

Headteacher's Message

It has been an extremely busy week at school this week with a huge variety of fantastic events going on as detailed later in the QK News. May I thank all students and teachers for their hard work and creativity! Many of these events involved us working with other organisations and I am delighted to inform you that on Tuesday, QK won a London Education Partnership Award presented at the Science Museum in recognition of all our marvellous work with other organizations.

On Thursday night, the Music department held their Summer Concert which gets better and better each year! Well done and thank you to all students and staff involved

Next week is **Year 8 Parents' Evening - Tuesday 24th June**; all parents should have sent their reply slip back for this important evening. As you will know, next year is a really important year for current Year 8 students as they move into Year 9, take their KS3 SATS exams and then make their GCSE Option Choices. You will also receive the end of year School Report for your child.

Can I also give all parents very early warning about the start of the next academic year in September as we are changing the system slightly. As usual, Year 7, Year 10 and Year 12 students will come in on **Wednesday 3rd September** before the other students return. All students will then come into school on **Thursday 4th September** with a parent / carer for a Target-Setting Meeting. The aim of this meeting is to focus the students very clearly on their targets right at the start of the year and discussing with parents and students how best to make excellent progress. You will be receiving an invitation letter next week for this event.

Chris Sale
Acting Head teacher

Google[™] Week Events

QK has been involved in the first ever Googleserve partnership in the UK. Last week over 100 employees of Google came into school and worked with lots of different classes over a range of different projects. Students worked on composting projects, environmental Issues, Google skills (where the Googlers taught students how to use their software like GoogleEarth, Googlemaps and Picasa more efficiently), bicycle training workshops (they were so impressed they gave the school 5 brand new bicycles) and building a polytunnel for growing plants which will be used by our horticulture group.

Google were extremely impressed with our school and our students. Lots of prizes were won through the week and we hope that this is the beginning of long and successful partnership between Google and QK.

Jonathan Lisseman
Assistant Headteacher



Community Evening 2008

Feat. *The Summer Art Exhibition*

Wednesday 25th June 2008
6.00pm - 7.30pm

We would like to show you some of our talents, achievements and success at our annual Community Evening!

It is a night of fantastic art, live entertainment and award presentations!

R.S.V.P

If you would like to attend this very special evening please contact **Vitto Farci** via
email: vittofarci@qkschool.org.uk
Tel: 0207 449 6114.

Headstart Day Friday 27th June

Next Friday we welcome Year 6 students who will be joining us next year. They will be meeting some of their teachers and experiencing lessons at QK.

Sixth Form NRA

Next Thursday we say our final goodbyes to Year 13 students in our annual 6f NRA ceremony. Most of them have been with us for seven years now and it is a very special event where we celebrate their achievements and wish them well as they wait anxiously for their results and then hopefully head off to the university of their choice.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 24 th June	Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 th June	Community Evening
Monday 30 th June	Year 10 Work Experience Starts
Friday 18 th July	Term 6 ends
Wednesday 3 rd September	Term 1 starts for: Year 7, 10 & Sixth Form
Thursday 4 th September	Term 1 starts for: Year 8, 9 & 11 Target Setting & Progress Review for everyone

Thought for the Week

Humour is far the most significant activity of the human brain.

Edward De Bana

Higher Education Access Programme

As you may be aware 5 of QK's year 12 students are part of the new TF initiative HEAPS; this involves matching up students with a Teach First Ambassador to advise them through the university application process as well as university visits and additional aspiration raising events. The aim of this DCSF funded pilot is to ensure some of the brightest sixth formers in TF schools achieve their full potential in regards to HE.

Last Tuesday evening one of your students, Vid Calovski, attended our Starbucks Challenging Issues event in central London with his Teach First mentor. he contributed to our debate extremely articulately and confidently in a room of strangers and I just wanted to write and say what a credit to your school he was.

