



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



It has been great to see how hard Year 11 are working this week: today marks 63 days to go until their first GCSE exam. As ever, parents' and carers' support of their children at home is vital to their success. You only get one shot at secondary education and we want the absolute best possible outcomes for students at The Hurlingham Academy.

We are looking forward to seeing all Year 11 parents on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January for Parents' Evening. All classroom teachers will be there to speak with you

about mock exam results; the progress your child is making and key revision strategies to use in the next 63 days.

The rest of the school have also made me proud to be their Head teacher this week. Students are working hard, arriving to school on time and being their usual polite and courteous selves. For me, one of the most enjoyable parts of my day is saying "Good morning" 300 times!

Finally, I'd like to share a very important reminder about our expectations for students' use of mobile phones in school. As per our home school agreement, if students bring their phones to school, they must be switched off and in their bag. We want students focussed on their lessons during the school day so do be mindful that they must not use them at all during school hours. Should you need to get hold of your child during the school day, please call reception and we will ensure the message reaches them promptly.

## KS3 Basketball Competition with Mr Cheetham



KS3 Basketball was this week's house competition. Unitas dominated the early games beating Aequitas and Caritas 10-0. However, Veritas put in an outstanding performance, winning both their games too which set up a fantastic finale with Unitas. In the final, Amelia

-Grace scored a great 3 pointer early on. Unitas were pushing for a response and it did come from Omari on the buzzer but it wasn't enough. Veritas crowned BB Champions, followed by Unitas, Caritas and Aequitas. An excellent team effort and performance from Veritas!



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

As part of the newsletter, I felt it was important to include a section that recognises all the outstanding work and achievements of our pupils here at the Hurlingham Academy.

The first two pupils I would like to recognise are Vienna O'Malley and Elisabetta Moscato, both of whom are in year 7. Since they joined us in September, these pupils have been raising money for our PTA and last week handed me a bag with £119.25 in it. I must stress that no one had asked these two pupils to fund raise, it was completely their own idea and carried out in their own time. It is such a generous donation and I look forward to meeting with the PTA to discuss how we can best use this money. Charity and fundraising is something we take great pride in and Vienna and Elisabetta are incredible role models. I look forward to working closely with these two on many more fundraising opportunities in the future.



I also think it is important to recognise the hard work our pupils put into their studies, both in lessons and at home. I believe education extends much further than the classroom, and I am so pleased to see so many pupils putting in the extra hours at home. Each week I would like to recognise and congratulate those pupils spending the most time on Hegarty Maths and Tassomai (a computer based programme designed to help year 11 revise for their science GCSE).

Top of the leader board for Hegarty Maths this week are:

Year 7 - Molly Hayes

Year 8 - Layan Bin Dayel

Year 9 - Jamil Meadows



Year 10 - Rebecca Diegone (top of the whole school for the second week running. An amazing achievement Rebecca, you should be incredibly proud).

Year 11 - Elizabeth Wilkins

The Tassomai students of the week for performance are Elissavet-Loudoviki Germanidou, who has already completed 100% of the entire GCSE course, and Christopher Corbin who is on 94%. The Tassomai students of the week for accuracy are Elissavet-Loudoviki Germanidou and Ronald Mosquera.



## Sporting News

This week it was the turn of our year 8 boys football team to represent the academy. The boys turned up for their game very excited as it was their first this academic year. The boys started very well, keeping possession of the football in the middle of the pitch and there were some great touches from Jake, Nik and Deniz in particular. Seifalla made some outstanding saves in goal, with the help of the four in front of him; Giorgio, Ryan, Daniel and Loyan. It was great to see such team work on the pitch. Alejandro also made an excellent save from the penalty spot. Although we lost the game, there are huge positives to take away and build on. Well done Year 8, brilliant attitude and bring on our next match!



## Getting to know you— Mr El-Dien

**Name:** Mr El-Dien

**Job:** Learning Support Assistant

**Favourite Book:** The Life of Pi.

**Interesting fact about me:** Not many people know this but I have actually had two fictional stories published.

**1st impressions of THA:** The academy is an incredibly warm and welcoming place to work. Everyone is so friendly and it is nice to see how everyone supports each other.



## Key dates for week beginning January 22nd —week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole school assembly	Monday 22nd January	8.30—9am
Student Council Meeting	Monday 22nd January	2.30– 3.15pm
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 25th January	4.30—6.30pm



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