



NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a wonderfully successful term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. I would like to extend special thanks to all the teaching staff at QK who have worked tirelessly with students to ensure everyone reaches their full potential. Without their hard work and commitment, our successes would not be so great. Above all a huge thank you to our students, who are a truly remarkable bunch of young people. Watching them grow in all aspects of development each term is a real pleasure. They have all worked exceptionally hard this term and we should be very proud of them.

Finally, please take time to read this Special Edition of the QK News and talk through with your son/daughter what is expected of them while in school. I wish everyone a restful and happy Holiday, and look forward to seeing you all rested and ready for the Public Exams which begin when we return after Easter.

Jo Shuter

QK News

- is produced each week to inform you – news about past events and information about future events
- is given to all students in afternoon registration on Fridays
- is also available on the QK website – www.qkschool.org.uk

Please make sure that you ask your son or daughter for their copy of QK News every Friday after school.

Welcome to this last week of term's
"Special Holiday Information Edition"

You will find valuable information on:

- School Uniform
- Free School Meals
- Attendance and Punctuality
- Contacting the School
- School Rules

Attendance

Good attendance is very important for your daughter or son to do well at school. Statistics show that students who have poor attendance generally get low exam grades.

Please ...

- try to make medical and dental appointments after school or in the holidays
- contact our First Day Calling Officer on 020 7722 8141 ext 198 in the morning to let us know that your child will not be attending school. If your child is ill. The First Day Calling Officer may phone to check where absent students are and when parents /guardians have not rung to inform the school
- write a note in your child's Diary for the Tutor when they returns to school

If a student is late for school they MUST sign in the late book in Reception and in the Referral Room. Students who do not do this will be marked absent and a phone call will be made informing the parent that their son/daughter is not at school.

As you know, we are not able to authorise holidays during term time. The term dates for next year below will help you plan ahead.

Mobile Phones, Ipods, PSPs

We discourage students from bringing any valuable item into school. We can take no responsibility for any loss or damage.

We understand that you may wish your child to carry a mobile phone. But it must be switched off in school – not simply on silent – except during morning break and lunchtimes. If there is an emergency, please contact the School Office.

If any student has a phone on or attempts to use an Ipad or PSP on during lessons, teachers are authorised to confiscate it immediately. Parents and carers may well then be asked to come into school to collect the offending device.

Uniform

It is essential that ALL STUDENTS come to school in the correct uniform, which is:

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

P.E. Kit consists of:

- White QK P.E. t-shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Gym shoes or trainers

Any student not wearing the compulsory correct school uniform will be sent home to change or to the Referral Room for the day.

The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1.00 to 1.30 pm and from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.

Caps and hats of any description are not part of the school uniform. They are not allowed to be worn anywhere in school and will be confiscated if seen.

Outer jackets should not be worn in the building.

No trainers to be worn outside P.E. lessons.

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.

Contacting the School

Please ring the School Office on 020 7722 8141 where Reception will be happy to direct you to the appropriate person.

To leave a voicemail message for a Director of Learning, ask for their extension:

Year 7	ext 128
Year 8	ext 141
Year 9	ext 162
Year 10	ext 147
Year 11	ext 157
Year 12	ext 174
Year 13	ext 174

e-mail may be a better option if you have it as teachers can often be hard to get hold of during the day as they are busy teaching!

To e-mail any teacher, it is simply

fullname@qkschool.org.uk
eg: joshuter@qkschool.org.uk

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 Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also receiving the Working Tax Credit) or Incapacity Benefit and have an annual taxable income of less than £14,155 or
- are supported by the National Asylum Support Service (NASS) or their Council's Central Asylum Team

Young persons who receive Income Support or JBSA in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.

To apply, complete an Application Form (available from 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.

A FREE MEAL WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO ANY STUDENT FOR WHOM THE SCHOOL DOES NOT HOLD A CURRENT WRITTEN LEA AUTHORISATION.

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

Holiday Dates

Summer Term

Wednesday 19th April – Friday 21st July 2006
No school on 1st May (May Day)
Half-term: 29th May- 2nd June

School Year 2006/7

Term 1

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2006 – Induction
Wednesday 6th September – Students return
Friday 20th October – End of term

Term 2

Monday 30th October – Students return
Friday 15th December – End of term: Christmas
Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th December – Inset

Term 3

Wednesday 3rd January 2007 – Inset
Thursday 4th January – Students return
Friday 16th February – End of term

Term 4

Monday 26th February – Students return
Wednesday 4th April – End of term: Easter

Term 5

Thursday 19th April & Friday 20th April – Inset
Monday 23rd April – Students return
Monday 7th May – May Day
Friday 25th May – End of term: Spring Bank Holiday

Term 6

Monday 4th June – Inset
Tuesday 5th June – Students return
Friday 20th July – End of term: Summer Holiday

Students do not attend on Induction and
Inset (Staff Training) days.

Easter SATs Revision at QK

English

Come to the English Office, Lower
Building, 4th Floor

All Year 9 Students welcome

Monday 3rd April from 10 to 2.30

Science

Meet in Sc3

Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th April
Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th April

Level 6/7 Group from 10 to 12 noon

Level 5 Group 12 noon – 2 pm

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 19th April
Students return to school at 8:50 am

Tuesday 2nd May
SATs begin

Monday 8th May
Exams begin for Years 7-9

Wednesday 10th May
Year 10 Internal Exams begin

Friday 12th May
Inset Day

Music Technology

AS students are reminded of the recording sessions for the Recording 2 Unit on

- Monday 3rd April: Vocal Unit
- Wednesday 5th April: Bass Guitar Part
- Monday 10th April: Sibelius Score and Mix-Down of Arrangement 1

GCSE Music

There will be an Ensemble recording session from 12 to 4 pm on Friday 31st March for Year 11 students who have not completed this unit.

During the holiday the Music Department will be open from 9.30 to 4 pm on Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th April for students to complete their compositions.