

Modern Foreign Languages

The Modern Foreign Languages department had an Easter poetry competition at the end of the Spring term.

Students were asked to write an acrostic poem, a haiku poem or a hello/goodbye poem. There was an impressive selection to choose from but here are the winners:

German

Hannah Rickerby Year 8

French

Marc Anderson Year 8

Spanish

Rio Chesham Year 7

Special Commendation

Racquel Quinn Year 8

Well done to everyone.

Mrs Mepham

Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Dates for your diary

Half Term Mon 30 th May – Fri 3 rd June		
June	Wed 15 th	Year 10 Work Experience visits (pm)
	Mon 27 th – Fri 8 th July	Year 10 Work Experience
	Wed 29 th	Sports Day (Yrs 7,8, 9)
July	Fri 1 st	Year 11 Prom
	Mon 4 th	Year 5 Technology Day
Fri 22 nd July – Term Ends		

Young Chefs Academy at Thames Valley University

Thames Valley University is a great experience for any young teenager wanting to become a chef. The experience helps students to learn how to cook and serve food from a wide range of sweet and savoury products.

The course was for ten weeks and during the last week parents were able to visit and have a three course meal with side dishes.



On graduation day Jodie Lovelock and Daisy Spiers received a medal and met Lorraine Pascale who is a TV chef on BBC2's Baking Made Easy.



Jodie Lovelock



Daisy Spiers

Mrs Tebbs

Home Economics Department

English – Primary School Links

On 9th May, six Year 8 students had the opportunity to take their handmade children's books to read with students at Deanesfield Primary School.

The students planned, designed and made their books during English lessons as part of a two week project. Six of the best books were selected to be read with small groups of Reception and Year 1 students.

The students who had their books chosen were:

Liam Cartz 8c
Anya Patel 8c
Lauren Thorpe 8a
Hannah Morris 8b
Racquel Quinn 8a
Charlotte Buckingham 8d

The six students proudly represented Queensmead reading and entertaining inquisitive young minds.

Anya Patel 8c commented, "It was an absolute pleasure to read to them".

Hannah Morris 8b said about her experience, "The children were so engaged in the book, and I was amazed at how intelligent they were".

It was nice to see their hard work and effort directly appreciated by their target audience and both the students from Queensmead and Deanesfield enjoyed the visit. It is hoped that this will become a regular project between the two neighbouring schools.

Miss Weaver
English Department



Post 16 May Ball

On Friday 6th May, Post 16 students enjoyed their May Ball, held at the Ramada Hotel on Ealing Common. The night was a big success, with over one hundred and ten students attending.

The evening turned out to be a great way to signify the end of formal schooling and the imminent start of the exam period.



It was great to see a mix of both Year 12 and Year 13 students as a symbol of the new cohesive Post 16 community.

Our thanks go to the Social Committee and the teachers that helped out, as the Ball will be remembered by the departing Year 13 students for years to come.



Mrs Classick
Head of Post 16

After all the hard work it took to organise the evening, it became apparent it was well worth it and it was a great way to celebrate our final years at Queensmead.

My thanks go out to the members of the Post 16 Social Committee and all the teachers that helped us to make the night a success. I can only hope the tradition continues in years to come as it is the perfect send off for Year 13 students.

Rhiannon Ives
Chair of Post 16 Social Committee



Gifted and Talented



On 27th April some Year 10 students went on a trip to Oxford University.

The visit was arranged by the Hillingdon Improvement Partnership to encourage students to pursue higher education courses. The visit involved a tour of the University, information on applying and an opportunity to talk to some of the teachers and undergraduate students.

The students that took part felt it was a worthwhile experience, Kishan Chandrakumar (10d) said, "the trip to Oxford University was an informative and inspirational one".

Shahana Thevendran (10b) was equally positive saying the trip had really inspired her to go to University when she was older.

Dr Bahar

Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator



Japanese Tsunami Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who bought cakes, donated money and helped with the sale on 13th May.

The cake sale was a huge success and we raised £191.43 which is to be donated to the British Red Cross Japanese Tsunami Fund.

