

Mathematics Master Classes

Over the last two months, Dylan Nathwani, Simon Choi, Joel Clarke and Inderjeet Loyal have been attending the Hillingdon Mathematics Master Classes.

The Master Classes are run for the some of the best Mathematicians in Year 9 from all schools in the borough. Each week the students have worked in teams solving different mathematical problems and puzzles.

All the students received a certificate which they collected from the Deputy Mayor.

Well done to all who took part.

Mr Freeman

Mathematics Department



Post 16 Exam Results

Well done to Year 12 and 13 students for the good results in the AS and A2 module exams in January.

Special congratulations go to the following students who all achieved 100%.

Fareeha Ali	Food Technology
James Fox	Biology, Chemistry
Sophie Hughan	Biology, Chemistry, Maths
Tasmeen Khatra	Biology
Jonathan Mephram	Biology
Krishan Patel	Biology
Lisa Shewring	Food Technology

Mrs Classick

Head of Post 16 Education

**COMIC
RELIEF**

 **BritishRedCross**

On Friday 18th March members of staff and Post 16 students collectively raised £268.61 by wearing one item of red clothing and donating £1 to comic relief.

Students (Years 7 to 11) had a non uniform day on Friday 25th March to raise money for Comic Relief and the Red Cross JapaneseTsunami Appeal and raised in excess of £800.

Dates for your diary

April	Tues 5 th	UCAS Information Evening 7pm
Easter Holiday Mon 11th – Mon 25th		
	Fri 29 th	Bank Holiday - Royal Wedding
May	Mon 2 nd	Bank Holiday
	Fri 5 th	Year 12/13 Summer Ball



National Science and Engineering Week

From 14th to 20th March, Queensmead students took part in a series of activities to promote the National Science and Engineering Week based around the theme of inventions.

Every student in Years 7 to 11 took part in an inventions quiz and created their own invention to solve a problem in their own lives. We had some amazing ideas, to name a few; plasters that release endorphins to prevent pain, digital bracelets that remind you of things you need to do and a camera implanted into the eye so you would never miss a perfect picture again.

Winners in each year group were chosen by a panel of students and will be announced in assembly next week.

Year 7

Jeshan Canayah

Year 8

Hiral Kotak

Year 9

Matthew Bunker

Year 10

Margherita Dati

Year 11

Elliott Roberts

KS3 students took part in a dragon's den style lesson to find the most impressive invention created by nature. Science club members investigated light, sound and use of fibre optics, filling the science department with strange smoke and smells.

Finally, a group of pupils from Deanesfield Primary School came to investigate how rockets work, resulting in a few rather messy explosions.

Science club is on every Thursday after school and all are welcome.

Miss Hart

Science Department

Science and Engineering Day at Brunel University



On Monday 14th March, a group of fifteen Year 9 students attended Brunel University to represent Queensmead at a Science and Engineering activity day.

The day started with a talk by one of the lecturers that worked at the University and he explained the discoveries that Science and Engineering (particularly Astronomy) had found so far. He also explained what they were trying to find out now and how they were doing it.

Once the talk had finished the students were assigned to different groups to complete various activities. One of the activities involved programming robots, the students had to guide Lego robots round a course of obstacles by programming it with a laptop. Joel Clarke and Inderjeet Loyal impressed the organizers with their effort.

The students also took part in a question and answer session over a video phone with two scientists, who worked for the CERN (European Organisation for Nuclear Research) in Switzerland, to try and recreate the "Big Bang Theory". From the interview, students learnt that CERN was also the place where the internet was invented.

One of the students Joel Clarke said, "Overall, I found the whole day interesting. I learnt a lot but regretfully I didn't manage to remember it all. However, I did manage to take a few things home with me from the trip and I would like to, one day, see the Large Hadron Collider for myself."

Miss Dunderdale

Design & Technology

New York Dance Trip February 2011

During February half term, twelve AS and BTEC Dance students had the opportunity to visit New York. The purpose of the trip was to enable the students to experience a live performance on Broadway and to take a dance class with a professional performer.

We arrived in New York on Sunday afternoon and were greeted with extremely cold but sunny weather, however, on waking up Monday morning there was very heavy snow. I was concerned that our plans for the day would have to be cancelled, but unlike London, New York just seemed to deal with the snow. Our first stop of the day was the ferry to see the Statue of Liberty, although it was bitterly cold it certainly was very impressive.



