



NEWS

Quintin Kynaston School

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Headteacher's Message

We will be saying Goodbye to Year 11s next week as they go off on study leave. I wish them all the very best of luck in their forthcoming GCSE Examinations. Please encourage your sons and daughters with their revision between now and their exams. I know this is a stressful time for most Year 11 students; however, the whole purpose of study leave is for students to revise at least 3-4 hours each day and have plenty of early nights. I am sure they will all do well.

I must also tell you that, as from next week I will be on sick leave (probably until half-term). I am being admitted to hospital for an operation and then, hopefully, a short recovery period. I regret that this means I will unfortunately miss various forthcoming events but I will be with you in spirit. In consultation with the School Leadership Team and Chair of Governors, I have arranged for Deputy Headteacher, Irene Forster to be Acting Headteacher. (I will be on the phone to her for regular reports and expect them to be glowing).

Jo Shuter

NRA Evening

Next Thursday is the school's celebration event for Year 11 students who will be starting their exams the following week. All Year 11 parents have been invited to this event which takes place in the Sports Hall at 2.00 pm. Due to this event, school will close early on that day.

Year 7 in the Rain and Mud!

Year 7 students and their tutors spent Monday at Cuffley Outdoor Activity Centre involved in lots of activities such as assault courses and orienteering. A great time was had by all despite the torrential rain.

Year 9 Options Day

This very important event takes place on Friday 26th May when Year 9 students and their parents will choose their GCSE Option subjects. All parents should have received a letter asking you to make an appointment with their child's tutor. Please ensure that you return this as soon as possible.

You should arrive 15 minutes before your appointment in order to have time to read your child's report carefully as it may help you and your child make final decisions about option choices.

Please discuss choices with your son or daughter before the day and ask them about the presentations they have been listening to at school over the past weeks.

Parent Governor Election

An election must be held as there are four nominations for two vacant places. Ballot papers and details of the voting process will be sent to all parents and carers. Please ensure that the procedures are complied with and that your ballot paper is returned by 5.00 pm on Monday 22nd May.

Year 11 Revision Classes

Many departments are continuing to run revision classes for Year 11 students, including some during the half term holiday. Please check information letter from Ms Sheen or the school website for details.

Year 8 Students of the Week

8Q	Satta Briama
8U	Art Katallozi
8T	Chloe Collins
8N	Imran Miah
8K	Daniel Turner
8Y	Ashni Vara
8S	Ethan Bloomfield

Switzerland Ski Trip 2006

This year was my third year skiing with QK and I can safely say that it has been the best so far. I am sure that everybody who came on the trip would agree with me.

The coach drivers were great this year, the best and friendliest so far. They got us to Switzerland and back in one piece.



The slopes were great. It snowed nearly every night, which left the slopes in fantastic shape with lots of powder for the more adventurous. We skied the same slope as James Bond and visited the revolving restaurant which had fantastic views. You can see the pictures of the trip on our website www.qkschool.org.uk or on the intranet within the school system.

I can't complain about the hotel. It was in a great location with lots of shops near by and had great views. The owner however did have a very annoying dog and perhaps he could get a new chef

Overall it was a great trip and I will like to thank Emma Higgins and Ridgeway (who I battered in a snow ball fight), Kat Pothecary and Nigel Duncan who organised the trip. I will also like to thank all the students who all got on really well together and made it a really great and memorable holiday.

If you are thinking of going next year, then join the family, you'll be the first after me!!

Mathew Bush 9T

Media Award Ceremony

This glittering occasion took place on Wednesday evening in the Drama Centre with staff and students dressed up to kill on the red carpet! The films produced by the Year 12 and 13 Media Studies students were of a very high standard indeed and it was very difficult to make final decisions. Many thanks to the students for their top quality films and the Media Studies Department, led by Simon Clemson, for all their hard work in making such a fantastic evening possible.

Trip to Christchurch College Oxford

On Tuesday 9th May twelve students in our Gifted and Talented programme were great ambassadors for QK as guests of Tristan Worthington, a final year student studying Russian and French. He took time out of his revision schedule to show us his historic college, the beautiful cathedral, elegant quads and cloisters and his cluttered study with magical views of the meadow.

All our students – Sheptim Gula 9T, Tafara Anderson, Shahidul Kibria, Aram Kadoom, Agne Smulktyle 9S, Haysam Agabani, Diana Alves 9N, Gent Qamilli, Jenny Allaybeu 9Q, Verity Charlesworth, Amirah Nazir 9U, Toiseje Harriot-Hope 9Y – asked excellent questions.

Highlights of the day included a magnificent lunch in the Great Hall (Harry Potter Hogwarts film location) with portraits of Henry VIII, John Wesley and other worthies – some people managed to consume five puddings! – and amazing minibus manoeuvres by the multi-talented Miss Stevens.

Sharon Worthington
G & T Coordinator

Dates to Remember in May

Wednesday 17th
Year 6 Parents Welcome Evening
Year 12 Study Leaves begin

Wednesday 18th
Early Closure Students dismissed at 2.00 pm
Year 11 NRA Evening

Friday 26th
Year 9 Progression & Progress Review Day.
Break up for Half-Term

Monday 4th June
Students return for Registration at 8.50 pm