



NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent and Carers

I would like to congratulate all Year 11 students who sat important examinations recently. The Business Studies class took their main GCSE exam with great confidence. Having already gained high grades in GCSE Maths last year, an amazing 23 Year 11's took their first AS exam in Mathematics this week. Well done to you all, I have every confidence your grades will be excellent.

As announced recently, QK hooded Schott Jackets will no longer be part of the QK uniform from September 2006. The decision was made in light of recent negative publicity in the press and media. Public opinion tends to view young people seen hanging around in groups wearing "hoodies" as intimidating. However stereotypical this view may be, I have decided that it would be in our interest to distance ourselves from anything that may be controversial or negative. Coincidentally, the Government has announced only this week their plans to introduce new legislation to promote a "Respect Culture". Students in Years 7 to 10 completed a questionnaire this week to determine what we should replace the Schott jacket with. The choices were a navy blue zipped fleece or navy blue zipped sweatshirt. The results were very close so we have decided to make both designs available to students.

Jo Shuter

Year 11 Parents Evening Tuesday 24th January 4.30–7.00 pm

This is your opportunity to discuss your sons' and daughters' progress. You will get an overview how they are expected to perform in their GCSE examinations. Subject teachers will be available to discuss any concerns you may have. Please make every effort to attend.

Reminder – No Fizzy Drinks

Fizzy drinks are not sold in the QK Diner and students are not permitted to bring their own fizzy drinks in to school. Any student seen with a fizzy drink will have it confiscated. The decision was made as part of our Healthy Schools Campaign. Please support the school by speaking with your son or daughter regarding this rule.

Goldman Sachs

Three of our brightest Business stars have been selected by Goldman Sachs to spend a day at the world famous financial institution. Pranvera Kolla, Lourdes Tavares and Yue Liu have been successful in the first steps towards a career in the city. The programme represents an opportunity to learn more about the organisation's recruitment strategies and, most importantly, network with some of the finest (and most wealthy) investment managers in the world!

Business Studies Department

Talent Show

Auditions are 3.30–6.30 pm on Thursday 19th January and 3.30–5 pm Friday 20th January in the Pink and Green Music Room.

Can you do any of these? Perform Magic, Ballet, Rap, Street Dance, Mime, Karate, Basketball, Baton Twirl, Play an Instrument, Perform Comedy, Gymnastics, Write a Poem, Indian/Irish Dancing? If so—or you have any other talents—AUDITION! You have to be in it to win it!

Finalists from these auditions will perform in two shows in March. Judges will award prizes for the top three performances

1st £100 2nd £50 3rd £25

Poetry Trip

The Year 11 trip to GCSE Poetry Live! will now take place on Friday 3rd February. This is because the previous event has completely sold out! The trip is designed to support Year 11 English and English Literature and is an important way to ensure students do well in both of the poetry examinations. To prevent your child from missing out on this excellent opportunity, please make sure that they return their money and slip to their English teacher before Thursday 19th January.

Drama Club

A Drama Club for Gifted and Talented students in Key Stage 3 starts next week after school on Thursday. Please get information from the Drama Office.

Book Fair

OK Library will be holding a Book Fair from 23rd to 30th January with competitions. Books by Jacqueline Wilson, Michael Murpurgo, Louis Sachar, Darren Shan, C.S Lewis and Matt Groening amongst others will be for sale. Prices start from £2.99.

Literacy for Parents & Students

We are holding a family literacy workshop for parents of Key Stage 3 students. This will be an opportunity for you to experience what it is like to be back in the classroom and to take part in some fun learning activities. It is an introduction to further courses we hope to run. The workshop is on 26th January from 2.30 to 3.20 pm. Please contact me on 020 7722 8141 ext. 189 if you wish to attend or if you want additional information.

Eugene Moriarty

STUDY CLUBS

English

Thursdays 3.45-4.45 pm

Year 9 in L3E

Year 11 in L4C

GCSE History

Fridays 3.45-5 pm

Mr Wilks (express group) in L2E

Miss Anscomb in L2G

GCSE French

Wednesdays

Speaking 1-1.30 pm in L3A

Revision 3.30-5 pm in U2A

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 24th January 4.30-7.00 pm
Year 11 Parents Evening

Friday 3rd February
Year 11 Poetry Trip
Sixth Form Business Students

Tuesday 7th February 4.30-7.00 pm
Years 12/13 Parents Evening

Friday 10th February
INSET DAY

Tuesday 21st February 4.30-7.00 pm
Year 7 Parents Evening