



Message from Headteacher

A very warm welcome back to everyone after the Easter break. I hope you have returned rested and ready for a hardworking and productive Summer term.

The new QK Diner opened on Monday 28th April. It is a welcoming, modern and thoroughly enjoyable venue for the students and staff to enjoy break and lunchtime snacks. Like every new venture there are always teething problems. I would like to thank all students for their tolerance with the difficulties faced with queuing during the first couple of days. Tremendous goodwill and patience was shown to fellow students and staff during the 'running-in' period. Each day the queuing time has been reduced and it will continue to get quicker and better as we all settle in to the new system.

The lower school playground has been re-surfaced over the Easter break. The surface has to be left for two weeks in order for the tarmac to settle, after which new basketball lines, rings and football posts will be set up. This is wonderful news for students, who hopefully will enjoy this facility to the full.

Year 9 students begin their Key Stage 3 SATs exams on Tuesday 6th May. I am sure that you are aware of the importance of these exams. I am therefore asking that all students show their support for Year 9 students by moving quietly during lesson change, break time and lunchtime. All Year 9 students will finish at 1.00 pm each day and should leave site and go home. Parents need to ensure students use their time sensibly and revise daily during this important exam period.

*Jo Shuter
Headteacher*

The New QK Diner

The Diner is open every morning for breakfast between 7.30 am and 8.30 am.

Primary/Secondary Transfer

A very successful Welcome Evening was held on 1st April for parents/carers and students joining Year 7 in September 2003. Over 400 parents attended this informative evening. Feedback from parents was positive and everyone was extremely impressed by what QK can offer students both on an academic and pastoral level.

A follow-up evening is to be held on Tuesday 6th May for those parents who were unable to attend. Any parent/carer who did not attend the previous Welcome Evening should make every effort to attend on 6th May.



MUSIC ROTA WEEK 2

EXAMINATION NOTICES

Please see the timetable for details of exams occurring during the next two weeks. There has been an alteration to the previously published Year 9 timetable: all Year 9 exams have now been scheduled to occur in morning sessions ending before lunch. Attendance on the specified days and times is absolutely vital in order to attain a Key Stage 3 Level. We cannot re-schedule an exam on another day, and even if students are ill, a doctor's note cannot be used to apply for leniency. Any form of absence results in no level for that exam.

GCSE students & Sixth Formers need to be vigilant as details of community languages and AS Level exams are beginning to appear on the timetable. There are improvements to the accommodation of written exams as we are now using the Lower Gyms as exam halls.

Drama Department News

Well done to all those Year 11 students who performed this week for the GCSE examiner. It was scary and you worked well. Phew!, it's out the way!!!

AS and A2 Performances

Year 12 AS Theatre Studies students will be performing *Road* by Jim Cartwright on Thursday 8th May at 7 pm. It is an amazingly funny and moving performance and will be something you may never have experienced before. Due to the nature of the play it will only be available for Key Stage 4 students upwards to attend. Tickets cost £2 and are available from the Drama Office. It is open to staff and parents. PLEASE COME, YOU WILL ENJOY IT!

On Friday 9th May at 4 pm , A2 Theatre Studies perform shortened versions of *Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf?* and *An Inspector Calls*. These performances are available for all to see and cost £2. Tickets are available from the Drama Office NOW!!

Both performances would be especially good for Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama Students to watch or anyone interested in theatre and would like to watch some interesting performances.

For information regarding Years 10 and 11 assessments and exams, please contact either Miss Emma Stevens or Ms Sarah Adams in the Drama Office.

Religious Celebrations

Important religious celebrations taking place over the rest of this month include:

14th May

Prophet Muhammad's Birthday

This is celebrated on 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal, the third month of the Muslim calendar. The celebration starts with reading from the Qur'an followed by poetry and songs in praise of the Prophet. In some big cities of the Muslim world the day is marked with processions and flag waving, in the UK Muslims celebrate at the mosque.

15th May

Vesakha puja/Wesak/Bodhi Day (Buddhist)

On Wesak Theravadins celebrate the birth, enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree in Bodhgaya in North India, and the final passing away of Gautama Buddha. Houses are decorated with lanterns and garlands, and in many countries captive birds re released as an act of compassion. This is the biggest of all the Buddhist festivals.

Dates to Remember

May Day Bank Holiday is Monday 5th May, 2003

Return to school on Tuesday 6th May, 2003 with Registration at the normal time.