After making all the students walk for hours, we decided to stop for some dinner at this incredible restaurant called "Ellen's Stardust Diner", where the waiting staff sing and dance as they serve the tables. As the diner is on Broadway, all the staff are aspiring performers many of whom have been headhunted from the diner and now perform in Broadway shows.



That evening we were lucky enough to have tickets to see "Chicago" the musical. The standard of the performers in this show was outstanding and the girls all really enjoyed themselves at the theatre, for some of them it was their first experience of a live dance performance.

On Tuesday, the students had a dance class with a professional artist. When we arrived at the dance studios, the students were so excited when they realised that the class was with one of the performers from "Chicago" the night before.

In the workshop, the girls learnt some repertoire from the show and were given the opportunity for a question and answer session afterwards. This gave the students the chance to discover what it is like being a performer, the day-to-day typical schedule of a performer and the struggle many dancers face with finding work in such a competitive field.



After the workshop, we all walked up to Central Park and the students then had the chance to do some shopping. In the evening, we had tickets for the "Top of the Rock" tour at the Rockefeller Centre where we were able to experience incredible views of the city from the viewing deck on the 70th floor.

We managed to fit a lot into our three days in the city and the girls will certainly remember it for years to come. Their behaviour was exemplary on the trip and they made it so enjoyable for myself and Miss Archer too.

Miss Rowthorn
Head of Performing Arts

Ski Trip Austria 2011



On 18th February, twenty three Post 16 students and four members of staff left for a week to go skiing in Saalbach, Austria.

The first day had wonderful conditions but on the second day a massive fall of snow made the conditions really difficult. However, the rest of the week had some delightful weather with excellent and challenging runs for all.

The pupils were brilliant and everyone had a fun filled week with night skiing being a personal highlight.

A massive thank you to Mr Crampton, Ms Stokes and Ms Sison for all their hard work throughout the week.

Mr McGinnity

Head of DT Department

We all set off from school on 18th February with a long, twenty hour journey ahead of us. We were also meeting our new Yorkshire Youth companions who we picked up on the way to Dover. They consisted of a family, the youngest six years old, as well as teenage boys ranging from fifteen to eighteen. Once the arduous journey was over, we arrived at our hotel Gasthof Unterweit, in a beautiful area of Austria called Saalbach.

The widely anticipated first day of skiing came, and it was a lovely sunny day which helped. Those of us who had not skied before were comically still finding our 'ski legs' and were sliding and falling over quite often. However, the rate of improvement by our entire group over the course of the week was amazing, especially in the achievement of skiing right the way from the top of the mountain to the bottom, although falls were inevitable.

The evening events were always fun and consisted of ice skating, bowling and night skiing.

By the end of the week I can speak for everyone when I say we were exhausted. Overall it was the best experience of my life. I am definitely going skiing again and urge anyone considering going skiing to go as you will never regret it.

Special thanks to our PGL representative, Mr McGinnity who organised everything for us, and all the teachers who went and the ski instructors who made this experience as fun and possible.

Also a mention to my fellow students who helped make so many happy and fun memories of which I will never forget.

Sophie Hugan

Head Girl Post 16

Brain of Hillingdon 2011

The KS3 Brain of Hillingdon competition took place on Wednesday 16th March and was hosted by Bishopshalt School.

The Brain of Hillingdon 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 five students from Key Stage 3. Queensmead put forward two strong teams consisting of:

Team A

Yassine Benlamkadem	9b
Harina Chandok	8g
Hiral Kotak	8d
Inderjeet Loyal	9f
Lauren Thorpe	8a



Team B

Kimberley Burnett	9f
Joel Clarke	9f
Abigail Howell	9a
Sadaf Tokhi	9f
Avni Vadgama	9d



The teams were trialed and tested with nine rounds of questions ranging from solving dingbats to questions on general knowledge.

Both groups did extremely well, in particular, Queensmead B team. They came joint third out of eleven teams taking part.

Overall it was an exciting and competitive evening that was enjoyed by the students who are already looking forward to next year to do even better.

The KS5 Brain of Hillingdon competition took place on Monday 28th March at Vyners School. Queensmead put forward two teams comprising of :

Year 12

Matthew Russell
Robert Brown
Kiri Blackler
Paige Bond
Hemant Chudasama

Year 13

Sophie Hughan
Ajmal Waqif
Krishan Patel
Sagar Dholakia
James Fox

The teams did nine rounds of questions ranging from a code breaker to current affairs. They did exceptionally well out of the eleven teams taking part, in particular Year 12 who finished a very impressive second place.



