



NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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Headteacher's Message

The last week of term is here—this has been a very busy term for everyone. I would like to congratulate students for their continued hard work and, on the whole, good behaviour this term. Overall attendance and punctuality has greatly improved. Many thanks to parents and carers for their support in ensuring students arrive at school on time and well equipped for lessons.

There will be an opportunity for students to see the Staff Pantomime, which proved a huge success last year, many staff have volunteered to take part (including myself!).

Term finishes on Friday 16th December with all students off site by lunchtime. If you normally pick up your son or daughter from school, please ensure you make a note that the school is closing early on that day.

Finally, I wish everyone a Happy Christmas holiday, and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Jo Shuter

End of Term

Normal lessons will continue until Friday 16th December and students should be in school every day. The school will not authorise early holiday requests.

During the last week, there will be some fun for students when they can watch the QK Christmas Pantomime which was a roaring success last year featuring Ms Shuter as a very naughty student!

Students return to school on Thursday 5th January for normal registration at 8.50 am.

Behnam & Family Must Stay!

QK sixth formers and staff held an impressive demonstration on Tuesday lunchtime at the front of the school to express support for sixth former Behnam and his family who are under threat of deportation to Iran where they face prison and torture. There was a fantastic response to the call for a demonstration. Several of our students were interviewed by the press and spoke in a moving way about why such a fine, honest young person as Behnam, who everyone holds in such high regard, should be allowed to stay and not be sent back to great danger.

They also spoke of how the situation is affecting the QK community as a whole. The sixth form clearly identified with Behnam's plight, making the point that they regard an attack on Behnam is an attack on all of them. Outside speakers from the National Union of Students and the Campaign to Stop Deporting School Students put Behnam's case into the wider context of massive Human Rights abuses under the current regime in Iran and unfair treatment of asylum-seekers in the UK.

Thanks to all who attended and helped arrange this show of support. I am especially proud of the sixth form for the mature and caring way they are responding to the danger facing their fellow student.

The campaign continues. The next public event is an exhibition of Behnam's outstanding art at a local community centre over the weekend of 17th and 18th December which we hope many of you will attend.

Pauline Levis

Music Dates to Diarise

Christmas Concert in the Music Department on Tuesday 13th December at 1:00. Everyone Welcome!

A reminder to all GCSE Year 11 students that their **Final Solo Performance Recordings** are on 12th, 14th and 15th December in the Music Room from 3:30 to 5:30. Please bring a photocopy of the piece that you will be performing.

GCSE Year 11 **Special Events Composition** deadline is 16 December. Please make sure that you have given Miss Colman the name of your file on Cubase.

Keyboard Club: Monday 3:30–4:15 and Wednesday lunchtime

Cubase Club: Wednesday lunchtime

Preparation for Theory Examinations:
Thursday 3:30–4:15

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday 3:30–4:30

GCSE and A level Catch-Up: Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes

Sue Colman



Looking for Part Time or Temporary Work?

Why not check out our new Opportunity Centre located in the Library? You will need to be aged 16+ and have a National Insurance Number for most of the jobs.

The Connexions Card team will be holding a photo session for QK students aged 16-19 in the Diner from 3.30 pm on Tuesday 13th December during the QK Youth Club session.

Year 11 students who are not yet sixteen will need to have their Application Form signed by a parent or guardian.