



# NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

No. 2 16<sup>th</sup> September 2005

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Students have now completed their second week of the new academic year. Year 7 students have settled in well. As you are aware, starting secondary school is a huge change for our Year 7 students. Most have come from small primary schools and many find the large number of students and the many classrooms and corridors to navigate overwhelming. There is so much for them to remember, and routines to get used to. You can support your sons and daughters in the following ways; get them used to checking their timetable each evening and prepare their books to take for the next days lessons.. Every student has a School Diary; please check this with them each evening. You will see which subject teachers have set homework and when it has to be handed in. Help them organise and complete the work on time. If you have any concerns, please contact the Form Tutor.

To the Parents and Carers of Year 9 students: please make every effort to attend the Welcome Evening (see below).

I would like to remind parents who are eligible for Free School Meals to ensure they return their completed form to the school office immediately. Many meal authorisations expired on 31<sup>st</sup> July and many parents have not re-applied. We can only give meals to students with current authorisation from Westminster. From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, any student who does not have a current authorisation will have to bring a packed lunch or pay £1.37 per day for their dinner. The school has paid out a significant amount of money to cover lunches for students without current authorisation. Westminster Benefits Section will not reimburse the school for these meals.

*Jo Shuter*

## Youth Club

Youth Club has restarted. Posters are located in Tutor Rooms and around the school. Details on the website.

## Year 9 Welcome Evening

A reminder to parents that there is a Welcome Evening on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. This is an important opportunity to find out about:

- what your child will have to do in the Key Stage 3 SATs English, ICT, Maths and Science.
- what you can do to help your child achieve good grades.
- what extra resources are available.

## Advanced Warning

### 1. Welcome Evenings

An important opportunity to find out about the year ahead for your child and how you can help.

### 2. Open Evening

School will close early on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. From 5.30 until 8.30 pm parents of Year 6 pupils looking for a place in 2006 will be visiting us.

### 3. Team Building Day

The school will be closed to students on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September as there is a Staff Training Day (INSET) for Team Building.

## Dates to Remember

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

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

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September  
School closed. Staff Training Day.

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

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Early closure for Open Evening.

## Study Clubs

A variety of clubs are available to support your child after school: more details on the website.

### English Study Club

For Key Sage 3 students on Thursdays between 3.45 and 4.45 in Room L3E.

### Extra!

Every Thursday English is being EXTRA!

If you are in Year 10 or 11 and feel like you would like an extra place to work, extra help with any aspect of your English studies, extra tips for how to do well – or more, then come to L4C between 3:45 and 4:45 this Thursday and every Thursday. See you there!

*Dillena Basra*

## Loud Tate Project

Five QK students took part in the Loud Tate project at the end of July. Year 10 students from Westminster secondary schools had the opportunity to work with an artist for a week at Tate Britain. Each student produced a large painting on canvas based on the theme of Identity.

All the students had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the experience. The project was a great success and our students were a great credit to QK: well done to

- Jermaine James-Michel 10K (below)
- Cassie Ross 10K
- Nuwan Kulakulasuriya Thomas 10T (below right)
- Amir Atighi-Moghaddam 10Q
- Johanna O'Brien 10U

*Sandra Archer*  
*Head of Art*



## School Trip

Approximately 50 students have been invited on a trip to visit the National Film Theatre on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Parents and guardians of students in Years 8 to 11 who are going on the trip are advised that they will be dismissed from school at 5 pm. Sixth Formers will be dismissed directly from the National Film Theatre.

Staff accompanying the students will be Reena Spring, David Njie, Mimi Potworowska and Carlon Edgar. Senior member of staff is Fran Dix.

## Summer Refurbishment

Over the summer, there were major works to the main electrical power source at QK. Unfortunately, this has left us with a few problems which are being sorted out. We apologise for any interruptions to lessons.



## Family Learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are working in partnership with Westminster Adult Education Service to offer families new to Quintin Kynaston the opportunity to take part in Family Learning courses. These courses are designed to meet your needs to learn about how literacy and mathematics is taught in schools so you can better support your children with homework and schoolwork in general.

The workshops and courses take place at the school once a week for about 6–8 weeks and last about 2 hours. Parents work with experienced Family Learning tutors. We start by explaining what happens in Literacy classes and then cover different parts of the curriculum.

We would be very pleased if you could send the attached survey back to school as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements to support you and your children in the new term. If your child is not in Year 7 but you are interested in these classes please complete the form and change the year group.

*Eugene Moriarty*  
*Deputy Headteacher*

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## Family Literacy Classes

Name of Year 7 Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address if you have one: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the boxes

I want to know more about Family Literacy workshops and courses YES  NO

I want to enrol on a Family Literacy course YES  NO

I would need a translator to work with me in the course YES  NO

If YES, which language? \_\_\_\_\_

I can take part in a course  9.15 – 12.30

or  1.30 – 3.30

Please return to the school office for the attention of Allison Knight