



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



First impressions matter. It is so important to me that we present the very best version of ourselves around the academy. At times, this can be a challenge, but I believe it is one worth facing. By looking smart, speaking clearly and showing respect, people will buy into you as a person and be more willing to work alongside you. That is why, on Monday, I introduced our 'First Impressions' card. The cards are a simple way for us to help students hold themselves to account on the small details that make up a first impression: a tucked in shirt, for example. We believe this will support pupils in being successful later in life when they are in further education, work or training. For most pupils, they are already in great habits when it comes to representing themselves well. For others, this week has shown that (with a little extra effort) they can be smart and presentable 100% of the time. I am so pleased to see our pupils checking their own uniform before entering the building, rather than needing a member of staff to remind them. Everything I introduce at The Hurlingham Academy is with the pupils' interests at heart, this card is no exception. I really appreciate parents who have been in touch with their feedback and, as ever, please do get in touch with your thoughts. After all, as I remind the pupils every week in assembly: this is *our* school.

## Guess the Intro with Mme Grubb

This week's House competition was 'Guess the intro' with Miss Grubb. Students had to listen to the first 10 seconds of a selection of classic and modern pop songs, and write down the name of the artist (one point) and the song (one point) that they thought they were hearing. Aequitas and Veritas were neck and neck throughout, with some real pop connoisseurs showing off their knowledge, but in the end Aequitas just stole first prize, followed by Veritas, Unitas and then Caritas.

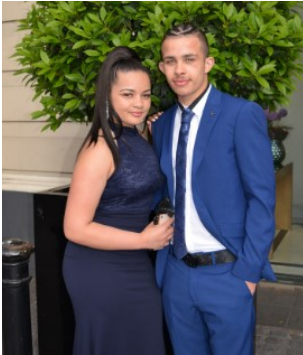
## Carmen the opera

On Wednesday, 30 Year 7's joined 500 students from 40 other United Learning schools to perform Carmen the opera. Pupils in Year 7 have been studying Carmen in their music lessons throughout the year and it was great to see it come to life on stage. Our pupils have been working incredibly hard during enrichment on Mondays to ensure that they put on the best performance possible. The Hurlingham Academy had a solo part and absolutely smashed it. Call me bias, but I believe that they were the stars of the show. We would like to say well done to all pupils involved and a particular well done to Mr Clarke for all his hard work over the past year. It truly was a spectacular show.



## Year 11 Prom

Last Friday we held our Year 11 Prom. Every year the pupils come suited and booted and this year they did not disappoint. Each and every one looked absolutely stunning, and we didn't have to tell a single person to tuck their shirt in all evening! It was so nice to spend the evening celebrating all their achievements over the past 5 years, and really seeing them let their hair down after the GCSEs. We hope they all have a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing them all in August for results day.



## Prefects

On Monday we welcomed our new team of prefects and they have been busy training throughout the week to ensure they are fully prepared to serve our community over the next year. Well done to all who applied, we are proud to have you representing our academy and look forward to working with you all.



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## Mr Wilson's Commendations

It may have been the third week of assessments but our pupils showed no signs of slowing down or tiring. This was reflected in the maths and English leaderboards, where we say a phenomenal number of hours being completed on Hegarty Maths and an even more impressive number of words read. Congratulations this week also go to the following pupils:

This week's **Hegarty leaderboard** is as follows:

Year 10 - Valentina

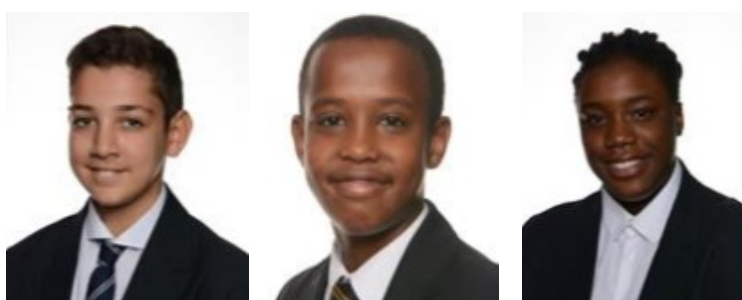
Year 9 - Abdulahi

Year 8- Phoebe

Year 7- Nouman



There was no change in the reading leaderboard this week, with Unitas once again topping the table. For the second week running our top readers are Gabriela, Adem, Luqmaan and Precious. Well done to all.



## Key dates for week beginning July 1st - week 2

Description	Date	Time
Year 9 Graduation	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	1:45 - 3:40pm
Summer Concert	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	5:00pm
Year 6 Parents Evening	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	5:30 - 6:30pm
Sports Day	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	8:30am - 3.30pm



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