



## Message from Headteacher

Welcome back!! I hope you had a good week.

Many thanks to the parents who took part in Year 10 Parents Evening on Tuesday. It was a good night, which had a positive atmosphere of helpful and encouraging comments.

If parents have missed an issue of the *QK News* you may wish to catch up on important information by downloading a copy at [www.qkschool.org.uk](http://www.qkschool.org.uk)

Apologies ones again for the delay in schott jackets. This is totally out of our control and is the responsibility of the manufacturer. We are doing our best to ensure that the jackets are available next week. Information will be given to students on Monday.

## Homework

Thank you to those parents who have been supporting our homework policy. There are many students who are using their diary efficiently. However there are still too many students who are not copying down their homework and the date it is due in. Please can parents check their child's diary, sign it weekly and explain the value of completing homework and meeting deadlines!!!!

## The purpose of homework

- Encourages students to develop skills and confidence
- Consolidates and reinforces skills
- Gives students the opportunity to extend their learning
- Involves parents and carers in students' learning

## How much homework?

The amount increases as students progress through QK. The approximate time expected:

Years 7 and 8	45–90 minutes per day
Year 9	1–3 hours per day
Years 10 and 11	1–3 hours per day to produce GCSE Coursework and to prepare for their examinations

## 12Q Trip to Central London

*Report from Hasina Begum with help from Zainab Saleh, 12Q*

On Friday 11th October I went on a trip to Central London with my classmates and our two favourite teachers, David Davies and Daljit Rai. It was the first time in my life I had been on a class trip. It was really enjoyable for me. We walked together to St John's Wood Station, and the teacher, who is very rich, bought some tickets for us. We took the train to Baker Street and there we changed to the Bakerloo Line and went to Charing Cross.

We came out in Trafalgar Square, where we saw Nelson's Column and we took lots of photos. I liked the pigeons but the teachers said they were dirty. Outside the National Gallery we were surprised to see a statue of George Washington.

We went into the National Gallery and there we saw many beautiful paintings, such as *Sunflowers* by Vincent van Gogh, and the *Water Lilies* by Monet. We saw the cartoon by Leonardo da Vinci of *Mary and the Baby Jesus*, which is kept in a special room to protect it. We also saw many other beautiful paintings about Jesus, which was very interesting for me.

Then we went out into Trafalgar Square again and took more photos before we walked down Whitehall to see the Horseguards in their beautiful uniforms. I touched one of the horses. Next we went to Downing Street where the Prime Minister lives but we couldn't go through the gates that day.

From Downing Street we walked to Westminster Bridge right under Big Ben. We were close to the London Eye but we didn't go on it as it would take too long. We saw the Houses of Parliament as we walked to Westminster Abbey where the Kings and Queens are crowned and buried. We went into St Margaret's Church and sat in the pews for a few minutes to look around. It was quiet and peaceful and very beautiful there, and it was the first time I had been inside a church.

Lastly we went to St James's Park where we rested and had lunch. We arrived back at school at about ten past one. I will never forget this trip. It was a fantastic experience for me.

### Dates to remember this term

**18<sup>th</sup> November** – School is closed

**29<sup>th</sup> November** – Staff training Day

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Staff training

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

### Uniform

- No trainers
- No jogging bottoms
- No jewellery
- No hats should be worn in school

### Referral Procedures

Students who have been sent to the Referral Room must spend the rest of that lesson in the Referral Room. The is taken to the

Students who have been internally referred must take the incident slip to year floor at 3.20 pm and return to that department after registration at 3.30 pm that day. Students should wait until 3.45pm for the teacher and Head of Department to reconcile matters with their subject teacher. Student who fail to do this will not be allowed into that lesson and risk School Detention or Exclusion.

### Art Exhibition 2002

If you didn't manage to visit our art exhibition this summer, you can now view a selection of examination work on our website

[www.qkschool.org.uk](http://www.qkschool.org.uk)

GSCE Fine Art, Ceramics and graphics student and AS and A level students once again achieved a very high standard with many top grades. Three students gained 100% marks for their AS level work!

### Expressive Arts Clubs

All clubs are held in the relevant department areas.

		ART	DRAMA	MUSIC
Monday	1 pm			Drums
	3.30			
Tuesday	1 pm			Drums Choir
	3.30			
Wednesday	1 pm		Dance Room UGB	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*

### Attendance

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

**Congratulations** to the following forms with the highest attendance in their year, the last week of half term:

**7U, 8Q, 9Q, 10K, 11K and 12N**