



Quintin Kynaston School

Message from Headteacher

What fun everyone had in the snow, it was like Christmas all over again!! The fun was slightly spoiled by a major electrical fault, which caused a power failure. Due to the cold weather conditions and absence of heating in the school I, unfortunately, had to take the decision to close the school. Apologies to all parents for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Jo Shuter

Progress Review Day 23rd January 2003

All parents should now have received information about this event and returned the reply slip indicating when you prefer to come in.

Form Tutors will confirm a time by Wednesday 15th January.

This is an important meeting and will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's attainment and progress with tutors. All parents are expected to attend. If for any reason you have not received the information please contact your child's tutor urgently.

Technology School Launch

The school launch, which was scheduled for the 16th January, has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to delays with the building work.. We will contact you with the rescheduled date in the very near future.

Punctuality

Could I remind students and parents of the importance of ensuring your son/daughter arrives on time for Registration, which is at 8.50 am. It is creating a habit that is preparing them properly for working life, whichever career path they choose: all employers expect their employees to arrive on time.

Attendance

Parents and guardians have the responsibility of ensuring that their child attends school regularly. If a child does have to be absent for any reason, a phone call should be made to the School Office, on 020 7722 8141 extension 173. On your child's return please send a letter of explanation or write a note in their Student Diary.

If an absence is not authorised (explained) we are legally obliged to contact you to seek authorisation. This will be done by telephone or letter. An absence not authorised by a note is therefore unauthorised and is counted as TRUANCY. Truancy will lead to school detention.

All absences are recorded as truancy until authorised by home, school or the Education Welfare Officer. If you are concerned about your child's attendance please contact their tutor on 020 7722 8141.

Congratulations to **Year 8** with overall highest attendance with 84% for the period from 16th December to 20th December 2002

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

7T 8T 9S 10K

Governing body

There are four parent governor vacancies.

Any parent who wishes to be a member of the governing body should contact the School Office for further information. We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to come forward to be part of the governing body. It is an exciting time for QK at the moment having gained Specialist Technology School status.

Reminder about uniform

ALL students **MUST** be in uniform.

Years 8 to 11 must wear grey sweatshirts and blue polo shirts or blue schott jackets, blue polo shirts and blue trousers/skirt.

BLACK TRAINERS ARE NOT PART OF SCHOOL UNIFORM.

REMEMBER

No trainers of any colour

No jogging bottoms

No jewellery

No hats should be worn in school

Dates to remember

Sixth Form Open Evening – Tuesday 14th January

Progress Review Day – Thursday 23rd January

Staff Training Day – Friday 14th February – School closed to students.

Half Term from Friday 14th February to Friday 21st February (inclusive)

If parents have missed an issue of *QK News* you may wish to catch up on important information by downloading a copy at

www.qkschool.org.uk

Future Chef Competition 2003

Congratulations to Amanda-Jade Loader of 11K who represented QK at the Future Chef Competition. On Wednesday 18th December, Amanda was one of nine students from Westminster schools to participate in the Central London local heat of this high profile national competition. It was held in the teaching kitchens of Westminster Kingsway College which have recently featured in the Jamie Oliver TV documentary series. Last year Amanda-Jade had a very successful work experience placement at a top London restaurant, Mezzo, and was entered for the competition as a result of her outstanding enthusiasm and performance.

The competition was judged by three professional chefs and Amanda-Jade's cooking impressed them greatly. She had to cook a main course and dessert for two within a budget of £5.00 Amanda-Jade won the heat and is now through to the London Regional Final which will take place at the end of January. We wish her all the best!!!