



# NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another new year at Quintin Kynaston School. I hope everyone had a restful and peaceful summer break. I would like to extend a huge welcome to our new students in Year 7. We had an unprecedented number of applications to join the school this year. Unfortunately we were not able to accept everyone.

Year 7 students looked exceptionally smart in their new uniforms. As all parents/carers are aware, uniform is compulsory at QK; thank you for your continued support in ensuring all students arrive at school in correct uniform

Welcome also to the many students who have joined our Sixth Form from other schools together with our own Year 11 students who have moved up. They have all settled in wonderfully and are a great group of young adults.

We will be hosting an Open Evening for prospective parents of primary school students who will be joining QK next year. In order for us to prepare for this busy event we will close early Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Students will be dismissed at 2.00 pm. Your son/daughter may be asked to help. Please

ensure that you sign a consent letter if your child wishes to take part.

I would urge all parents who think they may be entitled to Free School Meals to read the guidance notes regarding Free School Meals overleaf. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the school office.

This year's public examination results for QK have been the best ever in A-level, GCSE and the Year 9 SATs.

<b>Key Stage 3</b>	Level 5 & above	Level 6 & above
English	85%	39.5%
Mathematics	74.5%	46.5%
Science	65.5%	29%
<b>GCSE: 5 or more A* -C</b>	49%	
<b>A-Level: Pass Rate</b>	97.4%	
<b>Average Point Score</b>	183.7	

Congratulations to all students and staff for your exceptional hard work during this year. I am very lucky to work with such a dedicated team of professionals and wonderful students who have all shone like stars. Well done and thank you.

*Jo Shuter*

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## Lesson Monitor

We have started to use an electronic registration system at QK. This will allow the teaching staff to see immediately which students are not in school and parents will then be telephoned. Please make sure that you:

- phone the school if your child is ill and unable to come into school.
- let the school know if there are any changes to contact details

## Literacy

At QK this year we are concentrating on different areas of literacy in order to help all our children make as much progress as possible. All subject teachers will be including work on writing accurately in lessons and in registration. The first area that we are thinking about is the correct use of capital letters and full-stops. We will be publishing further details next week. You can support teachers by helping them to check their written work at home.

## Guidance Notes on Free School Meals

Only children whose parents are in receipt of one of the following may apply for assistance with free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance (not contribution-based)
- Pension Credit but only those who receive Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit or Incapacity Benefit (but not receiving the Working Tax Credit) and who have an annual taxable income of less than £13,910 (Please your TC602 form issued by the Inland Revenue with the Application.)

Parents supported by the National Asylum Support Service (NASS) or the local Central Asylum Team may also apply.

Entitlement to free meals for all students attending Westminster schools is assessed by Westminster LEA regardless of where the student lives and parents are required to apply on a Westminster form.

A FREE MEAL WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO ANY STUDENT FOR WHOM THE SCHOOL DOES NOT HOLD CURRENT WRITTEN LEA AUTHORISATION.

## Uniform

A reminder that all students must wear correct QK school uniform.

The items are:

- Navy blue trousers or skirt
- Light blue QK t-shirt
- Navy blue v-neck jumper
- Navy blue QK Schott jacket
- Black shoes

The QK Uniform Shop is open from 1:00 to 1:30 and from 3:30 to 4:30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

### Dates to Remember

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 6-7 pm  
Year 9 Welcome Evening

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 6-7 pm  
Year 8 Welcome Evening

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 6-7 pm  
Year 10 Welcome Evening

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
Year 12 Welcome Evening 6-7 pm