



# NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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## Message from Headteacher

As this term draws to a close, we can all look back on a very successful period of school development. The hard work of teachers and students has once again been apparent. I would like to thank everybody for their commitment and enthusiasm that is demonstrated in all aspects of school life.

Next term will require more commitment and determination from teachers and students as we move into an expanding era. We look forward to our best ever GCSE and SATs results and overall student performance.

Attendance continues to improve as our system becomes more robust and rigorous. Thank you to parents for continued support in the form of notes and telephone calls explaining absences and your commitment to the school in general.

May I take this opportunity to reinforce my letter and previous Headteacher's comments. We are facing a difficult period in terms of the previously mentioned hugely reduced School Budget. I must make it clear however that there will be no compulsory reduction of staff or halting of the refurbishment of school buildings.

Please feel free to contact me regarding clarification of budget issues and write as many letters to your MP, local councillor as you deem necessary.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a Happy Holiday

*Jo Shuter*  
Headteacher

## Drama Department

Well done to all Year 11s who performed this week. Phew! It's over! Now time to revise for the exam and to wish those luck that are performing for the examiner!

Congratulations to Lex Kearney (7S) for catching the eye of the casting agent at the auditions. He is meeting the film director over Easter. Well done!

Wishing all students a happy Easter break!

*Emma Stevens*

## Late Start for first day of Summer Term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2003

On the first day of term Registration will be at 10.30 in Tutor rooms followed by break at 10.50. Lessons will resume as normal from Period 3.

Reminder that the first week after Easter will be  
MUSIC ROTA WEEK 1

## French Trip to Central Hall Westminster

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March Years 11 Year 10 made their way to the Westminster Central Hall to a French conference. Accompanying us were Venera Meyers (Head of Languages) and Rachel Fisher (my French Teacher). I didn't know what to expect. There were several schools in London participating in this event Westminster City Boys School, Grey Coats, St Marylebone and others.

The hall was enormous and the sheer number of students was immense. We were introduced to two native French speakers on stage, there were lead activities such as role-plays & TV adverts on cultural awareness. Information was displayed on an overhead projector that could be seen by everyone in the hall. We wrote our responses on a colourful, well presented work book.

We had a short break at the end of each activity. We had an hour at lunch. After lunch the speakers went through grammar and exam questions, which was very helpful because we gained skills that could be used in exams.

My afternoon was most enjoyable and I would recommend this conference to anyone interested in a language as this conference can also be done in Spanish and Italian.

Venera and Rachel were very helpful and enthusiastic throughout the trip. The French students appreciate your time and effort.

**'C'était fantastique'** as the French would say.

*by Dalcia Moustafa*

## EXAM NOTICES

Please see the exam timetable for details of exams occurring during the first two weeks back after the Easter break. These are final exams and attendance on the specified day and time is absolutely vital to pass.

**GCSE practicals and speaking** exams begin the first week of the Summer term, and will continue throughout May. Students must attend these exams in order to pass their GCSE. We cannot re-schedule them. However if a student is ill, a doctor's note must be handed to the Exams Officer to be sent to the exam board for special consideration; otherwise the student will receive no marks for that component.

Key Stage 3 Tests for Year 9 students begin immediately after the first May bank holiday (2nd week of Summer term). Students must attend these exams in order to attain a KS3 level. We cannot re-schedule these exams, and even if students are ill, a doctor's note cannot be used to apply for leniency. In the case of KS3 exams any form of absence results in no level for that exam.

## Religious Celebrations

Many important religious celebrations take place over the rest of this month.

**Easter** is the Christian celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Holy week begins on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April with Palm Sunday which celebrates his entry into Jerusalem. During Holy Week Christians remember the last week of Jesus before his crucifixion on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday. Easter is celebrated a week later by the Orthodox Christian Church.

Jews celebrate the exodus from slavery in Egypt over the eight days of **Passover**, 17-24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Vaisakhi**, 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> April, is the Sikh New Year Festival celebrating the foundation of the religion by Guru Gobind Singh.

BEST WISHES FOR ALL  
THESE CELEBRATIONS &  
HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY

## Lavenda Springs Collection for Kenya

Thanks to the following students who donated pens, pencils, felt-tips, books, toys, bags etc for me to take to Kenya. I was overwhelmed by the generosity and interest shown by students. More information can be found at

[www.lavendarsprings.com](http://www.lavendarsprings.com)

Hamza	8Y	Nadia	9T
Selam	8Y	Shawnee	9T
Alex	8S	Romena	9T
Kymberly	8S	Luwam	9K
Alexi	8U	Karen	9S
Shaun	8N	Eileen	9S
Mehret	8K	Ryan	9S
Akram	8S	Vitto	9S
Shereen	8S	Mahkale	9T
Mizanur	8Y	Hussein	11N
Ibtisam	8Y	Hadil	11U
Zara	9N	Paula	11U
Fateha	9N	Syeda	11Q
Joshua	9N	Nasreen	11Q
Nando	9K	Shelley	11N
Sami	9U	Arta	11Q

*Melissa Johns*

## Year 8 Football

**On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, the Year 8 football team went on a trip to Grey Coat Hospital School to compete in a Westminster Schools' Football Competition. QK played five 6-a-side games, the girls drew three and won two. The goal scorers were Lucy Bradshaw, Katie O'Leary and Holly McClean.**

**After a long, tiring day the girls got changed and they were all ready to see if they had won. We sat down and everybody went quiet, then finally the man started to talk. QK girls were praying to win and then suddenly he shouted QK! The girls jumped up in happiness, then we went up one by one to collect our 1<sup>st</sup> place medals. Jemma Rowe (11U) also got a medal for being a great coach. When we left Grey Coat Hospital we left as winners and that is what we are!**

**Congratulations to Lucy Bradshaw and Katie O'Leary who played so well they got scouted for Fulham Ladies, so well done girls!!**

### **Team**

**Lucy Bradshaw (8K) Captain, Josie Parrianen, Katie O'Leary and Holly McClean (8N), Nicole John and Fanaye Twerdros (8T) and Asmy Kenfe (8U)**

*by Lucy Bradshaw 8K*