



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message

On Monday, we have our first drop-down day for PSHCE and House competitions. PSHCE is an important part of our school curriculum and during this day, all students will be participating in a range of discussions around their personal health and well-being. We expect really high level discussions and contributions from all pupils; I'm excited to hear what they have to say about such interesting topics. After break, the entire school will participate in House competitions including The Apprentice, Dodgeball and Debating. The Heads of House have prepared some really challenging and exciting resources and Ms Ling (Director of Houses) has increased the points available: Monday could result in Unitas finally losing that top spot!



From Tuesday next week, pupils in Year 7 – Year 10 will be sitting their first set of formal assessments. These assessments are cumulative, testing their knowledge on all topics they have learnt since September. Pupils need to ensure they are prepared. 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. It is vitally important that the pupils perform to the best of their ability throughout assessment week, as the results will be used to move pupils into new groups in all subjects. Pupils have revision materials from their teachers and they should use these to ensure they feel confident and prepared for every assessment. The manifests, revision materials and additional material are available on the school website and Show My Homework. I encourage all pupils to work hard and rest well over their long weekend. They need to come back on Monday ready to win House points, then demonstrate their knowledge and skills in their assessments for the rest of the week.

## Scholars Club

On Wednesday, the Scholar's Club gained a fascinating insight into the life of an author from Harriet Paige, who recently published "Man with a Seagull on His Head". Her novel took 10 years to write and we heard about the resilience required to be a writer and the importance of always carrying a notebook with you. Some excellent questions were asked by the students who were interested to find out exactly how she writes. This turns out to be a combination of initial writing on paper (which gets thrown away) followed by "crafting" the words using a computer. We are looking forward to the next Scholar's Club on 6th December when we will hear about "Public Policy".



## House Logo Competition with Ms Hateley

This week's house competition was 'Guess the Logo' where pupils were given a series of worksheets with pictures of increasingly difficult logos on them. Their knowledge of logos was very impressive. From 'Napster' to 'Yamaha' the students knew them all. One of the only logos no one recognised was 'Telephonica'. Clearly the logo app is a favourite amongst our pupils.

Unitas and Caritas fought a close battle for 1st place, with Unitas eventually reigning logo champions. Veritas took a well deserved 3rd place, with Aequitas unfortunately taking 4th place once more. However, with a day filled with house competitions on Monday, and more points up for grabs than ever before (up to 800 points to be exact), I've no doubt that an Aequitas comeback is on the cards.



## Getting to know you— Ms Alvarez-Cabo

**Name:** Ms Alvarez-Cabo

**Job:** Spanish teacher

**Favourite Book:** The Shadow of the Wind

**Interesting fact about me:** I have a degree in journalism and worked for the Spanish Television

**1st impressions of THA:** I love the community and there are many opportunities to get involved. It's a great place to work!



## Key dates for week beginning November 27th —week 1

Description	Date	Time
PSHE and House Drop Down Day	27.11.17	All day
Years 7-10 Assessment Week	28.11.17—04.12.17	17.00—19.00



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