



## Quintin Kynaston School

### Message from Headteacher

Thank you to all the Governors who recently spent a day in School. I hope your time has been useful and enjoyable. Thank you to all students for presenting a positive face for QK.

If you are a parent interested in becoming a Governor then please contact me as there maybe vacancies in the near future.

Well done to all those in 8Q who participated in Assembly. Excellent performances. You have shown great strengths and talents.

As you know, the whole School staff took part in residential INSET on "Reaching Adolescents". This was a highly successful, effective and enjoyable INSET. This involved team building sessions and whole programme of events dealing with issues based around adolescents and developing relationships with the students.

*Jo Shuter*

### Design Technology Trip

Well done to all those year 9 students who had been selected to go on a DT School Trip, to The Institute of Civil Engineers. Which took place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, the students thoroughly enjoyed it and were a credit to the School.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 12<sup>th</sup> QK Students including myself went on a trip to the Civil Institute of Engineers. The students were taken in to a lecture theatre. We were split up into groups of six. Then we were taken into the great hall where we made a replica of the London Eye. It stood 3m from top to bottom and it even spun around. We were then taken back into the theatre room and learnt how the Eden Project was made. They showed us how a number of pictures and we learnt a lot about how they use triangles in a lot of structures. We went back into the great hall and drew pictures of our project then we made our project. All the models were great and everyone enjoyed them selves. We were taken back into the lecture theatre and learnt about the London Eye. Then to top it all off we went on the London Eye. We collected our certificates before going home. We had a great time every one wanted to go again.

Tyler O'Sullivan, one of the nine students who took part, has written a report on the day.

*Mr Macfarlane*

### News of former student

16 year old **Iyad Ahmed** was born in Baghdad, Iraq, and fled to England with his brother only three years ago, but it was here at QK School that Iyad had settled down and his football ability caught the eye of Tottenham Hotspurs Scouts. Iyad had been invited into the Academy after a successful trial.

Iyad is one of eleven new players who have joined the Academy on a full time basis. He has played in a few games now and says that they've done okay. Iyad plays up front, midfield or out wide and is enjoying it.

### Black History Month

QK would like to inform you that we are celebrating October **Black History Month**. This includes celebrating the lives of great black heroes. Staff and students have been involved in many ways including quizzes, showing films during break and lunch, concerts and assemblies.

### Adulthood and GCSE's

Year 10, the big jump into adulthood and GCSEs, but is it really any different from Year 9? On Friday, we had an Assembly from the English Department, which attempted to outline some of the key differences between English at Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. Each teacher recited a poem or a piece of writing that meant something to him or her. With themes ranging from death, love, sex, adolescence and taking life as it comes, Year 10 were given an insight into our teachers lives, the things they value and believe and where literature has helped them make sense of the world.

Literature is about life, not just about grades and levels. We can learn many things about life, people and our surroundings from things that we read. It is nice to be reminded that literature can be interesting and powerful, and we look forward to starting our GCSE course.

*Christie Lewis 10Q*

### Westminster Poetry Slam!

Following the visit from performance poet Joelle Taylor, a group of Year 7 students attended the Westminster Poetry Slam at the Lyceum Theatre this Thursday. The event was organised by Westminster LEA for Year 6 and Year 7 students to perform their own poems and to judge each other's performances.

Max Barra (7U) and Ahmed Beshira (7U) represented QK – well done to them on their excellent performances! It was a great way to celebrate National Poetry Day.

*Ms Bell*

## Attendance

Well done to all those students who are managing to be on time for School, keep it up.

There are still many students who are not arriving at School on time and who are also forgetting to sign in the referral room. You must arrive at School before 8.50am. Those students who arrive after 8.50am will be marked as late. If the student arrives after 9.10am they must immediately go to the referral room and collect a late slip. If a student arrives after 9.30am they will be marked absent and will need to bring in a letter to explain why they were late.

**Students who are absent must bring in an absent letter to explain why they were absent as soon as they return into School.**

**Congratulations** to the following forms with the highest attendance in their year

**7U, 8T, 9N, 10N, 11Y**

**Well done** to all **Year 8** who had the best attendance overall.

## Reminders

### Dates to Remember

**15<sup>th</sup> October** - Y7 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00pm

**21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October** - Half Term Holiday

**29<sup>th</sup> November** - Staff Training Day

**20<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day of term

### Halal Meat

All the meat bought and sold in the canteen is Halal meat, this includes burgers, sausages and the meal of the day and many more.

### School Photos

It is important that all students are in School next week as there will be School photos taken before the end of half term. Students will receive proofs of these photos before Christmas.

### Design Technology

To all Year 8 and Year 10 student who wish to collect their textiles folders and practical work from last year must see Mr Macfarlane before half term. Work, which is not collected, will be recycled over the half term.

### Break and lunchtime

Please can all students use the appropriate play area at break and lunchtime.

Year 7,8 and 9 - Lower playground

Year 10 and 11 – Upper playground

**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 Director of Learning.

## Sale of School Uniform

Please note that the following uniform can be ordered from QK School and the items marked with a \* can be bought only directly from the School.

### **Compulsory Uniform**

* Schott Jacket (hooded)	£30.00
* Pale Blue Embroided Polo Shirt	£10.99- £13.99
Boys Navy Trousers	£11.99 - £16.99
Girls Pencil Skirts Navy	£9.99 - £10.99
Girls Navy Trousers	£13.99 - £18.99

### **Sports**

* PE t – shirt	£6.50 - £6.99
Navy Blue Jog Bottoms	£12.99
Navy Blue Shorts	£7.99
White Football Socks (indoor)	£3.50
Navy Football Socks (outdoor)	£3.50

**The School uniform is available for sale at the following times:**

Monday	1.00 – 1.30	3.30 – 4.30
Wednesday	1.00 – 1.30	3.00 – 4.30
Friday	7.30 – 8.30 am	1.00 – 1.30

## Art, Music and Drama

1. Music rota **week 3**
2. All students must take their diaries with them to their lessons. Please attend your lessons, check your time and if there are problems see me
3. It is required that all students take home their instruments

		<b>ART</b>	<b>DRAMA</b>	<b>MUSIC</b>
Monday	1 pm			Drums
	3.30			
Tuesday	1 pm			Drums Choir
	3.30			
Wednesday	1 pm			Guitar Recorder
	3.30			
Thursday	1 pm			Orchestra
	3.30	Art Club	Drama Club	
Friday	1 pm			
	3.30			

Music GCSE students are welcome at all times except Tuesday when all rooms are in use.

*Georjy Pantelli*