

English

Congratulations to all Year 11 students who achieved a GCSE in English Language this January.

Students sat their GCSE English Language in November 2010. The English department is very pleased to announce that 67% of students achieved a grade C or above. An impressive achievement at this stage given that most other schools only enter their students in June.

Much hard work and commitment was shown by students over the first term in preparation for the exam, with students coming into school on Saturdays and over half term for revision sessions.

Many students are now happy that they have achieved their GCSE in English and many are even thinking of sitting the exam again in June to try to improve their grade, a sure sign of the motivation to succeed that so many Queensmead students possess.

Well done Year 11.

Mr Holtham
Head of English Department

Dates for your diary

February	Thur 3 rd	Maths Challenge Year 11
	Tue 8 th	School Production - Oliver
	Wed 9 th	School Production - Oliver
Mon 21st – Fri 25th Half Term		

Science

Year 10 Science students have recently received exam results for the modules they took in November.

Well done to Year 10 for all their hard work. The following students excelled themselves and exceeded their target grade.

Molly Oxley
Alex Taylor
Rudi Toland
Jack Burford-Reade
Corie Chamberlain
Kishan Chandrakumar
Margherita Dati
Stefan Donchev
Ashleigh Dowman
Garion Hicks
Deana Lawrence-Johnson
Yusuf Sabir
Kishan Yadav
Zaeem Ali
Scarlett Brown
Carl Comer
Daniel Connelly
Hannah Driver
Alexander O'Callaghan
Sophie Smith

Special congratulations go to Uche Udo who achieved full marks in both her modules which is an outstanding achievement.

The students have two more exams on 2nd March which are only four school weeks away. Revision guides and resources are available on Fronter and there are revision classes after school on Thursdays.

Miss Connolly
Science Department

Performing Arts



On Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th February, Queensmead students are performing in this year's production "Oliver".

The students have been working extremely hard in rehearsals. The production includes solo and ensemble songs as well as a variety of dance numbers.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from the Performing Arts Office at break and lunchtime.

Tickets are priced at £4 adults £3 concessions.

I look forward to seeing you at the performance !

Miss Rowthorn
Head of Performing Arts

Wycombe Wanderers Football Club



Congratulations to James Taylor Year 7 who has been selected to play in the youth football team for Wycombe Wanderers.

Miss Cogan
Head of Year 7



"It's more than a game, it's your life" Safer Internet Day 2011.

A competition is being run for students to produce a computer based poster, video or presentation to raise awareness of internet safety.

Safer Internet day is on 8th February and the theme for this year is "Virtual Lives" focusing on how young adults spend their time online playing games or using social networks (although other areas can be covered for the competition).

More details will be provided during Safer Internet Week. A prize will be awarded for the winner.

For further information or ideas visit <http://www.digizen.org/> or contact Mr Grey

Mr Grey
ICT Department

Interpreters

If any parents need an Interpreter for Consultation Evenings, Tutor Evenings or Options Evenings please let the school know in advance and we will do our best to accommodate that need.

Mr Lynch
Assistant Headteacher

Ryan Baker

Ryan Baker, Year 10 has written a song in memory of his friend Shannon Powell from Northwood College.

Shannon collapsed and died at the Middlesex Cross Country Championships earlier this month.

Ryan said " When I got a message from my friends that Shannon had passed away I couldn't believe it and was in shock. I knew Shannon from my previous school and she was really popular and had so many friends. I really like music so when I heard about Shannon I wanted to write a song in her memory to make her proud.

I recorded the song at home in my bedroom and put it on the Youtube site and it has now had more than one thousand hits, which shows how many people knew and loved her and will never forget."

Ryan's song "RIP Shannon Powell – Gone But Never Forgotten" will be played during a memorial assembly at Northwood College.



Miss Kolankiewicz
Head of Year 10

Netball Year 11

Queensmead Year 11 Netball Team have played the first of their three remaining league matches following the Christmas break. On Monday 24th January we travelled to Northwood College, with only six out of the seven players, due to sickness.

The girls knew the game would be a challenge but each rose to the occasion magnificently. The final score was Queensmead 10 – Northwood College 5.

The team still have to play St Helens (away) and Bishop Ramsey (home).

Good luck.

Year 10

Queensmead Year 10 Netball Team are training hard in preparation for their final League match against St Helens [away] on Monday 31st January.

The team have won four matches and narrowly lost two so far this season. Hopefully, confident of their own ability and as a unit of players, the girls will give St Helens a close match.

Congratulations to the following members of the team who have either played on a regular or temporary basis throughout the season:

Katie Dhaliwal
Sophie Dhaliwal
Melissa McAndrew
Hannah Ward
Uche Udo
Denise Ndlovu
Hannah Stuart [Yr 9]
Lizzie Lucas
Kaia Isaacs
Ashleigh Dowman
Scarlett Brown

Good Luck for the final match.

