



NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your support this half-term. All our students have worked extremely hard since returning after the Christmas break. Attendance, punctuality and behaviour have continued to improve and I am extremely pleased with the overall attitudes across the year groups.

Well done to Year 9 students who took their Mock SATs this week. An excellent effort was made to get to school on time, bring their correct equipment and concentrate...and hopefully get top results!

We have had a continued series of Parents Evening recently and are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers of Year 7 students on Tuesday 21st February. All teachers that teach your sons and daughters will be available to talk about their progress so far at QK.

After half-term, all Year 11 and Year 9 students will benefit from a Mentoring Session with the Senior Leadership Team. Topics to be discussed include be mock results, progress, revision and Sixth Form (Application Forms can be obtained from the school Office). This is a unique opportunity for students to have an open and honest discussion about plans and aspirations for the future. Sound advice and realistic goals will be offered and routes to achieve these goals will be outlined.

I will be hosting a Parents Forum on Thursday 2nd March at 6.30 pm in the school Library. I will inform you about the many changes that are happening in education, and how these changes will affect you and your family. I look forward to meeting with you all.

Finally, have a great break, and look I forward to having another productive and challenging half-term.

Jo Shuter

Dates to remember

Monday 20th February
School starts with Registration at 8.50 am

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

Thursday 2nd March
World Book Day

Wednesday 8th March
International Women's Day

Tuesday 14th March 4.30-7 pm
Year 9 Parents Evening including information about GCSE Options

Celebrating Achievement in Schools

The Department of Education and Skills chose QK to launch its initiative on Wednesday to publicise and celebrate achievement in inner London schools.

The day went really well. The students were fabulous and Mike from chart-topping band Groove Armada gave an inspirational talk. The workshop was amazing. The press could not believe how talented, creative and knowledgeable our students are - we blew them away! The students with Mike's help managed to lay down vocals and a chorus to one of Nariman's tracks. It was awesome. This was then played to everyone. I swelled with pride! The marketing company has asked Nariman for a copy to use as part of their advertisement campaign!

We have amazing students at this school which this event was able to highlight. As parents, carers and teachers, we should feel very proud of the opportunities and encouragement we give our young people.

Watch out for us on Newsround, BBC London, Teachers TV and read about it in the Ham and High, Westminster News and the Camden Journal.

Thank you so much to those that came and supported. Especially the Office Staff and Ian Green for your patience and to James and Lucian.

Emma Stevens
Head of Expressive Arts

Guidance Notes on Free School Meals

Parents may apply for free school meals for their children **only** if they:

- receive Income Support or
- receive **Income-Based** Job Seekers Allowance or
- receive the Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit or
- receive Child Tax Credit (but not the Working Tax Credit) or Incapacity Benefit and have an annual taxable income of less than £13,910 or
- are supported by the National Asylum Support Service (NASS) or their Council's Central Asylum Team.

To apply, complete an Application Form (available from any Westminster Council One-Stop Shop or the School Office). If you receive Child Tax Credit or Incapacity Benefit, please attach your TC602 form (from the Inland Revenue) to your Application Form.

Entitlement to free meals is assessed by Westminster Local Education Authority (LEA) regardless of where the student lives so you must apply on a Westminster form. No free meal will be given to a student unless the school has a **current** written authorisation from the LEA.

Note that recipients of Contribution-Based Job Seekers Allowance and Working Tax Credit are **not** eligible for free meals.

Enterprise Day

On Wednesday 8th February, Year 10 students spent part of their day developing their enterprise skills. Their task was related to products for students and health. They worked with members of the Business community to develop their ideas. At the end of the session, they presented their fantastic projects and, although difficult a winning group was eventually chosen from each session. Congratulations to them and to all who took part.

Fizzy Drinks

A reminder to all parents, carers and students that all fizzy drinks are banned from school. Any that are seen will be confiscated.

Have a book or two to read

Why not read one of the Library's most loaned books over half term?

The top ten loans for this half term are dominated by Lemony Snicket, but J. K. Rowling is still there! How long will Lemony remain in the top spot? Well that depends on you the readers. Keep up that reading and have a good break.

1	The Reptile Room	Lemony Snicket
2	The Bad Beginning	Lemony Snicket
3	The Vile Village	Lemony Snicket
4	The Miserable Mill	Lemony Snicket
5	The Ersatz Elevator	Lemony Snicket
6	The Hostile Hospital	Lemony Snicket
7	Harry Potter You're The Best	
	A Tribute From Fans The World Over	
8	Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince	J K Rowling
9	Fantasy Fashion	Kelly McKain
10	Harry Potter and The Order of The Phoenix	J K Rowling



Opening after half term

The great new **LunchBoxx** is open for everyone. It's run by kids for kids and cheap wholesome produce is guaranteed. Come check it out in the Diner, Monday-Thursday!

We sell

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