



# NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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## Message from Headteacher

### Progress Review Day

How wonderful it was to see so many parents in the school on Progress Review Day. May I thank you for your support and commitment to your child's education. As you are aware, it is very important that there is a strong link between school and home, and our aim is to keep you as informed about your child's progress as we can. As explained on the day, if you have any questions regarding issues that arose during your meeting with your child's form tutor, please feel free to make an appointment to discuss matters further with the Director of Learning.

### Progression Day

Thank you to all the staff for the post-16 taster lessons. We hope that Year 11 students found this a useful and rewarding day. If Year 11 students have any further queries regarding the Sixth Form please speak to subject teachers or the Director of Sixth Form.

### Year 11 Interviews

All Year 11 students will be receiving an appointment to discuss their future career plans with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. These interviews will take place from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. If any student wishes to make an application to join the Sixth Form they should bring their form to the interview.

### Dates to remember

**Sixth Form Interviews begin on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**Half Term** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February (inclusive)

**Staff Training Day** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – School closed to students

### Governing body

Parents should by now have received the nomination forms for the Parent Governor vacancies. It is really important that parents' views are put forward and as a Parent Governor you will need to convey your and other parental views at governors' meetings. You do not need to be an expert on educational matters, but must have enthusiasm for your role and some time to spare for meetings. All parents and guardians of children at the school are eligible to stand, and we would urge that as many parents as possible should put their name forward.

### Staff Vacancy

There is a vacancy for an **Attendance Assistant** who will work with the Attendance Officer, monitoring First Day Absences.

- Essential requirements for this post are:
- First Class knowledge of the English Language
- Excellent telephone manner

Ability to deal with people in a calm and positive manner.

Any parent who is interested should contact the school office for further details. The post is for approximately 2-3 hours per day, 5 days per week Term-Time only.

### Attendance

**Congratulations to Year 7 overall highest attendance with 91.4% for the period from 13<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2003.**

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

7Q 8U 9K 10K 11K

## The Eagle

Broad your wings, keen your eyes,  
Let me sail forever, as the eagle flies,  
Above rainbowed clouds where angels sigh.

On those wings, carry me where  
The wind nips and rips through my hair  
Where the sun dwells, carry me there.

*Kamal Hussain 13N*



## The Windsinger – by William Nicholson

*The Windsinger* is an adventure book about a city called Aramanth. There are three main characters. They are Kestral, Hath, Bowman hath and a really smelly dirty boy called Mumpo.

There are certain relationships between main characters. Bowman and Kestral are twins, They can send telepathic messages. Mumpo is an outcast at first but then the twins accept him as their friend.

The story revolves a lot around Kestral. Later on in the story Kestral meets the Emperor who gives her a map that shows the way to recover the voice of the windsinger which will stop the legendary army, the zars, which was created by the Morah.

I would recommend this book for people between the age of 12 and 14 or for people who like fantasy/adventure books.

Personally I like this book. I thought the book was exciting and it has a gripping storyline.

*Dane Elliott 8S*

## Drama Department News

### LIVE ON THE RADIO

Next Tuesday (28/01/03) three students from Year 7 will be appearing on the BIG TOE Radio show on BBC 7. The programme will go out live between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm. It is aimed at young people between the ages of 7-11. During the two hours, students will have the chance to take part in studio discussions, interviews and competitions and will also be able to listen to five stories as they go out on air. The studio also has a web cam so students will appear on the programmes web site.

This is a wonderful opportunity for these students and I am pleased that the school has been chosen to be involved with this venture.

### HOW TO LISTEN TO THE BIG TOE RADIO SHOW ON BBC 7

On a DAB digital radio

On the Internet [www.bbc.co.uk/bbc7/bigtoe](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbc7/bigtoe)

On digital television. BBC7 is on Freeview channel 78, Digital Satellite channel 922 and on cable it is ntl home channel 866 and Telewest channel 910

### WORKSHOPS

Next week the Drama Department has an actor from the *National Theatre* coming into school to give two acting workshops for students. *Drama Club* students have a workshop on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January after school. The other is for Year 11 GCSE Drama students on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January in lessons. This is a wonderful opportunity and great experience for the students from which I am sure they will benefit greatly.

### INFORMATION

In the Department now there is information on Drama Schools, Theatres and Productions, Acting Workshops, Dance Shows, Performing Arts Clubs, Competitions, Auditions and much more. For your chance to be involved in these activities, make sure you check the Drama Notice Board located outside the Drama Studio (UGB).