



NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a restful break. The Summer term is one of the most important of the school year.

Year 9 commence their SATs on Tuesday 2nd May. This leaves only two weekends in which to revise. Revision books for English, Maths and Science have been available for some time and every student should now have them. If your son/daughter does not have them, please contact us without delay. It is vital that in the short time remaining is used to revise thoroughly. The results of these Tests give a good indication of a student's expected GCSE results. Year 9 have worked very hard this year and I have every confidence they will all do extremely well. But last minute revision is never wasted and I would urge you all to spend at least 2 hours every evening. You should be going over any topics you are unsure of.

The catering contract for the QK Diner was recently put out to tender. Yesterday, myself, QK Governor Mrs Barbara Grahame, Bursar Richard Hunt and students Aziza Ajak of 10N and Verity Charlesworth of 9U visited two schools already serviced by the shortlisted companies. Next week, we will visit two more schools, John Kelly Girls' School in Brent and Graveney School in South London. Students who will accompany us will include Gino Green of 10Q who has been involved with Health Schools Programme. I will keep you up-to-date with the process and let you know when a final decision has been made.

Jo Shuter
Headteacher

SATs Revision Classes

English

Thursday 3.45-4.45 pm with Katie Burke in L3E

ICT

Monday Lunchtime with Mrs Theodorou in L4A

Science

Monday & Wednesday 3.45-5 pm in Sc3

Work Experience @ QK

With Year 10 Work Experience approaching rapidly there has been a tremendous amount of support and interest shown from our local community.

Parents, governors and local businesses have all offered placements in a variety of industries from finance companies and solicitors to sports centres and theatres. Our own students have also been proactive, gaining placements in banks, design companies, veterinary practices and many more.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far: you have all played a key role in providing a unique opportunity for our students to gain an insight into the world of work. We are still actively seeking new placements so if you would like to offer any help to our students please contact the school, or email

workexperience@qkschool.org.uk

QK News Special Edition

If you did not get a copy of our Special Edition at the Progress Reviews, please contact the school for one or take it off the website

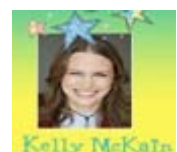
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It is important that all parents read the reminders about life at QK and rules that all students need to follow. It contains next year's holiday dates so we hope you have put it somewhere safe!

Gifts from QK Library Top Ten Author

After seeing herself in QK Library's top ten loans on the internet, Kelly McKain, author of the 'Totally Lucy' stories, has sent us signed copies of the entire series! A prize draw will be held to win these limited edition books later this term!

Kelly McKain was a teacher before becoming a full time author. Her books feature amongst prestigious authors Lemony Snicket, J. K. Rowling and Darren Shan, so to have been given copies signed by the author is a great privilege. Thank you.



Healthy Schools' Tuck Shop

Year 10 students will be opening the healthy options break facility again soon.

This will be at break time from Monday to Thursday each week serving a range of juices and healthy snacks.

This is an Enterprise Project that has come from the students themselves and is managed by them with support and advice from staff. The aims are to offer a range of items for students to encourage healthier eating and to raise money for charity. Any profits from sales will help to fund School Council activities and support our sister school Lavenda Springs in Kenya.

Fizzy Drinks

This is a reminder that QK has a policy of no fizzy drinks on site. Students are not allowed to bring fizzy drinks to school and it must be understood that they will be confiscated. This is part of QK's promotion of healthy lifestyles.

Selling of Sweets etc.

Some students have been caught buying sweets and drinks and selling them on to others in school for personal gain. This is not allowed and is taken very seriously as exploitation of others. Any student found to be involved in these activities may face suspension from school.

Progress Reviews

Thank you to all parents who attended their meetings before the holiday. Please keep reminding your son or daughter about the advice from teachers on how to improve the standard of their work. If you were one of the very few parents who were not able to attend, please make sure that you get in touch with the Director of Learning as soon as possible.

Examinations

This term is very important for students as they sit a variety of exams. Some are internal school exams while others are actual SATs, GCSE, AS and A-levels.

All students should have a clear outline of what exams they are doing when, a revision timetable and should be revising at home each night.

Years 7 and 8

School exams in all subjects in week beginning Monday 8th May. These are to assess the progress made over the year. Parents will receive the results as part of the End of Year Report.

Year 9

The national Key Stage 3 SATs in English, Maths and Science are from Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th May.

Year 10

Pre-mock exams in all GCSE subjects start on Monday 8th May. These are to assess progress half-way through GCSE courses. Parents will receive the results as part of the End of Year Report.

Year 11

The main written GCSE papers start on Monday 22nd May. Speaking tests and practical exams take place over the next few weeks. Results will be available on Thursday 24th August.

Year 12 and 13

AS and A-level exams begin on Monday 15th May. Results will be available on Thursday 17th August.

If you have any general questions about the exams, please get in touch with your child's Form Tutor or their Director of Learning.

Dates to Remember

Friday 12th May
Staff Training Day (Inset)

Wednesday 17th May
Welcome Evening for Year 6 Parents
Year 12 students begin Study Leave