



# NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all who attended the Year 9 Options Information Evening on Tuesday. It was encouraging to see so many parents and carers – a wonderful turnout. Thank you for your support.

The coming weeks are very important for Year 9 and Year 11 students as we approach the examination season. Revision is now what is important for these students. Please help your sons and daughters to set aside at least 2 hours every evening for revision study. If started now, revision will make a huge difference to students' final grade.

I would like to remind parents that fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. Please remind your sons and daughters of this rule and encourage them to drink water instead. There are two fresh water dispensers in the school Diner which students have access to at lunch and break time. Crisps are no longer sold in the school Diner and we are trying to encourage students not to bring them in to school. Please support our participation in the Healthy Schools Campaign

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, the Expressive Arts Faculty is holding the annual Talent Show. This is always a very popular event and tickets have already sold out for the Tuesday evening performance. So as not to be disappointed please buy your ticket early. They are available from Ms Stevens in the Drama Office during lunchtimes and after school. Only tickets holders will be admitted on the evening.

*Jo Shuter*

## Progress Review Days

The second Progress Review meeting of the year is approaching – it takes place after school on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March and the morning of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. It is for all students except those in Year 9.

You should already have received your letter if you have more than one child at the school, please return your reply slip as soon as possible so that we can give you the appointment times that you want.

## English Booster Lessons

These are for all Year 9 students who missed their target level in the Mock SATs plus anyone else who wants to BOOST their level and chances of success! Just come to the English Office at 3.30 pm on Monday.

## Year 9 Parents Evening

Thank you to all Year 9 Parents who attended Parents Evening on Tuesday to see parents and find out more about GCSE Options for their children. Please contact school if you feel you need further information about options. The final option choices will be made on May 26<sup>th</sup> when you will also receive your child's end of Key Stage 3 report.

## Isle of Wight Trip

45 students had a fantastic time in the Isle of Wight last weekend completing a variety of tasks. Staff were impressed at how well students from different year groups got on and worked successfully together. (Though one member of staff did confess to being amazed at how little sleep teenagers seemed to need!) Thank you to all staff and students who participated.

## Behnam & Family Must Stay Petition Goes Online

Many of you are aware of the situation facing two students at Quintin Kynaston School and their mother, whose claim for asylum in the UK has so far been unsuccessful. Behnam is in the sixth form and he has a younger brother at the school.

Both boys are model students. Behnam is a wonderful young person who is an incredibly talented artist, hoping to take up a place at the prestigious Central St Martin's College of Art and Design in September. The painting above depicts the hope for freedom in Iran. He painted it when he was 16.



At the moment Behnam's life is in danger. Both he and his mother have been sentenced, in their absence in Iran, on political charge, to long terms in prison and told they will receive lashes charges. This brutal punishment constitutes torture.

If the legal process fails the family are at risk of deportation.

We must do everything we can to keep the family safe in this country.

Anyone who has NOT signed the BEHNAM & FAMILY MUST STAY PETITION can now go online at

[www.gopetition.com/region/222/81999.htm](http://www.gopetition.com/region/222/81999.htm)

and sign it that way. Please pass it on to others you think might sign. This is one small, easy way in which you can help this family in their hour of need.

Thank you for your support,

***Pauline Levis***  
***Co-ordinator, Behnam & Family Must Stay Campaign***

## Reminders

### Attendance & Punctuality

Parents and carers: please make sure you:

- phone the school before 10 am if your child is ill and unable to come into school
- let us know if there are any changes to contact details

### Uniform

The correct QK school uniform, which all students in Year 7-11 must wear is:

- Navy blue trousers or skirt
- Light blue QK t-shirt
- Navy blue v-neck jumper
- Navy blue QK Schott jacket
- Black shoes

The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 1:30 pm and from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

Note that the Schott jacket will not be part of the school uniform after the end of the current school year. As from September 2006 it will not be allowed to be worn by students.

## Revision Clubs

Business	Wednesday 3.45-4.45 pm L1A
Careers	Monday 3.30-5 pm Library
Coursework Year 11	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
English GCSE	Thursday 3.45-4.45 pm L4C
English KS3	Thursday 3.45-4.45 pm L3E
English AS/A2	Thursday 3.45-4.45 pm L4E
French GCSE	Wednesday 3.30-5 pm U2A
French Speaking	Wednesday 1-1.30 pm L3A
French Year 10 Coursework	Tuesday 3.30-5 pm L3D
History GCSE	Friday 3.45-5 pm L2E/L2G
ICT GCSE	Monday & Wednesday after school L5C
ICT Year 9	Monday lunchtime L4A
KS3 G&T Drama	Wednesday 3.45-4.30 pm
Science GCSE	Tuesday Sc5
Science SATs	Monday & Wednesday 3.45- 5 pm Sc3
Science Year 8	Wednesday 3.45-5 pm