

## Oliver

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, over fifty students took part in Queensmead School's production of Oliver. The show was a triumph and the students performed to full audiences on both nights.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and students that helped to make the show such a success. Ryan Parfitt, a Year 12 student at Queensmead helped greatly with co-ordinating the lighting and sound for the performances.

All of the students who took part were a real credit to the school. The students had been attending rehearsals for many weeks prior to the final performances and their commitment, hard work and enthusiasm really paid off. The chorus in particular this year were fantastic. They had a much bigger part to play in Oliver than in previous musicals and the students gave it their all during the performances.



Amy Duffy's singing talent really shone through during her version of the well-known Oliver song "As Long as He Needs Me".



The lead characters included Amy Duffy who played Nancy, Dominic Potter who played Oliver, Jesse Harford who played Bill Sykes, Danielle Anderson as Fagin and Elizabeth Carty as The Artful Dodger. The students all worked so hard to develop believable characters.



Everything ran smoothly during the performances thanks to the team of staff and students working incredibly hard back stage. Taking charge of scene changes and organising the students is an incredibly important job when putting on a full-scale musical and Oliver wouldn't have happened without their help.



Putting on a production relies on money raised via ticket sales and fundraising that is held throughout the year. This year, with thanks to the QPT, the production raised £180 through The Waitrose community scheme.

Mr Wright, led and organised the band, made up of Queensmead students: Michael Serapinas on trumpet, Shaniel Sarker on drums and Tasmeen Khatra on Violin.

Finally, thank you to all of the parents, students, staff and friends of the school who came to see the production. I hope you all enjoyed the show.

Thanks to all of the students who took part, the music was excellent and really showed off the talents of students at Queensmead.

*Miss Rowthorn*  
Head of Performing Arts Department



## Senior Mathematics Challenge

Well done to all pupils who entered the November 2010 UK Senior Mathematics Challenge, special congratulations to the following students:

Daniel Hoare	Gold Award
Daniel Severn	Silver Award
Hement Chudasama	Bronze Award
Christopher Homes	Bronze Award
Sophie Hughan	Bronze Award
Claire Jobling	Bronze Award
Tasmeen Khatra	Bronze Award
Juanyi Shang	Bronze Award

A fantastic achievement all round.

*Mr Freeman*

Head of Maths Department

The group did the School proud by achieving third place out of the ten teams present, losing out only to two teams from Ruislip High.

Overall it was an exciting and competitive evening that was enjoyed by all involved.



## The Key Stage 4 Brain of Hillingdon 2011

The KS4 Brain of Hillingdon competition took place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, hosted by Ruislip High School.

It is an annual event in which secondary schools across the Borough compete in order to be crowned "The Brain of Hillingdon".

Each team consisted of six students from Year 10 and Year 11. They were trialed and tested with ten rounds of questions ranging from Maths to General Knowledge.

Queensmead were represented by:

### Year 10

Daniel Connelly  
Danika Jones  
Molly Oxley

### Year 11

Priyanka Chandarana  
Daniel Hoare  
Melissa Man



*Dr Bahar*

G&T Co-ordinator

## Dates for your diary

<b>March</b>	Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 8 Consultation Evening
	Thur 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Consultation Evening
	Thur 24 <sup>th</sup>	KS4 Information Evening 7pm – 8.30pm
	Thur 31 <sup>st</sup>	Lower School Disco
<b>April</b>	Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	UCAS Information Evening 7pm

## Reading for Pleasure KS5: World Book Night



The countdown begins. World Book Night will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March and will be broadcast in partnership with BBC Two when twenty thousand passionate book lovers will give away over a million books on the inaugural World Book Night.

World Book Night will take place two days after World Book Day, the established nationwide reading campaign.

Post 16 students who would like to find out more about each book or its author can do so by clicking on the link at:

<http://www.worldbooknight.org/titles/> or <http://www.facebook.com/worldbooknight>

## KS3 & 4: "Once Upon a Wartime: Classic War Stories for Children"

"Once Upon A Wartime: Classic War Stories for Children" delves into the pages of well-loved books, bringing stories of war dramatically to life. This new family-friendly exhibition at Imperial War Museum London takes a fresh look at five of the best-loved books written for children about conflict



**War Horse** by Michael Morpurgo, **Carrie's War** by Nina Bawden, **The Silver Sword** by Ian Serraillier, **The Machine Gunners** by Robert Westall and **Little Soldier** by Bernard Ashley.

The exhibition explores the themes of loyalty, separation, excitement, survival and identity that run throughout the books before going behind the scenes of each lead story, explaining the authors' inspiration through interesting and sometimes unseen items, including manuscripts, early sketches, interviews and photographs.

"Once Upon A Wartime" also offers an insight into the all-important historical context through expert interpretation and genuine examples of relevant objects, including evacuee labels and letters, aircraft recognition cards and a tail fin from a German incendiary bomb.

"Once Upon A Wartime" opened at Imperial War Museum in London on 11<sup>th</sup> February and runs until 30<sup>th</sup> October.

<http://www.wartime.iwm.org.uk/>

## BookedUp reading scheme for Year 7 students

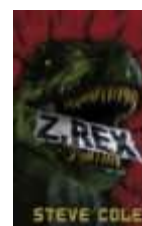
Last December the Year 7 students participated again in the ever popular BookedUp national reading scheme, which aims to inspire a life-long love of reading and to promote reading to students who have moved from primary to secondary school by offering a free book to each student.

