



# NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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## Message from Headteacher

### *Schott jackets are now in!!*

Apologies once again for the delay. This was totally out of our control and was the responsibility of the manufacturer.

Students are able to buy them from school at

10.50 – 11.10am

12.50 – 1.30pm

3.30 – 3.50pm

By 25<sup>th</sup> November all students should be in full uniform. Outside jackets should be blue schott jackets with QK logo or grey sweatshirt. Please make sure your child is wearing the complete school uniform.

*Jo Shuter*

If you 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)

## Behaviour at QK

*Dear Parent/Carer,*

During the week of 19<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup> November we are taking part in an Audit on Behaviour within school. To enable us to have a full and detailed picture, I would be grateful if you would complete and return the attached questionnaire to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

There will be a box in Reception for you to return your questionnaire (please ask your son/daughter to drop it in for you). Many thanks for your support.

Furthermore, there is an opportunity to come into school to meet with one of the researchers to discuss in greater depth your feelings and observations about behaviour at QK. This meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 3.20 - 4.00pm**. Should you be interested in taking part, please let me know by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

*Mrs Howe*

## Staff Leaving

You may not be aware that today was the last day for **Sammantha Knight** (J Shutters PA). Sam has worked with many people outside and within the school, and has made a large contribution to QK School. We would like to wish her good luck and all the best for the future. She will be missed!

## Westminster Study Support Programme

Westminster Study Support Programme runs out-of-school-hours projects through schools, targeted at pupils who need support with motivation, self-confidence, developing skills and raising achievement.

We are currently recruiting volunteers to assist with our project. **Can you help?**

The project you work on might be to do with Art, Music, Drama, Culture, and Sport, Literacy or Numeracy. It could be anything from helping to run a breakfast club and helping tutors to provide pupils with a healthy and calm start to the day.

If you can spare an hour or two a week before or after school, we could really use your help. If you are a parent you could also see how your child's school is making a difference

We give all our volunteers training and support. Each one is Police Checked to ensure children's security before they are placed.

**Interested?** Call Kate on 020 7641 6194 or e-mail [Kjones2@westminster.gov.uk](mailto:Kjones2@westminster.gov.uk), or ask at the school reception for a leaflet.

## Uniform

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

## Dates to remember this term

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

## Drama News 1

Year 7 students last week and the week before half term were involved in drama workshops with a director and actor from the Hampstead Theatre. Students had previously seen a play called "Counting to Infinity" using Maths and Drama together to create a piece of performance: it was the director of the show that came in. Students and teachers alike had fun and learnt something in the workshops. I would like to say thank you to Jonathon Siddall for taking the time to come in to QK and work with the students. Well done to all Year 7 for their hard work and creativity.

## Drama News 2

Over half term, three Year 11 students had an amazing opportunity to take part in drama workshops run by the National Theatre. They were Nadia Tanghetti, Albert Hueston and Hayley N'Koulu. All students worked hard and learnt a great deal. They were a credit to the school and may their passion for performance continue to grow. Well done!

## Drama Club

The Drama Club on Thursday evenings is now full. Thank you for all the applications and interest. There will be a review for extra places in the New Year.

## Help Needed

Plea to students, parents, teachers...anyone! The Drama Department is desperately trying to build up its props and costume stock. At present it is quite sparse. So you have any spare clothes, costume jewellery, props etc, please don't chuck them away. Please put in a bag or box and leave in the School Office labelled "Miss Stevens, Drama" or deliver it to her personally. Nothing will be turned away and it's going to a good home! Thank you.

## Drama Information

Lastly we would like to congratulate all Year 10s on an excellent start to their GCSE Drama syllabus. Keep up the confidence, creativity and energy. It's great! Well Done!!

*Miss. Stevens and Ms. Adams  
Drama Department*

## Attendance

A varied range of attendance last week (29<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November). Well done to Year 7 with the highest Attendance yet again. The following forms have the highest attendance in their year:

**7Q, 8Q, 9K, 10K and 11T**

## POP STARS

- Chose a chart song
- Practice it at home
- Come along on 14<sup>th</sup> November. Venue will be shown on the Board in the Lower School.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 3:45pm** Open Auditions  
*Come along, sign your name on the list when you are called, sing one verse and one chorus of a pop song without a backing. Up to 30 students will go through to the first round.*

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 3:45pm** First round  
*Thirty students come back to sing a second song, different in style to the first again without a backing track. Ten students go through and are given a track to learn at home for next round.*

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 3:45pm** Final round  
*Ten students perform the pieces given to them. Winning four are given an entire song to sing in the Concert.*

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** THE WINNER  
*Chosen four perform during the Christmas concert and the panel chose who is QK's Pop Star of 2002.*

## AUDIENCE

There will be an audience on the 28<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December but not for auditions and the first round to enable everyone to do their best.

*J Perry*

## Year 7 Reading Club

From next week there will be a READING CLUB starting in the Library for Year 7 students. There will be a meeting WITH REFRESHMENTS to introduce the scheme on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30 when students will be able to register for the club.

### *Why join ?*

- You will be able to choose books for the Club to buy for you.
  - We will organise trips to the cinema & theatre.
  - Authors will come into school to talk about their books.
  - You will be able to borrow books on tape.
- Plus other events & activities that members will be involved in.

Ramadan – if you can not come at the end of the day because you have to get home to break your fast but you want to join the Reading Club then come to a quick meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 1.20 in the Library.

*G Pantelli*