Dr Bahar

Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator



2012 Olympic Leadership Event

On Thursday 24th March a group of Year 10 students accompanied by Mrs Carter visited The Chelsea Academy to take part in the 2012 Olympic Leadership Event.

The event was an activity day relating to the 2012 Olympics for students from schools across London. There were talks which informed us about the seven values of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. These values are: friendship, respect, excellence, determination, inspiration, courage and equality. We also had the opportunity to take part in three quizzes, in which Queensmead students were able to interact with students from other schools.

We watched several videos and discussed how the Olympics and it's values can be incorporated in our everyday life and also listened to an entertaining talk by retired world champion gymnast Craig Heap. During his speech Craig explained how he became a gymnast and why he is where he is today. His talk was very inspirational and the advice that he gave was relevant to every single student taking part in the event.

Whilst we were there we were set the challenge to think of an idea that would allow us to use the theme of the 2012 Olympics and the values, to raise the Olympic profile at our school. The idea that Queensmead came up with was to have an Olympic themed section in the diary.

All in all, it was a fantastic day out and we took some very supportive and helpful advice home with us.

Katie Dhalwal
Year 10

Football

The Year 10 team played their final league match against Bishop Ramsey. They finished on a high in an entertaining 6-3 victory with Sam Fishenden scoring himself a hatrick, with one of his goals being a contender for 'goal of the season'.

With eighteen players in the squad it was a rotation system that was used to allow every player some game time and although this affected the fluidity of the play, the determination of Queensmead players was first class and they managed to maintain a comfortable goal difference throughout. This result pushed them up to third place in the league in what has been an enjoyable season.

The Year 7 and Year 9 teams finished the season with narrow defeats against Ruislip High and Haydon respectively, with the Year 9 team achieving thrid place in the league standings.

Mr Mckenna
Head of PE Department

Girls Sports Results

Both the Netball and Futsal seasons are now drawing to a close and students from Years 7 to 11 have represented the school in many matches since September. They are to be congratulated on their commitment to training and their etiquette during matches.

Netball

Year 7	Lost 7	Drew 1	
Year 8	Won 4	Drew 1	Lost 2
Year 9	Won 2	Lost 2	
Year 10	Won 3	Lost 2	
Year 11	Won 5	Lost 2	

Results have been sent to the league organizers and schools are now awaiting confirmation of the final league positions.

Futsal

Years 7 and 8

Won 4 Lost 2

The U13 futsal squad were runners-up in the North Hillingdon U13 league and competed in the semi-final against Uxbridge High School. Unfortunately the squad lost this match 3-2 and narrowly missed out on a place in the final.

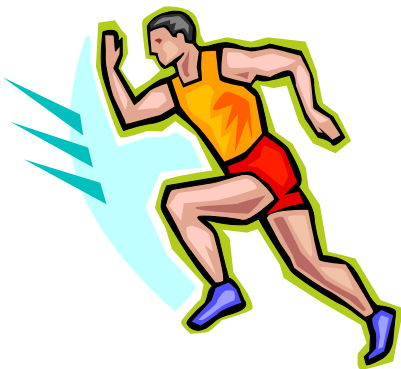
Summer Term

After the Easter break students will be offered the opportunity to represent Queensmead School in rounders and athletics.

Mrs Carter

PE Department

Calling all Athletes



Come to the exciting athletics club.

This fun club runs every Thursday in the summer term after school at 2:45pm on the field. You can choose from a multitude of athletic events such as running (sprinting, long distance and hurdles), long jump, triple jump, high jump, discus, javelin and shot putt.

Everyone is welcome.

PE Department

Volunteers Welcomed

Do you have a few hours a month to spare? If so, the support of volunteers is valuable in helping our young people to get the maximum benefit from their years at school. Roles, for which you would receive training, include:

- assisting with extra-curricular activities;
- IT technical support;
- lunchtime supervision;
- grounds maintenance;
- premises maintenance;
- Driving the school's minibus.

Some volunteers are later recruited for related roles, demonstrating a progression route from volunteering to employment.

The role is subject to references and an enhanced CRB check.

To request an application form please email:

QMSRecruitment@hillingdongrid.net

indicating any areas in which you are interested in assisting.



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