



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term. At The Hurlingham Academy this week, we have been reflecting on the importance of maximising every minute of learning time in every lesson. I calculated, and as a trained maths teacher I do hope that my maths is correct, that if just 3 minutes of lesson time is wasted each lesson, that will accumulate to 21 minutes per day, 1 hour 45 minutes per week and an astonishing 68 hours per school year. To ensure that this does not happen here at The Hurlingham Academy, we believe that consistency and clarity of routines is key. As

it was the start of a new term, I felt it was important to remind pupils of the lesson routines we all follow here at the academy, to ensure we give our pupils every chance to succeed both in the classroom and when they leave us at the end of year 11. With the help of some very questionable acting from my Senior Leadership Team, I demonstrated all routines once more to pupils, from the entry into the classroom to how we leave the school gates at the end of the day. I have been absolutely thrilled to see the routines so well embedded as I walk around the school this week, meaning teachers can get on with doing what they do best, teaching the highest quality lessons to our pupils. Next week we are celebrating World Book Day. We have events happening throughout the week from visits to local libraries to dressing up as your favourite book character on Thursday. Do take an interest in these fantastic opportunities - I may even change my character for Thursday. I can't come as James Bond for the 5th year running, can I?

## Golden Envelope Evening

On Thursday evening, we held our annual 'golden envelope evening' where year 11 pupils had their first real experience of what it will feel like in August when they pick up their results. Parents supported their children in opening up their golden envelopes to see their latest set of mock results. It was an incredibly powerful experience for all, and there were mixed emotions among the cohort. For most, it was a time to celebrate the progress they have made this year and acted as a real encouragement going into the final set of mocks. For some, it served as a real wake up call. Better to have this experience now while there is still time to act. We hope the evening put all their hard work into perspective and we wish all year 11 pupils the best of luck in their next set of mocks.



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

Over the half term, it was lovely to see our pupils continuing to work hard on their studies, and as always we like to celebrate those pupils who have gone above and beyond. Congratulations this week go to the following pupils, who made it to the top of our maths and science leaderboards this week:

Top of the leaderboard for Hegarty Maths this week are:

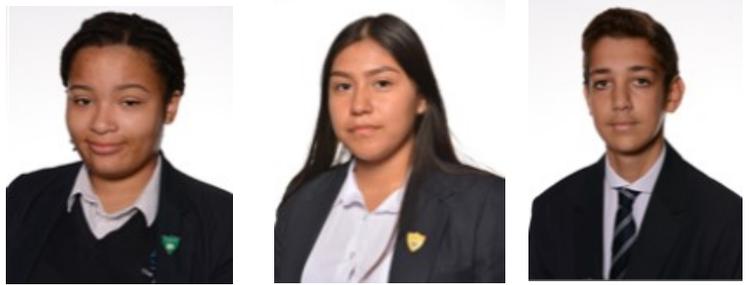
Year 11 - Savanna

Year 10 - Abigail

Year 9 - Adem

Year 8 - Chloe

Year 7 - Megan



Top of the leaderboard for Educake science this week are:

Year 11 - Lana

Year 10 - Rafaela

Year 9 - Mischa

Year 8 - Arian

Year 7 - Tate



## KS3 and Year 10 Reports

Key stage 3 and year 10 reports have been emailed to parents. We encourage all parents to check that they have received their child's report. If you have any questions regarding your child's report please do not hesitate to contact the school.



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## KS4 Assessment Cycle



Today year 11 received their assessment manifests and year 10 will be receiving theirs on Monday. Manifests outline exactly what knowledge will be tested during each exam. Within the manifest, there is also a mock exam timetable. I encourage pupils to use these and ensure they are planning their revision carefully. Remember some useful revision strategies include creating a mind-map of key topics; learning key vocabulary and memorising information and then self-quizzing to check your own understanding. Past papers will also be key. Please ensure you ask your teachers if you would like any help with exam preparation or accessing exam resources. You will also be able to find the assessment manifests on the school website.

## Bugsy Malone

We are all incredibly excited for Hurlingham Academy's first school musical: Bugsy Malone which will be showing on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March. The musical is a comedy designed to mock the 1920's gangster lifestyle in New York, and promised to be filled with catchy songs, slapstick comedy and faces full of pie! Audiences are invited to join in the 1920's spirit and wear any flapper dresses or double-breasted suits they have around the house. Tickets on sale at reception at a cost of £2 for adults and £1 for children. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Corona Virus

We would like to reassure all parents that we are closely following the Department for Education guidelines regarding Corona virus. If any pupils have visited or are in contact with anyone who has visited any of the affected areas since 19th February, please inform the school immediately. For more information and all the latest government advice, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>.

## Key dates for week beginning March 2nd - Week 1

| Description               | Date  | Time          |
|---------------------------|---|---------------|
| Whole School Assembly     | Monday 2nd March  | 08:25 - 09:00 |
| Year 10 and 11 Mock Exams | Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March | 08:25 - 15:30 |
| Bugsy Malone Performance  | Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March                                 | 17:30—19:30   |
| World Book Day            | Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                                      | 08:25 - 15:30 |



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