



NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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Headteacher's Message

Many of you will have seen the BBC1 film about QK screened on Tuesday evening. The school has received an enormous amount of positive feedback from local residents, ex-students and other members of the teaching profession in London and other regions of the UK. This has been in the form of e-mails and telephone calls. Our own students are immensely proud of the positive light in which our school community was portrayed. They are especially inspired by the main character of the film, who most of them know. A strong message was relayed to them: working hard at school and taking full advantage of the excellent opportunities on offer at most state schools (especially QK!!) does pay off and paves the way to even more opportunities in higher education. My consistent message to our students is that every one of them is capable of succeeding and doing well in life; education opens the door to endless opportunities and careers. We, as educators, will play our part in opening the doors. It is the students however who have to walk through them. Thank you to parents and carers, the local community and friends of QK, who continue to support us.

Christmas Lunch will be served to staff and students on Tuesday 6th December—complete with party hats and crackers. This is always an event enjoyed enormously by everyone.

Well done to Year 10 and Year 11 students who sat their modular Science and Maths exams this week. As usual their behaviour was impeccable. Thank you to all staff who helped with the organisation.

Jo Shuter

Shola Ama

Former QK student Shola Ama will be visiting the school on Thursday 1st December. During the day she will be working with selected students. In the evening she will perform a 'One Night Only' concert—a very limited number of tickets are available for QK students from the Drama Office.

Year 11 Students and Parents

The Sixth Form Options Evening is taking place on Thursday 1st December. This is an opportunity for parents and students to find out more about the courses and their requirements that are offered in QK Sixth Form. Teachers will be available to answer any questions that you have about courses. The Sixth Form Brochure and QK Application Form will also be available.

Progress Review

It was great to see such high attendance at these important meetings. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's Tutor or Director of Learning in order to discuss your child's progress.

Please help your child to concentrate on the advice given by teachers in order to support them in achieving the best grades that they are capable of this year.

Passport Applications

Teachers are often asked to complete passport applications for students. Please remember:

- teachers must have known your child for at least three years
- all aspects of the form must be filled in correctly before it is given in
- as teachers need to fill in their own passport number, you must give them advance warning. Teachers will not be able to do the form 'on the spot'.

School Mock Exams

A reminder to all parents and students that Mock exams start on 5th December for Year 11 students and on 8th December for Years 12 and 13. They are in all subject areas. Not only are these exams vital practice for the real exams, they will also decide what exams students will be entered in the summer.

Results will be available at Parents' Meetings in January.

All students should be revising each night at home. If they have not yet created a revision timetable, they should complete one as a matter of urgency this weekend!

Drama Trip

A group of students in the Gifted and Talented programme visited The Foundling Hospital museum and went to the National Theatre to see a performance of 'The Coram Boy'.

I had the privilege of accompanying these Year 8 and 9 students on a memorable day out brilliantly organised by Natasha Dickinson.

The workshop at the museum was stimulating, the weather was gorgeous and the play was utterly fantastic. QK students were naturally receptive, inspired and delightful company.

Sharon Worthington
G & T Coordinator

Trip to Lille

The Year 9 Trip to Lille will be taking place on Tuesday 6th December. We shall be leaving QK at 5.45 am and returning at around 6 pm.

Coming Soon...

This Christmas coming to a Lower Gym near you—LIVE F8 Poverty Is Not History. Watch this space.

GCSE ICT Coursework

The deadline is extended to Friday 2nd December. No coursework will be accepted after that date. Extra ICT Coursework club for Year 11 students on Wednesday 30th November from 3.30 to 5.00 pm.

Dates to Remember

Thursday 1st December
Sixth Form Option Evening for Yr11

Monday 5th December
Year 11 Mock Exams start

Thursday 8th December
Years 12/13 Mock Exams start

Friday 16th December
Break Up for Christmas!

Wednesday 4th January
Staff Training Day INSET (no students)

Thursday 5th January
Return to school, normal Registration

Design Technology GCSE Clubs

to improve your coursework and exam knowledge.

WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?	TEACHER
Electronics	DT3	Wed 3.45-5 pm	Anthony Riddle
Food	DT2	Thurs 3.30-5 pm	Oscar Plumley
Graphics	DT4	Thurs 3.45-5 pm	Seet Taank / Ellie Ridgeway
Resistant Materials	DT4/6	Wed 3.30-5 pm	Martin Stone
Textiles	DT5	Mon 3.30-5 pm	Haidee Wright
	DT5	Wed 3.30-5 pm	Haidee Wright
	DT7	Mon 3.45-5 pm	Anita McCormak