

Extended School News

QK Youth Club

This term The Extended Schools Youth Club re-opened. The Youth Club have also launched offsite activities for Youth Club students. 2011 / 2012 will be a very busy year with creative and exciting workshops



taking place on a weekly basis such as a Cookery Club, Nail & Beauty

Skills, Bike Project, Graffiti workshops and many exciting competitions. The top attendees at the Youth Club will have the opportunity to attend reward trips at the end of each term.



*Youth Advisors Team
The Extended Schools*

The Extended Schools Team has had an increase in staff numbers and continues to provide a wide range of activities and support for students. Part of the Extended Schools plans for this academic year is to work in partnership with The American School in developing positive relationships between the two



school communities. QK Youth Club runs a joint Cooking Club with The American School which takes place on Mondays and Fridays. The School Councils of both schools are also working on collaborative projects.



Barry Hunte – Head of Youth, Community & Extended Services

Sonia Alexander – Assistant Head

Lunchtime Activities

QK's Youth Club lunchtime activities re-opened this term. Activities have proven to be popular and are attended by an ever increasing number of students. There have been many benefits



for students through the activities programme, giving students the opportunity to familiarise themselves with other students in other year groups. All students are invited to participate in a range of activities. Feedback from students has been excellent.

QK's Community Readers

QK's Community Readers project resumed this term. Six Year 8 students were selected to work with one of our feeder schools (Gateway Primary). These students were selected due to their positive attitude to reading and enthusiasm for learning. QK students have been travelling to Gateway primary school every Monday to read with Year 6 students. Heather Grass - Year 6 teacher at Gateway, described QK students last term as *"Extremely reliable and efficient. They are great role models for our Year 6 students"*.



A number of curriculum projects have also started this term with our DT, ICT, Maths, Science and Music departments. Students from a number of our local primary schools, including George Eliot and Kingsgate are having lessons each week at QK.



Playground Pals



Playground Pals restarts in Term 2. Playground Pals is a scheme QK has run with four of our key primary schools (Essendine, George Eliot, Paddington Green & Wilberforce schools) over the last two years where selected Year 9

QK students spend one lunch time a week at the primary schools, getting to know and support the students.

If you are a primary school interested in being involved in any of the above projects, or would like to discuss any transition projects please contact Laura Lewis-Williams (Assistant Headteacher) on 020 7722 8141 ext: 182.

Leadership Training

At the start of this term the Student Leadership Board took part in a leadership training session. The board had to work together on a



number of activities such as making a fashion costume out of scrap material! While the activities were a lot of fun they were designed to test student's individual key skills. Students also began planning for forthcoming events and projects.



Meet the new SLB

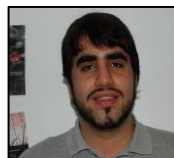
The Student Leadership Board is a really important part of QK's Student Voice - think of it as the brain of the operation! The board is made up of various Year 13 student leaders from each strand of Student Voice. The SLB is not only a platform for developing leadership within our Sixth Form Leaders, but it also ensures that strategic aspects of QK such as the School Development Plan has students' involvement.

Prefect Update

As another academic year gets underway here at QK, I would like to welcome our new Year 11 Prefect Team. The new team have been doing a fantastic job on duty, making a real impact around school and in the community after school. Well done!

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome my two new Deputy Head Prefects: Sophie Ward and Arslan Qader – Year 12. Both were outstanding school prefects last year, receiving Student Voice Awards at their NRA ceremony, and I'm sure will flourish in their new management position!

Fahmida Khatun - Student Voice Public Relation Co-ordinator



Mustafa Gharaibeh
Head Prefect



Shakwa Maisara
Community Participation
Group Chair



Anisah Begum
SLB Administrator



Jenni Femi
Student Voice Projects &
Media Co-ordinator



Shahd Hammou
SLB Chair / School Council Chair



Fahmida Khatun
Student Voice Public Relation
Co-ordinator

QK House Update

The momentum of QK House continues to grow. QK has recently received a significant amount of support. Please look on our website for more information www.qkschool.org.uk

If you would like to support QK House in any way please contact Lucianna Stefanou at:

luciannastefanou@qkschool.org.uk

Parents in Partnership

The QK Parents' Group meeting now takes place on a **Wednesday from 10:00am-12:00pm**.

QK parents are forming a Parent Voice Group over the next few terms. The purpose of the group is how best to develop QK Parents' voices in school.

This means that the Parents' group will continue to look at showing parents what goes on in school, who different staff are and their roles, what is on the curriculum, how to support your child in their learning etc. We will also be thinking about how the school can hear parents' voices.

We are currently forming a committee to carry this forward. If you are interested in joining, want to know more or would like to come to the Parents' group please come along on a Wednesday group session. Contact Fran Dix on 020 7722 8141 ext: 131 or e-mail frandix@qkschool.org.uk

Health at QK

QK's health team have had a busy start to term one. Our new student school nurse Faroza Saunders joined us and she will be based at QK for her practice placement, whilst studying for her Specialist Public Health degree. Faroza is already an experienced school nurse and has much to offer QK. Welcome to Extended Schools, Faroza!

HPV Immunisation

The HPV immunisation for QK Year 8 girls gets underway on **19th October 2011**, with the first of the three jabs necessary to protect girls against cancer of the cervix. This is a government led programme. Year 8 girls are offered the immunisation now because this is the best age to protect them against this potentially life threatening disease. More information including translations of the information leaflet are available online: www.nhs.uk/hpv



Jessica Streeting (QK School Nurse) is happy to answer any queries parents, carers or students may have. Faroza and Jessica will be doing a series of assemblies and health promotion activities in school. Consent forms have been sent home to Year 8 girls parents. It is really important the consent forms are returned to school, even if you do not want your daughter to have the jabs.

As always, please feel free to contact any of the school nurses if you have any queries about the health or wellbeing of your child. The role of the school nurse at QK is to promote health and wellbeing, so that students can achieve their full potential academically and socially.

QK Parent Group Visit

Representatives from QK Parent Group visited The Mulberry School for Girls in September. Coral Joseph – QK SLA met with the Headteacher, teaching staff, support staff and parents from the school and the community.



Mulberry School for Girls is a high achieving, over-subscribed and very successful girls' comprehensive school in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The purpose of our visit was to acquaint ourselves with their provision. The atmosphere reminded us very much of QK, the school had that 'family feeling'



The Mulberry School also provides a variety of activities, creative workshops and training for parents.

Some QK staff attended a fundraising 'Bollywood Night' event, organised by parents. It was a glamorous occasion. The evening consisted of a very lively auction, we were entertained by numerous dancers and the Indian Cuisine was delicious. The Bollywood night was very successful and proceeds raised totalled approximately £6,000. As a group we are thinking of ways of providing QK parent events in the very near future and welcome any parent who would like to be involved in planning events such as this. If you are interested in supporting please contact: Fran Dix or Coral Joseph on 020 7722 8141 ext: 131