



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message

The world of education does not stand still for long, as evidenced in this month's cabinet reshuffle. As school leaders, we have found ourselves with a new Secretary for Education and, perhaps, with him new values, policies and plans. It is our job to stay true to our values and my promise to our students will remain the same: The Hurlingham Academy will become one of the best schools in London. Despite the turbulence at no. 10, it's business as usual here. I must reward Year 11 students who have worked incredibly hard in the exam



hall this week sorting their mocks. We are excited to see parents on January 25th when students will relieve that golden envelope of results. Our Spring Term enrichment activities for all KS3 students started brilliantly this week; gymnastics in particular was a favourite among students. A new year is a great chance to grasp at a new opportunity. Why not start a new club, learn a new skill or simply try a new genre of book?

Sporting Achievements– KS3 Basketball



After a nice brisk walk to Fulham Cross, our squad was ready to get down to business. A first match against West London Free School turned out to be a nice warm up for our evening; winning the game 14-2. Notable performance from Amelia-Grace who was dominant at both baskets, as well as Makyla and Isis both getting on the score sheet. The second match was tougher, with Burlington Danes

Academy putting up more of a fight. We had to remain structured and organised when defending, and despite allowing BDA to score 2 baskets we were far too dominant once again, as we scored 5 of our own, ending the game as 10-4 winners. Gintare, Lana, Doris, and Savanna were all working hard defensively to ease the pressure and to initiate our attacks, getting the ball quickly to Isis, Amelia-Grace, and Makyla. The final match against last year's winners was extremely close until the final few minutes. Amelia was our Most Valuable Player in the tournament as she finished the final game with 11 points (one amazing 3 pointer), and along with the contribution of one basketball from Makyla we ended the match as 13-9 winners. We now represent the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham in the London Youth Games in yet another sport, as we already represent every age group in handball. Well done to the girls, fantastic!



Punk Fashion Competition with Ms Robinson

This week's big House Competition saw the students producing a Punk Fashion Show. Each House team was provided with 5 black bin bags, 5 white bin bags, a measuring tape and a roll of cellotape. Students had just 30 minutes to create the best punk outfit possible on one House member. They produced some incredible costumes in the time, and the atmosphere in the art room was truly buzzing. Caritas stormed to victory, followed by Unitas, Veritas and Aequitas. Well done to everyone that took part!



New House Competition– Short Tennis



This Thursday marked the start of a new house competition run by Ms Mulcahey, short tennis. It was great to see pupils of all ages competing against each other in an attempt to win points for their house. The school gym was filled with gaming spirit. It was a closely fought battle but in the end, it was Caritas who claimed their third victory of the week. An outstanding performance by Caritas this week. With 4 opportunities per week to win house points, I have a feeling the leader board may be about to change. Look out Unitas!

Getting to know you— Ms Mowbray

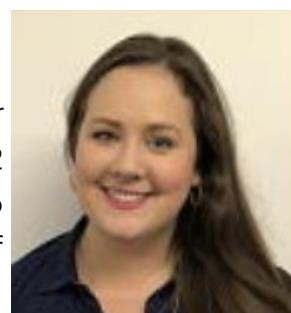
Name: Ms Mowbray

Job: Teacher of History

Favourite Book: : 'The Lost Art of Keeping Secrets', It's about a teenager growing up after WW2 and being caught between the sadness of WW2 and the excitement of being a teenager in the 1950s, full of invitations to glamorous parties, an intriguing amateur magician and the dawn of Rock and Roll.

Interesting fact about me: When I was at school I was an 'extra' in a TV programme called 'Teachers' – maybe it was predicting the future?!

1st impressions of THA: I've really enjoyed it so far, the students and teachers I have met so far



Key dates for week beginning January 15th —week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 15th January	8.30—9am
Year 7, 8, 9 Maths Assessments	Monday 15th—Thursday 18th	Lesson time



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