



## Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week I have been up north to Manchester for a leadership conference. Leadership is a funny concept. It is best understood with reference to its opposite: following. Following the wrong crowd does not tend to end well. Being a follower is not always bad: where we follow the right influences, they can lead us to greatness. Whether it's a parent, a youth worker, a business person, or religious figure, the right leader can inspire us to do more and be more than we knew we could. So, we are all followers.

However, we are also all leaders. You may not even notice, but there are people who will be following your example. It might be your little brother, or your classmates, someone you play football with or you see at the bus stop. It's important we are mindful and intentional about who we follow and how we lead.

We never know who we are making an impression on, so it's important we always behave with integrity. We can be propelled forward or led astray by those we admire, so it's critical we make the right decision about who we follow, as well. This week, think carefully about who you're led by and how you lead.

## Year 7 at PGL

Last Friday morning, thirty of our very excited Year 7s hopped on a bus bound for PGL Marchants Hill, in Surrey. Upon arrival they were split into three different groups, and got stuck straight in to the first activities of the weekend – zip wire and archery. Chickayzea surprised us all with his impressive archery skills, and we were very impressed with the bravery of many students who overcame their fears on the zip wire. We woke up on Saturday morning to discover that the 'Beast from the East' was back with a vengeance. All thirty students headed out, determined to complete the morning's activity of raft-building. However, only the twelve most resilient and courageous stayed on to brave the elements, finishing their raft in a snow blizzard and boarding it on the freezing lake. Saturday night's boy v girl dance-off in the disco definitely got everyone's circulation going again, and we all watched on in awe as Seb and Tyler whipped out some serious moves. The weekend was jam-packed with activities and laughter, and even in spite of the arctic conditions, our Year 7s made the most of every minute. We were all very sad to leave on Sunday afternoon!



## John Lyons Project

On Tuesday six of our Year 9 students Nam, Jude, Lana, Precious, Hermon and Gintare gave their presentation for the John Lyons and Facing History project they have been working on since January. Students from five schools across London took part, each presenting on a topic they felt strongly about, followed by a panel discussion. The whole presentation was led by the students, who planned, researched and rehearsed completely in their own time. The other presentations included topics such as gender stereotyping and cultural representation in the curriculum. The Hurlingham students chose to focus their presentation on the important topic of depression and suicide, which they communicated very passionately and to great effect.



## Run for Chocolate with Ms Robinson

This week's house competition saw the students battling it out on an Easter themed assault course. Students first had to bunny hop through rope ladders, before picking up a Crème Egg and spoon. At the end of the race, first and second place had to race to unwrap their chocolate and eat it as fast as possible. Caritas stormed to victory, closely followed by Aequitas, with Unitas and Veritas in a solid joint third. Well done to all students that took part – it was EGGCELLENT!



## Mr Wilson's Commendations

I always believe that it is important to recognise all the positive work our pupils do both in lessons and outside. We have had both Year 11 and 10 mocks in recent times and teachers have been commenting on the strong correlation they are noticing between those pupils making the top of the leader boards and those achieving great results in their exams. I noticed on Twitter this week that when asked about what further work pupils can do to ensure they achieve a 9 at GCSE, Colin Hegarty pointed out the strong link between pupils completing 100% of the course on Hegarty Maths and achieving a 9. This was certainly a pattern we noticed last year with our pupils who achieved a 9 in maths. Hard work really does pay off. Congratulations this week also go to 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 - Elizabeth  
Year 10 - Joel  
Year 9 - Omar  
Year 8 - Abdulahi  
Year 7 - Phoebe



Elizabeth has topped the whole school leader board for a third week running. I've no doubt an Easter Egg will be coming your way very soon. Well done Elizabeth.

This week's top readers are Gintare, Tylisha, Renee and Adem. For the first time this term I am also pleased to announce that it was Aequitas who knocked Unitas off the top of the reading leader board, earning a bonus 100 points. Excellent work from Mme Hateley and all of Aequitas.

We have had great success in Tassomai this week with 4 pupils making it to the 100% club, meaning they have completed the entire science GCSE course. These students are Elissavet, Christopher, Kayza and Allyssa. This is a phenomenal achievement and I look forward to seeing your mock results.



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## Lost Property

We have built up a collection of lost property over the term. If any pupils have lost any items please could they come to reception to collect them before the Easter holidays. Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities to hold items lost for prolonged periods of time and so any uncollected items will be donated to charity after the break.



## Getting to know you— Dr Payne

**Name:** Dr Payne

**Job:** Teacher of mathematics

**Favourite Book:** Mort by Terry Pratchett because it's the first Terry Pratchett book I read back when I was at school and he is now one of my favourite authors.

**Interesting fact about me:** I once built my own guitar amp, and it still works!

**Favourite thing about working at THA:** The sense of community and the maths department baking rota!



## Key dates for week beginning March 26<sup>th</sup> -week 1

Description	Date	Time
Whole School Assembly	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30-9.00am
First Give Final	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30-7.00pm
Break up for Easter	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	1.00pm
Good Friday	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	All day