A special thank you goes to class 7h as the success of this sale was due to their combined efforts.



Ms Scott

English Department

Young Apprentice Awards Evening

The hard work and commitment of our Year 11 motor mechanics students was recognised at a special event held by Hillingdon Training at the Heathrow Park Inn Hotel on Friday 6th May.

The awards evening celebrated that students had successfully passed the course and completed fifty days work experience in their own time.

Yasmina Siadatan winner of BBC1's "The Apprentice" in 2009 was the guest speaker at the event. Students had the opportunity to meet Yasmina and take a photo with her.



The students who attended were:

Mahmood Abdel-Baki 11e
Antony Attia 11b
Harry Bloomfield 11c
Thomas Byrom 11f
Carl Connell 11d
Tom Grayley 11a
Marcus McGann 11c
Subhanullah Mustan 11d
Mitchel Nogales 11b

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and a proud moment for students and parents that attended.

Mr Sahota

Assistant Headteacher

Academy

I am pleased to inform you that, following consultation, the School's application to become an Academy was approved by the Secretary of State for Education, with effect from 1st May 2011.

Allan Walker

Chair of Trustees

Engineering Your Future Day

On 23rd March a few Engineering students went to Uxbridge College to take part in 'Engineering Your Future day'.

The first talk was with a company called Skanska who specialise in civil engineering and construction. During the talk a challenge was set to build the tallest tower with twenty strands of pasta and nine marshmallows. Congratulations goes to Jack Ditch, Conor O'Neill, Aron Rana and Georgia Hill who won by having the tallest tower.

The next session was with the Ealing and Hillingdon Educational Partnership where students had the opportunity to use a STIXX machine, newspaper and glue to make building rods that could be linked together using cable ties to build different structures.



After lunch students were then given advice on different carriers and pathways into education which they all found very useful.

The last activity of the day challenged all students as they were asked to plot a tube line through London without crossing under restricted areas and how different routes would be better financially or environmentally. All students agreed that the day was very successful and beneficial.

Mr MacMillan
DT Department

Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom will be on Friday 1st July from 7pm. The Prom is always the social highlight of the year and we look forward to a wonderful evening.

There will be a professional photographer here during the evening taking photos; the photos will then be available to buy on the night and also online.

It is the one night of the year that a bit of glamour comes to Ruislip.

Miss Archer
Head of Year 11

Junior UK Mathematics Challenge

Well done to all pupils from Year 7 and Year 8 who took part in the May 2011 UK Junior Mathematics Challenge.

We look forward to the announcement of the results in the new academic year

Mr Freeman
Head of Maths Department

PE

Summer Activities

Activities for this term include cricket (Tuesdays), rounders (Wednesdays) and athletics (Thursdays).

It will be great to see many students taking part in the after school clubs which run from 2.45 pm to 4.00pm. The fixtures against other school are ongoing throughout the term.

Our latest athletics after school club attracted one hundred and eighteen pupils, so well done to all those who attended.

Extra Curricular Activity information can be found on the school website, and further details are available from Miss Fairweather.

Sports Leadership Course

A number of Year 9 students attended a Sports Leadership programme at Harefield Academy. They performed extremely well and were praised for their efforts and behaviour by the staff that ran the course.

The day allowed students to work on their communication, organisation and planning skills, so they are able to teach and coach younger pupils at Queensmead School and our feeder primary schools. The feedback from our students was that they had a great time and learnt new skills.

Well done to those involved.

Girls

Irene Gonzalez
Mirusha Jegatheeswaran
Suman Rana
Maria Dina Valadao

Boys

Josh Collis
Selom Tedjame-Mortty
Michael Ogunjimi
Carl Pearce
Rhys Pound

Interform

Congratulations to the many students who took part in the interform competitions held on the last week before the Easter Holidays. The boys took part in seven-a-side football while the girls played five-a-side hockey.

It was great to see so many students working with each other and the atmosphere was very positive.

