



NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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Message from Headteacher

QK Tops the Tables Once Again

I attended an interesting and inspirational conference in Birmingham this week. I was delighted to hear in front of 1500 Headteachers, Tony Blair and David Miliband (MP) that QK is in the Top 10 Most Improved Specialist Schools in the country.

This is a great tribute to the hard work and commitment of the staff and students in the school. Last year's exam results at 38% of students achieving 5 A* - C were the best ever, I am certain that this year's results will be even better as the school goes from strength to strength.

Jo Shuter

ICT Clubs

Lunchtime Homework clubs run each day from 1 pm to 1.30 pm. There no entry before 1 pm or after 1.20 pm.

Monday	KS3	L5F	Mr Hassan
	KS4 & 5	L4A	Mr Barros
Tuesday	Year 10	L5C	Mr Akinsowan
	KS4 & 5	L4A	Mr Barros
Wednesday	Year 11	L4A	Mr Barros
Thursday	KS4 & 5	L4A	Mr Barros
Friday	KS3	L5C	Ms Sheel
	KS4 & 5	L4A	Mr Barros

On Fridays there are also after-school booster class for Year 11 from 3.45 to 5 pm in room L5C with Mr Akinsowan.

ICT Classroom Rules:

- No food allowed outside or inside the classrooms
- NO EATING, NO CHEWING, NO DRINKING
- Students are not allowed to go on to any chat/text or games websites
- Downloading Games on to your Home drive is not allowed
- You MUST stay in your seat and DO NOT print out any work unless you have the teacher's permission
- If you break the ICT Code of Conduct you will be asked leave and possibly banned from attending clubs in the future.

James Akinsowan

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 9 for the highest Attendance and to 7K, 8U, 9N, 10N and 11U.

School Uniforms

Uniform Times		
Monday	1:00 – 1:30pm	3:30 – 4:30pm
Wednesday	1:00 – 1:30pm	3:30 – 4:30pm
Friday	7:30 – 8:30am	1:00 – 1:30pm

The new navy QK sweatshirts are now in stock.

These sweat shirts are an optional part of the school uniform rather than compulsory, but they are NOT instead of the hooded jacket.

Prices are:

£11.99 for 9 – 11 year olds

£12.99 for 12 – 13 year olds

£15.99 in small, medium and large sizes

Davina Burrell





Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

This year is a year for sequels. We have the second instalment of the much-anticipated *Lord of The Rings* production to look forward to this Christmas, and it will probably be compared and contrasted with the Harry Potter films just as much as last year. Surprisingly, there are not too many differences between the films except perhaps the targeted audience – the enthusiastic adult Harry Potter fan base will have to share the theatre with children (unlike LOTR) possibly under the age of eight!

So, before you decide to hide behind your friend's little brother - while knowing what to expect from a sequel - the burning question is: Is the second Harry Potter film worth seeing?

Luckily, the content and pace of plot are pleasing; loving attention to detail has been given to relatively 'new' avenues the second book opened up – The magical Weasley home, Dobby the masochistic house elf and the voice of Daniel Radcliffe (Harry) which has been dubbed over following its break last year. Fans will be pleased to know that the film has kept religiously true to the written story, while at times missing out a few interesting details that a younger audience may not notice. i.e. Peeves the Ghost and the fight between Lucius Malfoy and Mr Weasley at Diagon Alley. Also, the talented young actors have been able to develop an on-set interaction that reflects the books portrayal of a genuinely close pre-adolescent triad.

Sadly, Harry Potter's character is lacking something modern children can identify with – his complete surrender to nobility and superman-esque urge to save the day renders him somewhat 'wooden' in the face of the infinitely cooler sub-characters, Ron and Hermione. It is not Radcliffe's fault – he is young and can only work with what he has been given. Radcliffe was directed to look deadpan brave whilst constantly (doom doom doom!) surprised during the film.

However, Rupert Grint is a lot more likeable as Ron (*sob* Can we panic now??) who represents the human voice of the three – scared and unwitting – with a humour befitting a sidekick. Hermione (Emma Watson) is also less annoying this time around.

To conclude, HP 2 is a stand-alone action film, with real moments of humour, horror and disgust and definitely a must-see for all hardcore fans of the Book series. The only down side is you'll probably have forgotten it come Christmas...4/5.

Kerstin Doe 13N

Dates to Remember

5 th and 6 th December	School Closed Inset Days
12 th December 5:30– 7:00pm	School Christmas Concert

School Discos

Years	Date	Time
7, 8 and 9	17 th December	6:00–9:00 pm
10 and 11	3 rd December	7:10–10:30 pm
12	12 th December	8:00–11:00 pm

Tickets will be on sale on Monday 2nd December and Tuesday 3rd December.