



NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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Message from Headteacher

Half Term looms. The school is closed on Friday 14th February for staff training (Inset). The last day of half term for students is Thursday 13th February.

I am also aware EID falls on Tuesday 11th February. Any students who will not be attending school on Tuesday 11th February due to Religious Observance of EID are required to bring in a note on Monday 10th February, signed by a parent/carer. Please can you make sure that, if students do take EID as a religious holiday, that they return to school on Wednesday 12th February.

This is an important time in the school calendar, most Year Groups have exams of some kind in the next few weeks. It is therefore vital that students attend school every day. Although I understand that EID is an important religious festival, we need to make sure that students miss as little time as possible. Can I wish you all happy Valentine's Day, happy EID & happy holiday.

Ms Shuter
Headteacher

Remember: On Tuesday Students will follow Friday's Timetable.

There have been several Fridays recently when the school has had to close for various reasons (weather, central heating problems, Inset days). So to make up for lost time, we will be switching the timetable this week, so that on Tuesday we will follow Friday's timetable. Please can you make sure that all students have the correct books and equipment.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 7 who have overall highest attendance with 93.84% for the period from 27th January to 31st January 2003.

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

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Governing Body Elections

Closing date Monday 10th February 2003

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 10th February, at the latest.

Punctuality

Could I remind students and parents about 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.

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.

Drama Department News

Arts Educational Acting Company

The Arts Educational Theatre Company came in this week and performed a production called *Chaos and Corruption* for our AS and A2 Groups and the Sixth Form Access class. The performance was based around various Shakespearean plays and was very compelling. The company brought an elaborate set and used a lot of sound scapes to create atmosphere. Although a very intense production, the performances were astounding and it was an enjoyable afternoon.

Blood Brothers

There are still some tickets left to go and see *Blood Brothers*. Although it is mainly for Year 9, it is open for students from all years to attend. If you wish to attend please come and see me in the Drama Department office (UGB1).

Emma Stevens

Chess Club

The Chess Club will start after half term in the Drama Studio.

Dates to remember

Half Term – Friday 14th February – Friday 21st February (inclusive).

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

If you missed an issue of the *QK News* you may wish to catch up on important information by downloading a copy at www.qkschool.org.uk.

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