Mrs Wallace
PE Department

Year 8

Year 8 girls won their first match this term against Northwood College 26 – 6.

Well done to the following members of the team:

Tasmin Norris
Charlotte Buckingham
Jess El Homssi
Anya Patel
Mariam Sabir
Ellie Parker
Hannah Morris
Chelsea Bowes
Lucy Morris
Jamie-Anne Barnes

The team have four matches remaining and a Rally in March and are practising very hard for this every Thursday.

Year 7

New to the season, the Year 7's have been learning the basics of netball, learning their positioning on the court and how to control the ball. They have all trained enthusiastically every Tuesday afternoon and have been able to practise their new skills against each other and against other schools in the borough.

It has been a tough season so far as they are new to playing as a team together. Despite their losses, each time they have picked themselves up and ensured that they practise even harder in training to put up a good team spirit fight in their next matches.

Mrs Carter
PE Department

Rugby

The Year 8 team performed extremely well against Haydon who are the borough champions in this age group. A real determined display resulted in a loss by only one try in a very entertaining game which saw Year 7 Bobby Savage step up his game and compete effectively in the year group above.

Well done boys.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Aidan Cahill, Tilly Ormrod (Year 7), Tasmin Norris, Chloe McCarthy (Year 8), and Callum Hill (Year 11) who have been selected to represent the Hillingdon Secondary School Cross Country team in the Middlesex Schools Championships to be held very soon.

All students were chosen due to their excellent performances in the Hillingdon competition last term. The students should be proud of their achievements and the school wish them the very best of luck in the event.

Basketball

Two superb performances against Haydon School in December has put both teams in the position to make it through to the next stages of the Hillingdon Schools Basketball competition.

The Year 8 boys passed Haydon off the court and were rewarded with a 21-10 victory.

The Year 10 team showed excellent discipline in defence and an exquisite touch in attack with a comfortable 24-12 win over the same school.

The latest game against Vyners School saw a tough game for the Year 8 team as they were beaten by strong opposition and the Year 11 boys should have won after leading 5-0 early on but due to some sloppy passing in the second half lost the match 11-9.

AS/A2

Students in Year 12 and Year 13 have been preparing for their oral response to a live sporting performance where they are required to comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the techniques used and design an action plan for improvement. Alongside this they have to link this to the health and fitness component that they have been learning in lessons.

The second part of this section is to film them performing their two activities where they have to demonstrate all of their skills, so that they can be assessed and this mark will go towards their overall grade.

Good luck to all students involved.

Mr McKenna

Head of PE Department

PSHCE

This term in PSHCE, students in Years 7 to 11 will receive lessons each week relating to Personal Wellbeing. In line with Government recommendations, this unit of study includes lessons on Sex and Relationships. This topic will be dealt with sensitively and professionally and the lessons have been designed to deal with issues appropriate to each Year Group, using resources specifically tailored for children of that age.

Whilst we firmly believe that children benefit from the health and emotional guidance provided by the Sex and Relationships lessons, students will not take part in them without parental consent.

Letters will be distributed by Form Tutors, incorporating a reply slip on which parents can indicate whether or not they give that consent.

Further information can be obtained on the School's website - click on the "Our School" tab and then on the link for PSHCE. Schemes of Work for each year group can then be selected.

In addition, there is a list of useful websites available through the link entitled "Further Guidance and Information".

Mr Gallagher

Head of Student Guidance



ECO Club

The Science Department will be running the Eco-club again from February.

Any students who are interested in helping the environment are welcome to attend.

Mr Sahota

Assistant Headteacher

Queensmead School 2011/12 term dates

Autumn Term

Monday 5th September (inset day)
Tuesday 6th September (inset day)
Wednesday 7th September - term starts for students
Half term - 24th October to 28th October
Friday 16th December - term ends

Spring Term

Tuesday 3rd January (inset day)
Wednesday 4th January - term starts for students
Half term - 13th to 17th February
Friday 30th March - term ends

Summer Term

Monday 16th April - term starts
Half term 4th June to 8th June
Friday 20th July - term ends for students
Monday 23rd July (twilight inset day)

Bank Holidays

Christmas Day 27th December*
Boxing Day 26th December
New Years Day 2nd January*
Good Friday 6th April
Easter Monday 9th April
May Day 7th May
Spring Bank Holiday 4th June
Queen's Jubilee Holiday 5th June

*Substitute bank holidays as 25th December and 1st January fall at the weekend

Inset Days

5th September
6th September
3rd January
23rd July