



# NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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## Message from Headteacher

### Governing Body Elections - Closing date

All parents and guardians of children at the school are eligible to stand as candidates and vote in the elections. Each parent can vote for up to 4 candidates. If you want to be a candidate you should return the nomination form to arrive at the school as soon as possible and by 5.00 pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, at the latest.

*Jo Shuter*

## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 8 who have overall highest attendance with 92.6% for the period from 20<sup>th</sup> January to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2003.

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

7T 8U 9N 10K 11K

## Absence Notes

Parents are reminded that if their child is absent for any reason, a phone call should be made to the school office, on 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 contact their Tutor on 020 7722 8141.

## Opening of the Refurbished Sports Hall

A program of the day will include a Years 10/11 GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, a display from WESTMINSTER WARRIORS BASKETBALL CLUB, the TAPE CUTTING ceremony, BOYS BASKETBALL v St Augustines School, and CNUK NETBALL TEAM v a Staff VII.

All staff are welcome to the finale after school to officially 'christen' our new floor. Further details and arrangements will follow.

Forthcoming SPORTS fixtures and events:

February	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Football Tournament Lunchtime Sports Hall
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Football v St. Augustines Year 11
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Girls' Basketball Westminster Schools Years 10/11
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Westminster Schools Swim Gala Years 7-11

## OK Mini Film Festival...

### **Coming to a library near you soon!**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February will see the grand opening of the first QK film festival where we will be screening short films made by A Level Media Studies students. Come along and watch students present their films.

The screenings will begin at 4.30 sharp. Please arrive for a drinks reception in the library from 4.00 onwards. We hope to be finished by 5.30.

Look forward to seeing you there. The evening is open to all parents, teachers and students interested in seeing and supporting the work of the filmmakers of the future.

## Dates to remember

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

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

## To all Parents/Carers of Year 9 Students

This is the Year 9 Homework Timetable. After Progress Review Day we will be addressing the issue of homework again. So please check Diaries to ensure homework is being written.

Please contact me if there are any problems

Thanks

*Claudia Giarrusso  
Director of Learning  
Year 9*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Q	English History ICT	Mathematics Technology RE	Science	French Geography	Mathematics Science Art Music
U	English Art ICT	Mathematics Geography RE	Science	French Technology History	Maths Science Music*
T	RE Art Music*	Mathematics English Geography	Science	French Technology History	Maths Science Music*
N	Mathematics Science	French History Music*	Science English	Geography ICT Art	Maths Technology RE
K	Mathematics Science English	History	Science ICT	French RE Art	Mathematics Technology Geography Music*
Y	Mathematics Science RE	Art RE Music*	Science History ICT	French Technology	Mathematics Geography
S	Maths Science RE	Art History	Science English ICT	French Technology	Maths Geography Music*

All subjects set a minimum of 45 mins except English which is 1 hour. \* Music is set on alternate weeks.

### **Drama Department News**

by Emma Stevens

#### **Battle of the Fairy Tales by Dream Arts**

Last Friday Miss Adams and myself went and saw a production called *Battle of the Fairy Tales* at the Cockpit Theatre. It was a great youth production that included elaborate lighting, effects, music, singing and dancing.

As a drama teacher students' talents and enthusiasm for performance in and out of the curriculum, often astound me and this production just mirrored this. As I watched students: Tracey Curren Sing, Daniel Pond and Joshua Mayers rap and Hayley N'Koulu, Ieva Berberian and Sadiq Abubakar dance and Kiera Bent and David Mumeni (Prince Charming!) act, I felt very proud.

Students with an interest in Drama that seek to broaden their abilities outside of school should be encouraged to do just that, it helps growth in confidence and performance techniques. The students who performed on Friday were professional and organised. I hope all students feel very pleased with their performances as you gave a packed audience an enjoyable night out! WELL DONE!

#### **Year 7s on Radio**

On Tuesday Sabrina Ibrahim, John Chua and Alex Agboola from Year 7 were on *The Big Toe Radio Show* on BBC 7. The students were given their own microphones and were interviewing guests, chatting and playing games. The chief adjudicator from the Guinness Book of Records was a guest and whilst there Sabrina, Alex and John broke a world record. They built the biggest Jenga tower in the world (a whopping 31 stories!) in the least amount of time ever recorded. Their names will soon appear on the *Guinness Book of World Records* web site and possibly in the new publication later this year. What an afternoon! The students' good manners and exemplar behaviour made them a credit to the school and ensured a brilliant and exciting afternoon. The producer and production staff of the show was so pleased with the students they gave them some radio goodies to take home. If you listened I am sure you will agree they were fantastic! Well done!

#### **QK Web Site**

*If you are interested in knowing more about the Drama Department please do look our pages on the school web site [www.qkschool.org.uk](http://www.qkschool.org.uk). Soon there will be pictures from the workshops and the recent radio trip.*

#### **Year 9 Theatre Trip**

There will be a theatre trip to see *Blood Brothers* on the 14<sup>th</sup> March for Year 9 students. Students that are interested in seeing this fantastic show and seeing the characters on stage that you learnt about last term need to get a letter off me at either lunch time or after school. I anticipate that this trip will be extremely popular. The first 30 students who bring in their reply slip and payment will be able to attend.

P.S It is great. I have seen it 5 times!!!

#### **Mike Ames ~ Acting workshops**

Year 11 had an intense acting skills workshop run by Mike Ames from the National Theatre on Wednesday. They were challenging and interesting lessons. Students realised they need more confidence to perform and also need to really think about how they are in character and on stage. Year 11 worked hard and gave intelligent answers and performances. I was very pleased with them and the effort they put in... well done! The after school Drama Club also had one on Thursday which was equally fun and students put a lot of effort in and are really beginning to shine as performers...such a great group for a club!!! Well-done guys!!