



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message

This week marks another busy week at The Hurlingham Academy. As ever, students are working hard both in and out of their lessons and demonstrating some excellent revision skills in the lead up to their assessments. We have also had our regular House Rowing competition where 157 students took part in the challenge to row as far as they can in 1 minute, representing their House. I was so impressed by their commitment and team spirit as they cheered one another on.



This week also marks the beginning of our Parent Teacher Association. I am really grateful to parents for the time they spend giving us feedback and support; the PTA will be a way to action some of these ideas. The main aim of the PTA is to increase collaboration between staff and parents at the school. This might include fundraising, offering extra opportunities for students and generating new ideas that will help the school on our journey to Outstanding. I would love for as many parents as possible to join us for the first official PTA meeting on Monday, 4th of December at 6pm.

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the Academy's Ofsted report is now officially published. You can read the full report by following the link below or visiting the school website.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/141617>

Language Lunch

Language Lunch began on Friday with a mass game of bingo! Students competed to see who would be the fastest to complete their bingo card (though some were just the fastest at eating all the snacks)!

Language Lunch is run by Ms Keene on Friday lunchtimes and is a chance for students who speak another language to meet one another and learn English. All students are welcome (from Year 7 to Year 11) as well as staff. Each week, there will be a different game to play (as well as some delicious treats). This is a great chance to make friends and meet other members of the school community that you might not usually get the chance to speak to.

Come and join us in the library on Friday lunchtimes for Language Lunch!



House Spelling Bee with Ms Subhan

This week Veritas had the pleasure of hosting the much awaited Spelling Bee during the house competition on Wednesday. As always, competitive spirit was high, with all houses buzzing to beat one another. It was lovely to see so many pupils, even students who find spelling tough at the best of times, rising to the occasion. This willingness to get involved and try is a true reflection of the Hurlingham house spirit.



Two hotly contested rounds took place – Anagram Solving and an Individual House Spellathon. Unitas deservedly took first place by finishing first in both rounds! Whilst second place was a tight race between Veritas and Caritas, Veritas' great run in the second round saw them snatching second place. Commiserations to Aeqitas, who finished fourth in both rounds – a turnaround must be on the cards for them soon, surely?

Sporting News

The success of our KS4 basketball team continues to grow. This week they beat Burlington Danes Academy with a comfortable 29-5 victory. Unfortunately they were less successful against Hammersmith Academy, losing 13- 22. A valiant effort nonetheless. Well done to all those involved.



Getting to know you— Ms Hiscocks

Name: Ms Hiscocks

Job: Teacher of Religious Education

Favourite Book: A Fine Balance

Interesting fact about me: I'm a twin.

1st impressions of THA: Extremely supportive and engaging. I brought my mum in for a visit and she said the school had "a very lovely feel".



Key dates for week beginning November 20th —week 2

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	21.11.17	8.30-9.00
Year 9 Parents Evening	23.11.17	17.00—19.00
Staff Inset (pupils not in school)	24.11.17	All day



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