



Message from Headteacher

So...welcome back... the summer is already over and the new academic year is now here. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful holiday and look forward to the exciting term ahead of us.

As you know GCSE, A, AS level and GNVQ exams all went well, details will follow and QK continues to improve year on year. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all these students who have returned to QK this year.

Trips in the past have been a success and students have been a credit to the School. We look forward to taking KS3 on a residential outward-bound trip this year. More information will follow this term.

Major building works over the summer have taken place, recent changes include: refurbished toilets, decorated corridors and new floors and lighting. The new canteen is expected to be ready by February 2003. The canteen arrangements are very difficult with over 1000 students, however, this £1.5m project will provide high quality eating facilities at break and lunch.

To ensure that the School is a safe and high-spirited learning environment we expect good behaviour and rules to be followed and respected.

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Reminders

Uniform

Year 7 students **must** wear new uniform.

Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 students - wear the old QK uniform – **this must include** grey sweat shirt, grey polo shirt, black trousers or skirt, **no jogging bottoms** and shoes **not trainers** – or the new QK uniform.

Orders are ready for collection at the School Office for those of you who placed orders during the summer holidays.

Further orders for uniform can be made at the School Office.

No jewellery is permitted **except 1** pair of stud earrings and a watch. Caps and hoods are not allowed in the School Building.

No valuables can be brought to School (mobile phones, walkman etc.)

Lockers

All Year 8, 9, 10, 11 & 6th Form students are reminded that all the lockers in the School will be thrown away. If you have anything left in a locker be sure to remove it by Tuesday 10th September after this date all will be destroyed. QK will reintroduce new lockers at a later date starting with Year 7 only.

Lunch Arrangements

Year 7 & 8 continue to have early lunch at 12.40, Year 7 in the lower servery and Year 8 in the upper servery.

No students are permitted to go out of School at lunch or break – time, students whom request to go **'home'** at lunch will need to arrange an appointment for their Parent/Carer with their DOL.

Dates to remember this term

26th September - Open evening, where you can tour the School and see exhibition of students' work along with the chance to meet the teachers and students.

1st, 3rd, 5th, & 8th October (9.30 - 10.30am)– Open mornings, this provides the opportunity for prospective parents and guardians to see QK in action on a normal day.

18th September - Early closure at 2.00pm

4th October - Staff Training Day

21st to 25th October - Half Term Holiday

29th November - Staff Training Day

20th December - Last day of term

Attendance

Last year we had some impressive attendance, however, also some disappointing percentages from classes in all years. All students must aim for 100% attendance and good punctuality.

- Students should arrive to School before registration at 8.50am.
- Students who arrive between 9.10 – 9.30 will be marked late in the register.
- Students who arrive after 9.30am will need to bring in a note for their morning absence.
- Students who are absent for a day or more also need to bring in a note on their return.
- Students who do not bring in a note for any absences these will automatically become unauthorised absences.
- Attendance will be monitored on a regular basis and certificates and prizes will be awarded to those with excellent attendance.

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