



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



On Wednesday we held our induction evening for our new Year 7s who will be coming to us in September. Although it was a very different induction day to normal, I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. It felt great to be able to talk to parents and pupils about how we work here at The Hurlingham Academy and all the opportunities their children can look forward to when they start with us. When talking through all the opportunities we offer, it once again made me so incredibly proud of all that we do for our pupils on a daily basis. I couldn't wish for a more supportive community to work with and be a part of. The evening also gave me so much hope for September. I know at times lockdown and home schooling can feel never ending, but I have been busy working with my senior management team this week to plan for a safe reopening for all Year groups in September. I am incredibly proud of the plans we have put together and I am confident that come September, we will be able to offer a wide and varied curriculum for all pupils, whilst following government guidelines to ensure we keep all pupils and staff safe. I will be sharing these plans with you all in the upcoming weeks. With one week of this academic year left, let's make sure that we all finish well by engaging fully in online learning next week to ensure we give ourselves the best starting point when we return in September.

UKMT Maths Challenge Results

School closures didn't prevent our top mathematicians in Years 7 and 8 from entering the junior UKMT maths challenge. Pupils were competing with other pupils from all over the country. As ever, the test paper was incredibly challenging but our pupils showed real resilience in completing the paper from home. We would like to



say a massive congratulations to the following pupils for achieving a silver or bronze certificate; Jordan A (bronze), Jack B (bronze), Charlie G (bronze), Bilal A (silver), Siobhan C (silver), Javohirbek Ne (silver), Victor R (silver), Anais A (bronze), Toghrul B (bronze), Gabriela C (bronze), Filip F (bronze), Wissam G (bronze), Brandon D (silver), Simon F (silver), Chenrui G (silver), Arian K (silver) and Chloe L (silver). We would also like to congratulate Chloe Z who not only achieved top of the school, earning herself a gold award, but rather impressively she also scored the same as Dr Payne when he sat it! We look forward to welcoming you in the department as a maths teacher very soon! If you want to try your mathematical skills and see if you can beat Dr Payne and Chloe, have a go at the following question:

Susan is attending a talk at her son's school. There are 8 rows of 10 chairs where 54 parents are sitting. Susan notices that every parent is either sitting on their own or next to just one other person. What is the largest possible number of adjacent empty chairs in a single row at that talk?



Mr Wilson's Commendations

Again, pupils have been busy working on their assessments and lessons, both at school and at home. This week's commendations are as follows:

Team English would like to say well done to the following top readers this week; Alfred R, Giff N, Anastasia G, Mahad H, Undram M, Hasan J A, Omar A H, Mohamed A and Mason M.

The Science department want to say well done to the following pupils for their work on edu-cake; Taliyah M S, Jude A, Isadora B, Giorgio D and Aedriel B.

Mme Mowbary would like to congratulate Year 8 who this week have been learning about the Civil Rights Movement in Britain and the contributions made by people who moved to live in the UK after WW2. Student were asked to design a memorial to celebrate the contributions of the Windrush generation' she has been incredibly impressed with all the work submitted.



Finally the geography department would like to congratulate the following pupils for being Seneca superstars, topping the table this week; Miya, Meron, Badriyah, Imiya (Y7), Benjamin, Abigail, Na-Sean (Y8), Victoria, Ana, Teja and Giorgio (Y10).

Well done to all the above pupils and keep up the hard work.

Recommended Reading– Run Riot, Nikesh Shukla

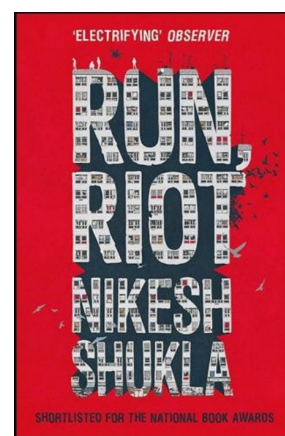
Run Riot, Nikesh Shukla

Taran and her twin brother Hari never wanted to move to Firestone house. But when the rent was doubled overnight and Dad's chemo meant he couldn't work, they had to make this tower block their home. It's good now though; they feel like they are part of something here.

When they start noticing boarded-up flats and glossy new flyers for expensive apartments, they don't think much of it– until Hari is caught up in a tragedy, and they are forced to go on the run.

It's up to these teenagers to uncover the sinister truth behind what's going on in the block, before it blows their world apart.

An adrenaline-fuelled, powerful YA novel about young people taking charge of their own destiny. A novel about standing up and being counted.



What are you currently reading? – Mme Reid-Nelson



I have just finished the book Drop the Ball by Tiffany Dufu. I was recommended this book by a friend and have been reading this book as part of a little group with my girlfriend. During lockdown its been another reason to keep in touch with them and share ideas about things.

I found the book brilliant and would highly recommend and it has taught me that sometimes in order to really achieve and excel you have to learn to trust in others and trust yourself to let go.



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