



NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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Message from Headteacher

Whilst QK is not participating in Red Nose Day this term, we will be organising our own charity event to take place during the summer term. We feel that this will be a better time in the school year for a well-planned event, watch this space for more information.

Well done to the Year 10 students who participated in this week's Health and Safety Training. Staff were very pleased with the maturity shown by all.

I must stress the importance of attendance to lessons. No student should be out of class without good reason and a note in their student diary. Students who need to go to the toilet during lesson time must come and see me, you will need to sign for a key and return it to me afterwards. We have found that this system is helping to reduce vandalism and keep the toilets in a good condition for everyone to use.

The programme of weekend revision classes for Year 11 GCSEs and Year 9 SATs will continue through the Easter Holiday. Keep up the good work it will all be worth it in the end!!!

MUSIC ROTA WEEK 3

Exam Notices

Key Skills exams are in rooms U3E & U3F starting at 9.00 am and each lasting 1 hour:

Tuesday 18th March Application of Number Level 2

Wednesday 19th March Communication Level 2

Thursday 20th March IT Level 2

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club starts on Tuesday at 1 pm in the Drama Studio. Please eat your lunch before attending. Doors close at 1.10 pm.

Our Trip to Central London

by Mehret Efreem 8K

On Tuesday 4th March a group of QK students, in Years 7, 8 and 9, who are new to London, went on a trip to places of interest in Central London. We started the trip after registration. We took bus number 13 to the centre of London. The group leader was Ms Levis.

There were 26 of us—22 pupils and 4 teachers. When we reached Piccadilly Circus, Ms Levis started to explain about the places that we saw.

The first place we visited was an expensive shop called Fortnum and Mason. After that we continued our trip to a big park called Green Park. At the other end of the park we came to Buckingham Palace, the home of the Queen. We also saw a large statue of Queen Victoria.

An interesting thing was that a lot of people were wearing their national clothes.

From Buckingham Palace we walked across St. James' Park. A lot of people were wandering around. There were beautiful birds, a lovely lake and fresh air.

Another place we saw was Westminster Abbey where many famous people are buried. Some of us went into a smaller church next door.

We then went to the Prime Minister's residence in Downing Street. We were very lucky because we were allowed to go through the gates and have our photo taken on the doorstep of number 10.

At the end of the trip we went to Trafalgar Square, which is where there are two large fountains, in which the water sprinkles around. We looked at the National Gallery and other big buildings around the square.

We left Trafalgar Square, at 3 o'clock and arrived back at QK at 3.45. We were very tired but it had been a very enjoyable day.

English Speaking Union Debate

by Daniel Bessong 13N

On Wednesday 5th March, I had the pleasure of visiting the Dartmouth House London HQ of the English-Speaking Union (ESU), which is near to Green Park Station. The reason for my visit was to attend one of the debates organised by the ESU in which Sixth Form students from different schools debate about various issues related to our lives. The debate in itself was a great experience for one to be in, as there were many insightful, constructive, broadminded and well-elaborated views expressed in a thought provoking manner. If there is anything that you would like to know about ESU, you can contact me or Lez Weintrobe.

QK SPORT RESULTS

FOOTBALL

The Year 7 Football Team had a fantastic tournament at Paddington Recreation Ground on Wednesday 5th March. After some good wins in the round robin competition, they won a hard fought final against Westminster City to be Westminster Schools 6-a-side Champions. Highlights must include Charlie Benson (7S) scoring 16 goals in 5 games and Youssef Ensser (7S), voted the Players' Player of the tournament. Many thanks also go to Sixth Formers Goran and Mohammed for their weekly coaching and commitment.

NETBALL

The Year 7 Girls' Netball Team played in the Westminster Schools Cup Competition at Grey Coat Hospital School, Pimlico on Wednesday 5th March. After a slightly nervous start, the girls played better with every game. With one loss and three draws (including the eventual winners, Portland Place) everyone showed good team spirit as we came 4th.

FIXTURES

Year 7/8	Boys Cricket
Year 7/8	Girls Basketball
Year 8 Girls	Football
Year 9	Girls Basketball
All Years	Athletics
Year 10/11	Basketball

Check the noticeboards for details, get to training and be part of the team!

J. White
Director of PE and Sport

Drama Department News

PERFORMANCES

Next Wednesday morning I have a Theatre company coming into visit the school. Arts Educational Acting Company is going to perform a piece called *Family Fortunes* to year 10 GCSE Drama students and Drama Club members. It is based around various Shakespearean plays and should be very funny. As a school we are very lucky to be able to accommodate such companies as students benefit greatly from watching professionals work and learn from the discussions they have after the performance. ... Enjoy!

AUDITIONS AND CASTING

I have had a Casting Director come in to school the last couple of weeks wanting to talk to the students about joining a Theatre Company at the weekends and taking part in film work. As anticipated these meetings were very full as many students attended. I am pleased to say that after last week's set of auditions, many students have had recalls and two have been placed. The director expressed to me great interest in our students and told me how talented and professional they are. What a fantastic opportunity! Good luck to those of you taking auditions this Saturday!!! and Well Done!!!

QUIZ

Answer the following questions. Those who get the answers right will go into a draw. All entries must be in by Wednesday morning to Miss Stevens in the Drama Office! Some easier than others so ... Good Luck!

1. Who wrote the play *Blood Brothers*?
2. Who is the Actress who plays Vera Duckworth in *Coronation Street*?
3. What film at the moment is Jennifer Lopez in?
4. Who directed the film *Harry Potter*?
5. What Theatre is *Joseph and the Technicolour Dream Coat* playing at?
6. Where in London is the National Theatre?
7. What is the name of the actress who plays Hermione in *Harry Potter*?
8. Which actress is Michael Douglas married to?
9. Can you name two TV programmes Davina McCall presents?

The winner of last week's Drama Quiz was **Marta Dimetros** in 8S who receives a cinema voucher. Well Done! Only a few got all 9 answers right.