Youth Club News

Congratulations to the following students on winning the weekly Playstation 3 Football Tournament and Film Club Quiz:



Amgad Saleem

7N



Nassim Rouhi

7Q



Dereen Jafar 8N & Mohammed Azim 8N

Mohammed Azim 8N

Academy of Finance

Visit to Catlin and Lloyds of London

Eight of the top Academy of Finance students were treated to a business lunch and tour of the Lloyds Building in The City this week. The students were given guru lectures by various senior managers upon different functions of the insurance markets. The students came away with a real understanding of how the market works and a real appreciation of Catlin Ltd; a world leader in commercial insurance and a company which has an original (insurance recovered) Andy Warhol print hanging on the walls of the staff cafe!

The lead organiser at Catlin Ltd. Joan Kavanagh, commented upon the impressive turnout of the students, particularly their professional and mature attitude. Because of this impression it seems that this may begin a long and mutually fruitful relationship between QK's Finance Academy and Catlin Ltd.

The Academy of Finance and ICT: The Next Generation of Interns

The following students have been rewarded for their hard work, maturity and dedication with paid internships at the listed organisations for six weeks

during the summer holiday. The students have undergone internship and interview training to get to this point and should be congratulated on being awarded such an opportunity.

Juliana Pereira - 3i (Business)
John Chua - Boston Consultancy Group (Business)
Mustafa Jichi - Capitis Partners (Business)
Rima Begum - Citi (ICT)
Samer Dabra - Citi (Business)
Karim Allali - Coca Cola (Business)
Marigona Metrama - Coca Cola (Business)
Rebekka Brown - Edexcel (Business)
Fatime Xhemajli - Freshfields (ICT)
Enrique Costa - Freshfields (Business)
Marta Dimetros - ING (Business)
Tiffany Rose Davis - ING (Business)
Lumbarda Shabani - Lloyds of London (Business)
Sahena Khanom - Morgan Stanley (Business)
Sabrina Ibrahim - Price Waterhouse Coopers (Business)
Ishraf Achbab - QBE (Business)
Narmeen Yawer - QBE (ICT)
Alex Agboola - QBE (Business)
Ali Gulled - SST (ICT)

As you can see the organisations involved are some of the most prestigious in the world, covering a huge range of industries and markets. We wish them well on their internship and hope that they continue to build upon the outstanding QK professional reputation which previous interns have created, fostered and improved.

*Nathan de Garis
Academy Manager*

COO-L choice

This new borough of Camden scheme came along to year 10 parents evening on Tuesday 10th to let the students know more about it.

The scheme is for young people who live or go to school in Camden in school years 9-12 and are entitled to free school meals.

If this is you, then you could get an allowance of £40 per month to spend on activities of your choice such as gym membership, dance and theatre trips.

I have application forms and more information available in the Extended Schools Office L1J if you would like to come collect one (and receive a black drawstring backpack as well). So why not get signed up before the summer holidays arrive.

*Justine Beattie
Health Development Worker*

One Stop Shop Year 8 Parents Evening

The school will be running a One-Stop-Shop during this upcoming evening (Tuesday 24th June). For details of the agencies planning to attend please see [QK News issue 32](#).

QK Talent Day 2008

Talent Day is held every year at QK as part of Community Week. It is a very special day where we aim to celebrate and recognise the wide range of talents our students have and encourage them to learn and develop new ones. Two students who have made a positive impact to QK's community this year are selected from each tutor group. The students are then mixed into different 'Talent Groups' where they complete a hands-on, fun activity. Below is a report from each Talent Group...

Science – QK's Carbon Footprint

My group was the science group; we focused on QK's carbon footprint. We saw that QK produced nearly 32 tonnes of CO² every month! We also looked at how QK could reduce its carbon footprint. We came up with having solar panels and wind turbines on the roof to generate renewable energy. We also said that the diner's food waste should be composted.

Awaab El-Essawy 7K

DT – Ready Steady Cook!

