



NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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Headteacher's Message

The last two weeks of this half-term has seen many events and trips celebrating Black History Month. I would like to thank those involved in making this year's Black History Month one of the most successful to date. Special thanks go to Emma Stevens and her fantastic team for putting on a superb 'Black History Show' on Tuesday. Many other staff contributed in various ways to the success of Black History Month and without them many activities would not have been able to go ahead. Last, but certainly not least, a huge thank you to all the students who participated in the show: as always they all performed wonderfully. I am amazed at the wealth of talent we have at QK you truly are a credit to your families and to the school community.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to seeing you all rested and ready for the next phase of learning, leading up to the Christmas break. School will re-open on Monday 31st October with Registration at 8.50 am for all students.

Jo Shuter

Ramadan Prayers

Daily prayers will be held for boys and girls in the Drama Centre at 1:10 pm.

Osama Darwish

Macbeth

The Arts Ed Theatre Company came into the school on Thursday to perform a remake edition of Macbeth to GCSE, A Level Drama & Theatre Studies & Year 9 students preparing for their SATs. Thank you to the performers and the workshop they took.

Black History Month

Cinema

During the last two weeks students queued up outside the Library to see a tribute to black cinema. The films shown were 'Cool Runnings' and 'You Got Served'. The students who attended behaved fantastically, Well Done! A big thank you to Sue Faulkner-Wiley for organising the tickets and films. Other thanks go to the Library Team for their support also Fran Dix and David Njie for their inspirational readings.

Quiz

Last week's winners—Maryam Serour 7S and Craig Miguel 7T—receive £5 each courtesy of Coral Joseph, Connexions Adviser.

Well done to the students who got the correct answers: Victoria Hayfron 7S, Sherina Ali 7T, Bertha Hayfron 8T, Felicity Hayfron 8I.

Wow! What a Concert

Black History month was celebrated by Expressive Arts with a multitude of talent and the largest audience to date. The performance started off with a reading from the hosts and ended with the brilliant African dancers. Students, parents, guests and teachers gave out rapturous applause and at times joined in the performances. It was fantastic!

A big thank you to the rappers, dancers, musicians, singers and other performers who took part. A huge thank you to Miss Emma Stevens, Head of Expressive Arts, Mr Allen, Miss Archer, Miss Coleman, Miss Dickenson, Mr Burgon, Dan Baker and the periphetic staff. Other thanks go to the Site Team and ALL staff that supported the show.

James Akinsowon

Finance Exam

During half term there will be a special Finance exam session for all Year 13 single AVCE students. If you struggle or need to boost your confidence for the exam, please come to L1A on Wednesday 27th October from 10.30 am and practice.

Years 9 and 10 Reminders

A reminder for Year 10 students to bring their money in to see 'The Blue Man Group' and for Year 9 students to bring their money in for 'The Blood Brothers'.

Visit by Rt Hon Lord Waddington

Most people would find meeting an old-school, right-wing minister from the Thatcher years a daunting task, intimidated by a name such as Lord Waddington. But luckily QK's AS and A2 government classes played it cool, rising to the occasion. Everyone thought he would be a very old man who would ramble on about how good "the old" days were, and keep on going about the youth of today ruining what he had worked hard for. To everyone's surprise, he wasn't what we had expected. Yes, he was old and hard of hearing, but he didn't bore us to death with facts and figures. This is a man who was once Home Secretary, his job was to speak and, although he was a retired politician, he still had his touch.

We didn't let the situation get to our heads as we put up our hands to speak. We tried throwing him tough questions on immigration, the effects of Turkey joining the EU etc. But he was as cool as a cucumber and didn't even break sweat. We got the impression that he would only answer as much of the question as he wanted to!

He was very polite and down to earth, and thanked us all for being there and listening so attentively when we should have thanked him. Everyone's preconceptions had been wiped out. He even left a present, if you consider a book on the European constitution as a present!

Haroon Sheikh, Year 13

Graphic Competition

The Design and Technology Department announces the winners of the Graphic Competition:

- 1st — Amirah Nazir 9U
- 2nd — Nufha Chowdhury 10U
- Joint 3rd — Mujib Saadat 8T & Javeer Miah 12N

The winning entries were voted for by parents and teachers during open evening. Prizes will be given out during assemblies this week. Well done to all of those who entered our competition.

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, please phone as early as possible. After Registration the School Office starts phoning parents whose children have been marked absent. Also, please remind your child that if they are late, they must sign in correctly or they will still be recorded as absent.

Collecting Vouchers

We are happy to receive any vouchers that you get from supermarkets. Please hand them in to your Tutors or the School Office.

Dates to Remember

October

Friday 21st: Trip to Houses of Parliament

Monday 31st: Return to School 8.50 am and Trip to Steiner Theatre, Baker St

November

Wednesday 2nd: Trip to Lyric, Hammersmith

Wednesday 9th: A-Level students to visit Canary Wharf for the initial stages of their internship programme

Tuesday 15th: Trip to the Royal Albert Hall

Monday 21st: Trip to New London Theatre

Thursday 24th: Progress Review Evening

Friday 25th: Progress Review Day

Wednesday 30th: Trip to Camden Town Hall for the Psychology students