



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



At this point in the year at The Hurlingham Academy, we take the time to reflect on just how lucky we are and begin to consider how we can help others. Charities change the lives of people in need every day with even the smallest of donations making a large impact in a community.

Next week, there is a chance for you to raise money for your house every single day! The Heads of House have planned a superb week with a competition every lunchtime and even more events after school.

Some competitions will require confidence - could you perform your favourite song in front of your class mates? Some will require sporting prowess - will you master the obstacle course in the fastest time? Others seem to me to require enormous amounts of bravery...but I will leave that for you to discover on Friday lunchtime for yourselves! (I shall just be paying for a seat in the audience for that particular competition.)

Remember to bring extra money to school next week to donate to charity. Good luck to all four houses and enjoy yourselves.

Art Attack with Ms Hatley

This week's House Competition was 'Art Attack!'. Each house was given a large sheet of white paper and some paint. They were told to get creative and make a mural that represented their house. The art rooms were full with pupils and the house creations were brilliant. The honour of judging was given to our wonderful art teachers Madam Francis and Madam Sharp. Both teachers were very impressed by all the murals, but had to decide on a winner. Their final decision was Unitas in 1st position, followed by Aequitas, Caritas and Veritas. Well done to all those who took part.



UKMT Maths Challenge

On Thursday, 70 pupils from years 9, 10 and 11 sat the national Intermediate Maths Challenge, run by the UK Mathematics Trust. The challenge is an hour long multiple choice paper, made up of intriguing questions designed to stimulate interest in maths in pupils. The top 40% of pupils in the country are awarded a certificate (in either bronze, silver or gold) and the very best students in the country are invited to take part in the next round. It's the first year that the school has entered the challenge, and we have our fingers crossed for when the results come out next month!



Sporting News



The U15 girls football team travelled to Westway for a QPR league match against Sion Manning. The girls pressed high from the start with Charlene leading from the front. It didn't take us long to get the first with Amelia slotting home with a powerful shot. Paige, Shayma and Chloe L were excellent in defence winning the ball back for THA against a couple of tricky strikers for Sion Manning. By half time it was 3-0 thanks to an intelligent brace from Charlene. The second half brought more joy for THA with a lovely team goal including a couple of exquisite passes from Makyla and Paige finished off by Isis. Savannah was busier in goal in the 2nd half and made a number of saves to keep the ball out of our net but Sion Manning replied with two for themselves. Cherene rounded it off with another great team goal and ended the game 5-2 Hurlingham. You go girls!

Our year 8 boys football team also had a successful week, beating Pheonix School by an outstanding score of 9-5. All of the boys worked extremely hard for each other and showed excellent skill and technique. Alejandro was outstanding in goal and was given MVP. Well done to Alejandro, Loyan, Ryan H, Shuab, Daniel, Jake, Lorenzo, Deniz, Luqmann, Giorgio and Nick. A great week for sports here at the Hurlingham Academy, Well done to all those involved.



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Mr Wilson's Commendations

Again, it has been lovely to see so many pupils working on their studies both in the classroom and at home. I can't stress the importance of consolidating your knowledge at home. I would like to congratulate the following pupils who made it to the top of our Maths, Science and English leader boards this week:

This week's Hegarty Leader Board is as follows:

Year 11- Christopher

Year 10- Melak

Year 9- Lian

Year 8- Abigail

Year 7- Sebastian

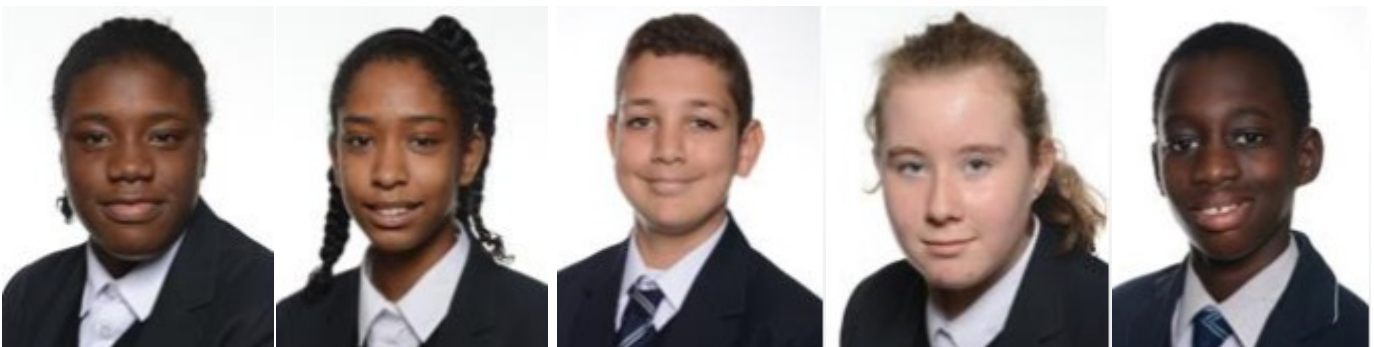


It's great to see some new faces on the leader board this week. A particular congratulations to Melak who came top of the whole school after completing a phenomenal 9 hours of learning in 1 week.



Top of the Tassomai leader board this week are Allyssa and Kayza, both of whom have now completed 69% of the course. I would also like to congratulate Jon and Bethel T for answering the most questions correctly on Tassomai this week.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Precious, Lesharn, Adem, Molly and Mashal as these were our top readers from each house. Excellent work and well done for earning so many points for your respective houses.



Scholars club

Scholars' Club this week was a presentation about Film Character Development by Dr Danica Giles. She talked about the way that characters in stories are created with conflict within them that brings about inner change as the plot also develops. The most interesting idea was one of the difference between what characters want and what they need. The conflict comes as our favourite characters (she talked about Gru from Despicable Me) start off desiring something that is not good for them because of a 'flaw' in their character or a lie they believe about themselves, or that thing they want. Great stories will have their characters change for the better (or worse!) as they start to realise the thing they need, and face a choice about whether to embrace or reject it. The Hurlingham Academy students, as ever, dominated the airwaves with their questions such as 'what is the spark for character change?' (Shiloh, Yr7) and 'does a character always need conflict?' Malachi (Yr8). Helpfully, Dr Giles also described her path into psychology into this niche area of research, a route the scholars are now aware of and may look to follow!

Getting to know you— Mr Clarke

Name: Mr Clarke

Job: Head of Music

Favourite Book: Murder on the Orient Express, although I am yet to see the film.

Interesting fact about me: I enjoy composing and have composed a number of live concerts.

1st impressions of THA: I was really impressed with the number of talented musicians we have in the school. I think this is a really exciting time for the music department.



Key dates for week beginning February 5th —week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 5th February	8.30—9am
Charity week	Monday 5th—Friday 9th February	All week
PSHCE and House Drop Down Day	Tuesday 6th February	All day
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 8th February	4.30– 7.00 pm
Golden Postcard Trip	Thursday 8th February	8.30am—3.25pm
PTA Bake Sale	Friday 9th February	1.05—1.45pm
Break up for Half Term	Friday 9th February	3.25 pm



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