Our task was to cook different food from a bag of mystery ingredients. We had to brainstorm our ideas and in the end we produced heaps of food. Our menu included: roast chicken with vegetables, tuna pasta bake, Victoria sponge and many more. Overall, it was an amazing experience to be able to cook for QK students and teachers. Hopefully next year many more students are able to take part in Talent day.

Anisah Begum 9Y

Music – The QK Factor

Our aim was to make a song about QK, we sat down as a group and discussed what genre of music we wanted our song to be. Then we came up with the concept of contrasting the negative and positive points of QK. We looked at the different aspects of school life and put them into lines trying to bring a bit of humour into the song. Everyone in the group was asked to write a short paragraph after that we put everything together and made up a great song about Quintin Kynaston called 'A day @ QK'.

Dafina Gula 10U

Business – The Apprentice

Our brief was to design our own perfume product for the men's market. When we finished designing the product, as a group we made some questionnaires and asked some people around the school to answer some questions. After our market research we analysed the information and presented them using pie charts.

From periods 5-6 we were preparing for our presentations about what we had done. We presented it on Monday P6 to Ms Shuter. We were joint winners of QK talent day 2008 with the media group.

Media – QK Productions

The apprentice group was given the job of creating a perfume and we, the media group, had to make an advert for the new fragrance. We called the perfume Desire and then made an advert for the perfume. We then edited the advert using a Mac; choosing our favourite clips and creating some original music for the advert. We did very well as we only had four periods to think of an idea, film it, edit it and create music!

Laith Cahill 9N

English – Q Unit

In the Q unit group we were writing poems about QK and how successful our school is. We all wrote our own individual poems to start with. We called our poem 'QK Voices' because we put all the best parts of our poems together in as one united voice!

Maiwand Hussain 7U

Art – Artastic

In the Artastic group we were given the brief to design and paint the columns in the quad, linking it to each year group's theme for Community Day. We had to first think about what we were going to do and how to paint it and we did this by drawing our ideas onto paper first. Once we had finished we went outside to start the painting, first sketching it on the column with pencil and then painting over it. It was a really fun day and all of my group really enjoyed it!

Mohizur Rahman Khan 7S

ICT – QK in film

My group had to make a short film about QK. At first we had to plan which places in QK we wanted to film. We went to the entrance and shot some footage there, we then filmed some more footage in the reception area. We then asked some people around the school what they thought of QK. We collected the footage and edited it, we then put music over the voices and added some text to the short film. We wanted it to be a bit different so we used different camera angles and music added a nice effect!

Aisha Bakrin 7T

The day was a huge success and on Monday we held a showcasing celebration where each group presented what they had learnt/created to the Headteacher, Jo Shuter. Ms Shuter was extremely happy with the high level of teamwork, dedication and enthusiasm each group had demonstrated!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and student leaders that led a talent group and helped make the day such a success!

Yassamin Sheel & Vitto Farci

Year 9 Debate Challenge at Westminster University

The following students participated in the debate challenge on Thursday 12th June at Westminster University:

Laith Cahill	Shakwa Maisara	Ayath Ullah
Jaman Hussain	Chayne Faucher	Mario Salasi
Nini Gurashi	Saria Abbass	Sarah Rouhi
Maryam Serour		

They are to be congratulated for their persuasive and polite debating skills, which allowed them to be only one point short of second place out of 10 schools. They have been chosen to represent Quintin Kynaston and Westminster at The English Speaking Union in Mayfair on Monday 23rd June in the final!

The motion will be "This house would force all English premier league football teams to have at least half of their players to be English." Our team must be prepared to debate either for or against this motion at least 3 times.

Please do not hesitate to share your ideas and thoughts with our ingenious debaters, who will need to prepare thoroughly against 20 schools on the day.

*Sharon Worthington
G&T/Aim Higher Coordinator*

Year 9 G&T/Aim Higher Debate Challenge trip to University of Westminster

When we arrived at the university Andrew (one of the organisers) told us the rules of the competition and selected teams at random to play each other.

