (YAY) and presents (DOUBLE YAY). Well, as long as I can stay in Mum and Dad's good books long enough...

Perfect for fans of Tom Gates and Wimpy Kid!



Book of the week- KS4

Twelve Minutes To Midnight, Christopher Edge



Penelope Tredwell is the feisty thirteen-year-old orphan heiress of the bestselling magazine, The Penny Dreadful. Her masterly tales of the macabre are gripping Victorian Britain, even if no one knows she's the author. One day, a letter she receives from the governor of the notorious Bedlam madhouse plunges her into an adventure more terrifying than anything she has ever imagined.

Why are the patients of Bedlam waking every night at twelve minutes to midnight? What is the meaning of the strange messages they write? Who is the Spider Lady of South Kensington?

Penelope is always seeking mysteries to fill the pages of her magazine. But this isn't any ordinary story, it's the future.

And the future looks deadly...



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Getting to know you - Mr Scott-Davis

Name: Mr Scott-Davis

Job: Learning Support Assistant

Favourite Book: The Lonely Londoners, Sam Selvon

Interesting fact about me: I used to participate in competitive debating in my free time

Favourite thing about working at THA: The food at lunchtime

House: Caritas



Lunch menu 3 week beginning 30/11/20

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot food	Turkey fajita served with tortilla wrap and savoury rice Spicy bean burgers served with potato wedges	Pasta bar Beef Bolognese or herby tomato roasted vegetable sauce served with tricolour fusilli, grated cheese and garlic bread	Roast chicken leg served with roasted baby potatoes and gravy Spanish omelette (v)	Chicken tikka masala served with rice and mango chutney Sweet potato and butternut curry served with nan bread	Breaded fillet of pollock served with chips and tartare sauce Macaroni cheese (v)
	Pasta bar	Panini Tuna melt, Cheese and tomato, BBQ chicken	Pasta bar	Panini Tuna melt, Cheese and tomato, BBQ chicken	
Vegetables	Broccoli Florets Mexicorn	Cauliflower Carrots	Sauteed green beans Roasted Vegetables	Kale Panache of vegetables	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Jackets	Various fillings on offer daily such as cheddar cheese, tuna with low calorie mayo and baked beans				
Sweet	Chocolate and beetroot cake with custard	Apple and rhubarb crumble with fresh cream	Banana cake with custard	Coconut Sponge with Strawberry Jam	Ice Cream or Fruit Lolly
Fruit	Daily selection of seasonal fruit				

Key dates for week beginning 30/11/20

Description	Date	Time
Covid testing	Monday 30 th November	09:00 – 16:00
Exams for Yr11, Yr10, Yr7	Monday 30 th November - Thursday 3 rd December	08:25 – 15:35
No enrichment for KS3	Monday 30 th November - Thursday 3 rd December	15:00 – 16:15
Staff inset – no school for pupils	Friday 4 th December	08:25 – 15:35