Winners – Boys Football

7c
8g
9a

Winners – Girls Hockey

7e
8e
9a

AS/A2 Moderation

Well done to the Post 16 students who were selected to be moderated for their practical activities and their sports analysis assessment. These marks are extremely important and will have a great impact on the final grade that the students gain in August.

Students were required to perform a range of activities including football, swimming, circuit training, rugby and many more.

The following students performed really well and to the best of their ability, and were professional throughout the two days of moderation.

Dawn Chester	Harry Regan
Joe Gill	Karim Radwan
Alfie Hainsworth	Glenn Selway
George Lavender	Mark Smith
Karim Radwan	Rachael Wardle

Mr McKenna

Head of PE Department

Senior Borough Athletics 2011

Congratulations to all students who represented Queensmead in the Borough Athletics on Wednesday 18th May. All students were a credit to the school in both effort and behaviour.

Yr 9 Girls

Derin Fatuga	1 st	200 Metres
Maria Dina Valadeo	1 st	Triple Jump
Maria Dina Valadeo	3 rd	Hurdles
Emma Turner	5 th	1500 Metres
Tunu Nyambu	5 th	Shot Putt
Amy Anderson	6 th	800 Metres
Sanyu Ellis	7 th	Discus

Yr 10 Girls

Danika Jones	2 nd	1500 Metres
Uche Udo	3 rd	200 Metres
Katie Dhaliwal	3 rd	Discus
Katy Davies	4 th	Shot Putt
Melissa McAndrew	4 th	Javelin
Katie Stagg	6 th	100 Metres
Stacie Sutton	6 th	Triple Jump
Kaia Isaacs	7 th	300 Metres
Stephanie Alonso	7 th	High Jump

Mrs Wallace

PE Department

Wicked Young Writers' Award

Bestselling author Michael Morpurgo is again sponsoring the Wicked Young Writers' Award, in association with Wicked, the musical which is



based on the first novel in Gregory Maguire's WICKED series and on the story of The Wizard of Oz. The musical explores the themes of friendship, trust, tolerance, bullying,

the use of propaganda and the manipulation of public opinion. The competition is open to creative children and young adults, and the prize includes tickets to see Wicked. Entrants should be aged from 5 to 25, and can write about whatever they like, in prose or poetry.

There are five different age categories and entries must be no longer than seven hundred and fifty words. The deadline for this year's award is 31st July. Further details are available on the award website - www.wickedyoungwriters.com which also includes writing tips from Michael Morpurgo.

The Wizard of Oz needs a brilliant new book cover



Random House Children's Books and the Young Times (in the Times newspaper) have teamed up with Vintage Classics for the fourth year to offer young artists the opportunity to design a new book cover which will be published later this year. This year the challenge is to design a new illustrated cover for The Wizard of Oz.

Students in Year 7 can design a coloured cover illustration on an A4 piece of paper, which should not include any writing. The winner will receive £100 of Random House Children's Books, and there will be prizes for the runners-up too. The closing date for entries is 29th July. The entry form can be found online at:

www.vintage-classics.info

Dame Jacqueline Wilson, one of the top-selling children's authors, will be among the judges, and has said that she hopes to see inspirational drawings of wicked witches, munchkins and flying monkeys among the entries, as well as new and original portrayals of Dorothy and her three friends. Illustrations could also depict the new friends Dorothy makes – the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion – or even the scary image of Dorothy and her dog Toto being caught in the path of a tornado.

The author and illustrator Louise Yates, who is also one of the judges, has included some of her top tips for budding designers on the Vintage Classics website

<http://www.randomhouse.co.uk/vintage/vintageclassics/thewizardofoz.htm#enter>

All illustrations of the Land of Oz should be sent to:

The Wizard of Oz Competition,
2nd Floor, Vintage Classics,
20 Vauxhall Bridge Road,
London SW1V 2SA.

Love reading

The website <http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/> features all the latest published books for young people by age groups and has the bonus of including the opening extracts of all the titles reviewed, which can be downloaded and printed.

This is a great way to look at different styles of writing, and get ideas for novel ways of beginning a book, especially when seeking inspiration for writing competitions.

Mrs Sahadeo
Librarian