



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message

I would like to wish everyone in The Hurlingham Academy community a very happy New Year. I hope that our pupils, parents, governors and staff all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

As ever at The Hurlingham Academy, we are full steam ahead putting our goals for the New Year into action. For Year 11, any resolutions that have been made to revise more diligently; take care of your well-being or to simply continue to make the school proud must be put into action immediately: your mock exams start Monday 8th January. These mock exams are not only an important chance for you to practise your exam skills but also an opportunity to take stock of what you do and do not know. This set of results will be given to Year 11 parents at our Golden Envelope Parents' Evening on Thursday the 25th of January. We hope this will help Year 11 to feel the reality of receiving a whole set of results and allow them to decide on the next steps from there.

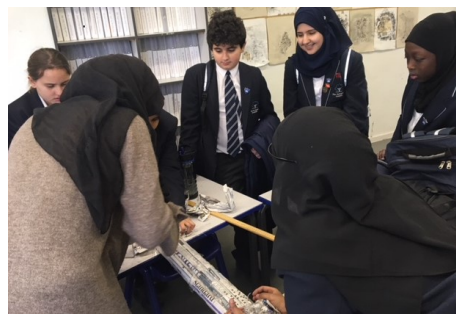
For the rest of us, the busy term ahead holds much promise. We have Charity Week coming up where each House will compete to see who can raise the most money for their House charity. There are new KS3 Enrichment opportunities which begin on Monday 8th of January from 3.15 - 4.30. There are a total of 17 clubs available in the Spring Term; ensure you make the most of this opportunity. Year 10 students will begin to build their portfolios to try and gain the esteemed Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award by committing to a weekly skill, service and physical activity.

There is much to look forward to in 2018 and, as ever, the school is here to serve its local community. We welcome visitors at any time, no appointment necessary to come and see just what we do here at The Hurlingham Academy everyday.



## Bridge Building Competition with Ms Hateley

This week's Wednesday House Competition was 'The Strongest Bridge Competition'. All four houses came up with some excellent constructions made up of just newspaper and cello tape. The strongest bridge was judged by which bridge could hold the most weight from a piece of string. When it came to the initial judging, none of the bridges collapsed or broke in anyway which was very impressive. Further weights needed to be put on the bridges before the string snapped on each of them. Once more it was Aequitas who reigned top of the construction challenges, with Caritas taking a well deserved second, Unitas 3rd and Veritas in 4th. Well done to all those who took part.



## Boxing for Grenfell

A little over six months ago, the tragedy of Grenfell Tower burning down in West London shocked our community. As a school, we feel the need to recognise how lucky we are to have our health and to be safe. It is equally important to us that we recognise and remember those who lost loved ones and their homes on that night and in June, we raised £890 for Grenfell by having a non-uniform day.

This event was especially close to the hearts of two students at Hurlingham, Jake and Owen Edwards. They used to train at a boxing gym inside the tower (Dale Youth) and thought they had lost this vital part of their lives when Grenfell burned down. Fortunately, the community rallied and set up a new club as quickly as possible.

Gary, who runs the club describes: "Boxing clubs are just little places run by people who love the game. It's not about making money, it's about community." David who also trains at the gym said, "I was worried about where we were going to move to – that's still a worry now, but we have to stay positive. Boxing helps, as it keeps you focused."

As a school, we are so proud of the commitment that Jake and Owen have shown, both to their sport and their community. It is so important to be resilient and this group of young athletes have gone above and beyond!



## Getting to know you— Ms McPherson

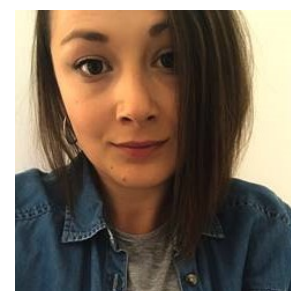
**Name:** Ms McPherson

**Job:** Teacher of RE

**Favourite Book:** The Harry Potter series. The Order of the Phoenix was my favourite.

**Interesting fact about me:** I once broke my back in a football related accident.

**1st impressions of THA:** I love it! I like the fact that it is so small and welcoming, and I love how happy the teachers and pupils are.



## Key dates for week beginning January 8th —week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 8th January	8.30—9am
Year 11 mocks	Monday 8th—Friday 12th	All day
Year 8 Parent's Evening	Thursday 11th January	16.30



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