Round 1: The subject was should we ban cars from entering the city centre? QK were the opposition team facing a competitive proposing team. We had twenty minutes to plan our arguments. The judge appointed Mariam to be the time keeper. We chose Shakwa, Saria and Laith to be our speakers. The debating was underway and the judges were assessing people and awarding points to each team for different criteria. Unfortunately, at the end of the debate we found out we hadn't won this round.

Round 2: After break, we received some feedback from the judges and had to face a group of girls from two different schools. Our subject was should we all go to boarding school? We were arguing for this statement. Considering the opposing team didn't know each other, we thought they had done very well. Obviously we won that round by miles!

Round 3: After lunch, we were told that the judges weren't allowed to say who had won this round or give any feedback. We were proposing for making recycling compulsory. Our competitors got off to a great start, but their spirit of arguing and debating decreased as we progressed. There were many tough questions from their audience team; however Shakwa had managed to win us most of the points by making 'authoritative contributions'.

Round 4: In this round the two teams with the most amounts of points had to face each other in front of all ten participating schools. While we waited for them to prepare, we had a discussion amongst some of the judges/organisers as well as a lady from Westminster City Council's Education Department. (She even had some puzzles and riddles for us to solve.) The final was a really fierce competition. Both teams performed

exceptionally well. However, they were both entered into the London Debate Challenge. The exciting news is QK have come third place with only one point behind second place therefore; we also qualified to represent Westminster in the London Debate Challenge on Monday June 23rd against fifteen other borough teams.

Seeing the quality of the other team's performances, we'll have to work hard and get practicing if we want to succeed.

Overall, it was a fun day out and everyone has benefited from this experience. Although we didn't win this challenge, we all should be proud of our achievements.

Finally we would all like to thank Mrs Worthington and Kevin for giving us this wonderful opportunity and taking us there.

Ayath Ullah 9U

Students of the Week

Congratulations to:

7Q Marwa Hagabdalla - Involvement in talent day
7U Jonathon Ross - For being responsible and involved during Enrichment Day
7T Tassneem Khayroun - Great attitude and participation on Enrichment Day
7K Hoda Elwakili - Great community spirit on Enrichment Day
7Y Mai Yan - Outstanding academic achievement in Science and all subjects- well done!
7N Ortesa Tosku - For excellent participation on Community Day
7S Filip Ferkovic - For his supportive attitude towards others and his really positive attitude
8Q Drenusha Xhelili - For her excellent support during the football competition
8U Thakmina Begum - For her cheerful and positive attitude
8T Nahima Begum - For her improved behaviour and excellent attendance
8K Omar Sbai - For his improved behaviour and attitude
8Y Karla Hansen - For her consistent hard work and positive attitude
8N Farhana Khatun - For her wonderful support during Community Day
8S Hawid Amini - For her positive and friendly attitude
9Q Henna Khalid - For improved behaviour in school
9U Nada Mohammed - For consistently being wonderful
9T Mohammed Zakaria - For being very helpful
9K Betina Oamili - For making an excellent Sports Day banner
9Y Zain Al Hassani - For his enthusiasm and positive attitude
9N Ashley John - For making a very good Sports Day banner
9S Victoria Hayfron - For consistently excellent behaviour
10Q Donna Tester - For a positive attitude to school life
10U Salmer Omer - For consistently proving that she is a mature and polite student
10T Tashi French - For great effort, especially in English
10K Anell Hondus - For improvement in all aspects of school life
10Y Lorik Preniqi - For excellent classwork and behaviour
10N Yousra Benhammou - For a fantastic approach to Prefecture
10S Michael Patros - For having a great attitude in Enrichment Day

LSU Andy Kiasuka-Kiakanda -
For a fantastic start to his re-
integration and for
adopting a more mature and
responsible attitude.

Subject Class of
the Week
Ms Dhandá's
Psychology Class