



NEWS

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Message from Headteacher

As we come to the end of my first year at Q.K. I would like to say a big 'Thank-you' to all Students, Parents and Staff for contributing to helping to raise standards in all areas of life at Q.K. Parents should be particularly proud, as all students have worked extremely hard this term in promoting the good name of Q.K. in the local community and with our local residents.

The end of term saw an outstanding school concert, fantastic discos for all years and residential school trips to Sayer's Croft. I am proud of the way the students behaved on all of these occasions. They were a credit to the school.

Sadly this term we say goodbye to the following staff John Studholme, Janet Ford, Harriet Dougherty, Corey Topper, Marco Fraietta, Gerard McGill, Lauren Shale and Jackie Grieve. We wish them well in the future and hope they enjoyed their time with us at Q.K. The new members of staff we are welcoming next term will be Jim White, Rachel Fisher, Melanie Hazebroek, Sarah Hyde, Victoria Kelly and Karenann Webb.

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday and look forward to another successful and hardworking term.

With very best wishes for the coming year.

Jo Shuter
Headteacher

From Director of Learning for Year 7

A very big thank you to all Year 7 students for their effort this term. It only seems like yesterday that you arrived, all looking smart with the new QK uniform, ready for your induction. The transition from Primary to Secondary is an enormous leap. Not only did you have to adapt to being taught by many teachers, but you also needed to form new friendships, take more responsibility for your own learning and find your way around a new environment. All this brings new challenges and expectations, and I am very pleased and proud to say that you have met these high expectations.

During the course of the term, most Year 7 students took the opportunity to go on a residential trip to Sayers Croft. The aim of the trip was to allow the students to develop a closer understanding of each other. The trip was an enormous success. I was really pleased to see students supporting and encouraging each other while completing the challenges. Their behaviour was superb and they were a credit to QK. New bonds between students were formed and it has clearly had a positive impact on their personal development within the wider school community.

It has been an extremely positive first term and we have ended it with a presentation assembly and a disco to celebrate the students' achievements. It was great to see so many being awarded with certificates for outstanding effort and excellent attendance.

A big thank you to all parents and carers for your continuing support. I hope you enjoy your holiday celebrations and I look forward to seeing all of Year 7 in the New Year.

A. Aschettino

Trip to Birmingham Clothes Show

On Wednesday 11 December senior students went to the Clothes Show in Birmingham. Elizabeth and Kevin report:

The Clothes Show Live

It was the day of our long awaited trip to the Clothes Show in Birmingham, and (surprise, surprise) it was one of the coldest mornings I have ever woken up to, and one of the earliest. Most people had a 6 am start, so I turned up to find a bunch of bleary-eyed upper school students moaning about their hair and fingering their hard-earned cash with expressions of mingled excitement and sleepiness.

The coach journey seemed to take forever, as familiar buildings and landmarks melded away into bleak, rural landscapes (accompanied by some on-board karaoke by Derek). We finally arrived at a rather large and unlikely venue—a huge hanger in the middle of an industrial estate.

The inside was much more welcoming, with hundreds of stands devoted to make-up and clothing, tempting us with special offers and one day mega-deals.

The highlight of the day was the fashion show (not least because it involved male models strutting around). It was very bold and over-the-top, with special effects like smoke and lighting and some (minor) celebs too. Big Brothas performed their latest single 'Nu Flow' while Dermot and Vernon delighted the audience with their 'expert' modelling and presenting skills.

There were some amazing performances by top-class dancers and models, and a real bargain at £13.50. We've all learnt a lot about marketing and retailing, and we're definitely going to use all the information we absorbed during the performance to make QK's upcoming fashion show a real success (Details coming up later in the year). It was something we'll never forget and it was worth every penny.

by Elizabeth Louise O'Brien

Clothes Show Trip

On Wednesday 11th December, Year 10,11 and 12 students went on a trip to Birmingham. There were fashion shows spread out on stages around the place and shops selling and displaying clothes. The Clothes Show complex was divided into various areas ranging from make up and perfume to dresses and skate clothes.

The trip there was okay. Most students were tired and some even slept on the way. It took a microphone to wake one of them up. We arrived at the show complex and most of us split into groups and walked around the complex looking at shops and some of the activities on some stages. Sadly some of us missed the fashion catwalk show, which displayed lots of models wearing designer clothes.

The entire trip was a fun experience and going there helped some of the GCSE textile students with ideas for their coursework. Also it gave every one an insight on the way the fashion industry markets their products.

by Kevin Botorek



Reminder about uniform

ALL students **MUST** be in uniform. Years 8 to 11 must wear grey sweatshirts or blue polo shirts and blue schott jackets with blue/black trousers/skirt.

BLACK TRAINERS ARE NOT PART OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM.

REMEMBER

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

NEW UNIFORM SALE TIMES

Mondays 1:00-1:30 pm and 3:30 – 4:00pm

Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:00pm

Attendance

Well done to **Year 7!** Once again they have the highest attendance with 97% for the period from 9th to 13th December 2002.

The following tutor groups have the highest attendance in their year.

7Q 7U 8T 9N 10U

QK Website

Parents or students wishing to contribute to the Q.K. web site can leave information for Mike Hammond in the school office.

If parents have missed an issue of *QK News* a copy can be downloaded at

www.qkschool.org.uk

Dates to remember

20th December - End of term

6th January - First day of new term. All students are required to register at **10:30am**

Sports Hall Refurbishments

The re-decoration of the Sports Hall and changing rooms is complete. These facilities will be available for student use at the start of next term. Please take care of the floor and make sure that these exciting new facilities are treated with respect.

News of Former Student

Lucian Boyd-Harte has now got his MSc in Globalisation and Development (from Queen Mary College) to add to his BA in Geography. Currently working in QK library and also Relief Manager at Genesis Cinema, he plans to travel the world next summer.

Congratulations! We are all very proud of you.

Lez Weintrobe