Over twelve titles were made available, and students were able to choose a book title from a number of different genres which were on offer.



The overwhelming choice among the girls was Suzanne LaFleur's novel **Love Aubrey**. The second most popular choice among the girls was **At the Sign of the Sugared Plum** by Mary Hooper.

The boys' top choice was **Z-Rex** by Steve Cole. The second most popular title was **The Joshua Files: Invisible City** by M. G. Harris.



## Reading for pleasure

Research by the Book Trust organisers showed that 89% of 12-year-olds still enjoy reading, and that one of the most important things a parent or carer can do to help their children's learning and development is to inspire a love of books and reading. Children surveyed also revealed that they are keen for their parents and grandparents to read with them for pleasure.

Details of the Booked Up titles can be found at <http://www.bookedup.org.uk/>

*Mrs Sahadeo*  
Queensmead Library



Safer Internet week was promoted between 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February and students were asked to submit an awareness resource of their choice, to reflect the dangers and safe practices when using communication technology.

We are pleased to announce Georgia Bostock as the winner of our E Safety competition by producing a super leaflet.



For further information on E Safety please speak to an ICT Teacher or visit the websites below:

(Internal)  
<http://intranet/newintranet/e-safety.htm>

(External)  
<http://www.digizen.org/>  
<http://www.chatdanger.com/>  
<http://www.thinkuknow.com/>  
<http://www.getsafeonline.org/>

**Mr Grey**  
 ICT Department



Healthy Food and confident cooking are on the menu for pupils in the borough as the competition to find the Rotary Young Chef of the Year 2011 warms up.

Organisers Hillingdon Council's Food in Schools team and the Rotary Club are looking for young people between the ages of 12 and 16 with the best culinary skills in the borough. The first two rounds of the competition in fifteen borough secondary schools have now been completed and the final takes place at Vyners School in March.

Well done to Luke Powell Year 10 for making it to the final.

**Miss Connolly**  
 Home Economics Department

## Cake Sale for Ethiopian Orphan

Post 16 students recently had a cake sale to support the child they support in Ethiopia through a charity called Compassion. They raised a total amount of £60.

The child is eleven years old and his name is Defefa. He lives with his mother and four other children in Durame, Ethiopia. The money raised will be used so that he may receive education, clothing, food, school supplies and healthcare.



**Mrs Glenn**  
 Home Economics Department

## PE

### Basketball

The Year 8 and Year 11 team had their last league game against Abbotsfield, in games which both schools were desperate to win in order to give themselves the best chance of reaching the next stages of the competition.

The Year 8 team performed really well and managed to score twelve points during the game with Callum Rogers scoring some great baskets. Unfortunately Abbotsfield had the better of the second half and came out victorious 24-12.

The Year 11 team dominated from start to finish and showed why they were borough champions two years ago with a comprehensive 18-6 win. The boys could have won by a greater margin but kept making team changes to allow all players to share game time and to try out different positions on the court. Hopefully the Year 11 team will make it through to the next stages of the borough competition and make the most of their final GCSE year.

### Rugby

Queensmead hosted two rugby competitions in recent weeks. Firstly the Year 8 event with Uxbridge, Vyners, Haydon and Abbotsfield all in attendance. It was excellent to see so many boys from the local schools enjoying their rugby and really making the most of the facilities available.

Queensmead fielded a mixture of Year 7 and Year 8 students in their team and although the passing and movement was good, they did lack some physical presence in key areas of the pitch.

The Year 9 competition included the same schools and it was Queensmead who were able to show the other schools why they were borough champions last year with some great determination and also some guile when required.

An interesting game against Abbotsfield saw four boys play for our rivals to make up numbers and it was good to see the game played competitively but fairly, which both sets of boys thoroughly enjoyed.

*Mr McKenna*

Head of PE Department

### U13 Girls Futsal

Queensmead School entered the U13 North Hillingdon Futsal league in September 2010.

The squad: Tilly Ormrod, Daniella Potts, Lauren Thorpe, Ella Blackie, Chloe McCarthy and Jamie-Anne Barnes, have trained on Thursdays after school and have played five home matches since the start of the season.



Aashini Popat (Year 13), Mrs Carter and Miss Dunderdale have coached training sessions and supported and officiated matches.

The squad are currently second in the league and are hoping to remain in second place to win a place in the semi-finals against the winners of the South Hillingdon league. This is due to take place at the end of March.

Results:

Queensmead 3 – 0 Vyners  
Queensmead 1 – 2 Douay Martyrs  
Queensmead 0 – 4 Harefield  
Queensmead 8 – 1 Bishop Ramsey  
Queensmead 6 – 0 Guru Nanak

*Mrs Carter*

PE Department

# Sainsbury's

We are **Active Kids 2011**

Queensmead is participating in the Sainsbury's Active Kids promotion. Vouchers are available in-store for the period 9<sup>th</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> May. The scheme encourages UK children to be more active and eat healthily.

We have voucher collection boxes in our school reception and are aim this year is to raise enough vouchers to buy new Rugby and Gymnastics equipment. Last year we raised 12000 vouchers but our record is 21000!

Please ask your child/children to bring in vouchers collected by yourself, family and friends.

Full details of the voucher scheme are available through the Sainsbury's website [www.sainsburys.co.uk/activekids](http://www.sainsburys.co.uk/activekids)

