



# NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

This is the last week of what has been a very short and productive half-term.

Next week Year 9 students are sitting their Mock SATs. Half-term will be an opportunity for them to revise thoroughly any areas they have difficulties with. It is so important for Year 9 students to achieve their full potential in these exams as results give an indication of what they are expected to achieve at GCSE level. Please support your sons and daughters by helping them plan their revision time. Hard work does produce results, they are all capable of doing well. Good Luck Year 9!

I will be hosting a 'Parents Forum' on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.30 pm in the school Library. The main purpose of this meeting is to inform you – parents and carers of the QK's most valuable asset: your sons and daughters – of my vision of the future for QK. I will outline key developments planned for the school and discuss aspects of new education policies and standards set out by the government and Westminster Local Education Authority. This is an opportunity for you to raise issues or concerns regarding your children's education. I wish to stress that the intention of this meeting is to keep you informed of current education issues and to make you feel confident that you are able to enter into honest dialogue with me on a range of educational topics about which you are unclear or need clarifying. If you have a specific issue, please feel free to contact my PA who will make an appointment, and I will be happy to discuss it with you.

*Jo Shuter*

## Half Term

The last day for students is Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. The school will be closed on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> for staff training and re-opens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February with Registration at 8.50 am for all students.

## A Roaring Success!

Last week QK Library held a Book Fair open to all. Over fifty books were sold and the Library team would like to thank all those that came and took part. For every book sold, some of the book price was donated back to the Library for more new books to be purchased so thank you.

The correct Ipod Nano entries have been sent off. Let's hope one lucky QK student wins! The correct answers were:

- Aslan, the lion in the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
- Jacqueline Wilson, the current Children's Laureate
- Hogwarts, which is Harry Potter's School's name

## Year 9 Mocks

Year 9 students are sitting practice exams in Maths, English and Science next week. Please support them by making sure that:

- they are revising for all three subjects over the weekend
- they come to school with the correct equipment for their exams
- they get to school in plenty of time for their exams

## Holocaust Memorial Day

We should learn from what has happened in the past to help us in the future.

We should be able to value our life without the things we own.

There is more to life than the material things.

Family, friendship, happiness, love and more.

Realise what you have before it's gone.

Appreciate it.

It took only one thing to make me realise all the mistakes I have done and what I need to change.

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## LunchBoxx

Run by kids for kids, cheap wholesome produce guaranteed. Come and check out great new LunchBoxx in the Diner, Monday-Thursday!



- Fruit
- Water
- Smoothies
- Fruit bars
- Cereal bars
- Flapjacks
- Rice cakes
- Fruit juice
- Flavoured water
- Stationery
- Cakes

## Careers Club

Every Monday after school in QK Library starting 6<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-5.00 pm. An opportunity to:

- research careers, college and university courses, jobs, apprenticeships, part time work, volunteering using library and IT resources
- work on CVs and job applications
- use careers software (Kudos, Careerscape, Jobs4u, Streets Ahead)

Open to all students. Supervised by Robert Deane (Connexions) and Lucian Boyd-Harte

## Music

For all students wishing to develop their music technology skills and bands.

Sounds Expo Music Technology Event at Olympia  
9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March

The UK's biggest music technology show for musicians, producers, engineers and DJs. All manufacturers will be there, prizes, music tech hardware and software, seminars, free vouchers, workshops, special guests, Don't forget to take a demo CD or mp3 to the event. More information from Mr Allen check out [www.sounds-expo.co.uk](http://www.sounds-expo.co.uk)

### Dates to remember

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Key Stage 3 Mock Exams

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 4.30-7.00 pm  
Parents Evening for Years 12/13

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
School Council

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
School closed to students (Staff Training)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 4.30-7.00 pm  
Parents Evening for Year 7

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
World Book Day

## Year 11 Parents

Thank you to all the parents of Year 11 students who have met with Yassamin Sheel and Rachel Painting to go through exam entries.

## Win a computer or an ipod

Do you know what's cool about QK? If you do, the Ham & High Series is offering local secondary school students the chance to win some fantastic prizes in its "My School is Great" Competition.

All you have to do is say why you are proud to be a member of your school in a poem, an article, a captioned photo or a drawing. Does your school have some great teachers? Maybe you are in a sports team and feel proud when your school beats the local competition?

Whatever your reason, let us know and you could win a brand new computer or ipod Nano and get some great publicity for your school at the same time.

The Ham & High and Wood & Vale newspapers will have features on the competition over the coming weeks.

### HOW TO ENTER

You must be aged between 11 and 16 and attend school in Camden, Westminster or Barnet.

Make your entry as interesting and clear to read or as visually attractive as possible and make sure that it tells us why you think your school is great.

Written entries maximum 120 words. If you enter a photograph remember to get written permission to publish from any people included in the picture.

Include:

- your name
- age
- address
- email if you have one
- telephone details
- the name of the school and your form

Tell your Tutor that have entered the competition. Schools with the most entries will receive a special presentation certificate and will be featured in the Ham & High newspapers.

Mark your entry "Schools Competition" and send it to The Editor, Hampstead & Highgate Express, 100a Avenue Road, London NW3 3HF

Closing date: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2006