



## Message from Headteacher

It is now only four weeks until the end of another successful term at QK. As the weather is getting colder, students need to wear a warmer outdoor jacket as well as their Schott jacket (or grey sweatshirt in the upper school).

## Free School Meals

I would encourage all parents/carers who are entitled to claim free school meals to do so. A hot 'meal of the day' is available every day in the servery, which includes a pudding. It is important you claim for your child's free school meal, not only to ensure he/she receives a daily hot meal, but the number of students claiming free school meals has a direct effect on the school's funding.

## Industrial Action

The National Union of Teachers have voted unanimously for the strike action on the 26<sup>th</sup> November. The Senior Leadership Team fully supports the teachers' actions therefore school will be **closed** on the 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## New School Servery

As the building works continue we are confident that by February half term the new school servery will be open.

*Jo Shuter*

## Christmas Disco

Year 11 Prefects are organising Discos for Years 7, 8 and 9 and for Year 10 and 11. The approximate cost will be £2.50. *More details will follow.*

## Dates to Remember

**4<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 7 Christmas Concert

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Staff training (**School Closed**)

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

## Attendance

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

**Congratulations** to Year 10 for the highest Attendance this week and to

**7Y, 8U, 9S, 10N and 11Y**

## Sixth Form Parents' Evening

There will be a Parents' Evening on the 27<sup>th</sup> November (3:30 – 7:00 pm) in the Sixth Form Centre.

## Ecology at Blencathra

Biology A level students visited Cumbria last week (11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November) to carry out their coursework. They stayed at Blencathra Field Study Centre and, over four days, visited Drigg sand dunes, next to the nuclear reactor facility at Windscale, where they looked at succession of vegetation as they went inland from the sea: zonation of littoral fauna and flora on the rocky shore at St Bees, an upland tarn (lake) and a freshwater stream to examine the distribution of invertebrates and learn some sampling techniques. They also compared the herb and ground layers in deciduous and evergreen woodland. On the fifth day they applied what they had learnt in these places to an investigation of their own choice and took measurements and applied statistics to see if their explanations for what they saw were reasonable. One student examined pools and riffles to see if there was any difference in the abundance of freshwater shrimps and flattened mayfly nymphs. Another student looked at north and south aspects of oak trees in Brundleholme Wood to see if there were any differences in the distribution of mosses and lichens. They worked hard till at least 9 pm every evening but somehow managed to fit in time to relax too.

## 10Q Halloween Trip to ‘Body Worlds’

*Report by Intisar Ahmed and Begaim Tulegenova*

On Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October on Halloween, three groups of Science: two higher sets and one foundation set went on a Science Exhibition that is called ‘Body Worlds’. This trip was organised by Jody Heger. Chris Wilson and Efua Richardson accompanied us. We left at 11 o’clock and headed to St John’s Wood Station, we had to get to Liverpool Street, and swapped trains at Bond Street to catch a train on the Central Line. When we got off the train, we had to walk approximately 15 minutes to get to Body Worlds. When we got there we had to eat outside because we were not allowed to eat inside. When we finished eating, we got in by two groups of twenty people. Some people bought audio guides to get some information about the authentic human plastinates. We had our first shock when we saw real life dead bodies. There was an eight-month pregnant woman, which had her skin stripped away and some of her internal organs removed. We could see the almost developed baby lying inside. The Chinese Siamese twins really touched our hearts because they were barely over a month and their skin was removed away revealing their organs. There were over 200 dead bodies: some stretched up to 4 metres tall, some bodies that had their nervous systems removed and some that were magnified 100 times so we could see them. We think that the trip to Body Worlds was really great and we had a great time, apart from the journey back when the train was so crowded that we left Ms Heger and a few people behind leaving us to stand and be crushed between people. We learnt a lot and we would like to say a big thank you to Miss Heger, Mr Wilson and Miss Richardson for organising this wonderful trip.

### Sale of School Uniforms

**Please note the following times that the school uniform will be available for sale:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1:00 – 1:30 pm</b>
	<b>3:30 – 4:30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1:00 – 1:30 pm</b>
	<b>3:30 – 4:30 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:30 – 8:30 am</b>
	<b>1:00 – 1:30 pm</b>



### Student Achievement

Julie Erazo, a sixth former at QK, has been selected to be a Student National Panel Member of the continuing Curriculum Review of provision for 14-19 Science. She will meet in London two or three times over the next few months with other panel members. The review is organised by Planet Science (formerly Science Year) working with the Institute of Education and the Science Museum. (You can find Helena Perry’s comments, QK’s student representative last year, on the website of the Parliamentary Science and Technology Select Committee inquiry into 14-19 science curriculum). The Project Manager told us that the visit of the Parliamentary Committee to QK last year (photos in the library) was much appreciated.