

Geography Trip

On Monday 18th July forty one Year 10 students went to Nettlecombe Court in North Somerset, for three days, to conduct the fieldwork for their GCSE controlled assessment. The accommodation was in an 11th century manor house complete with creaky floor boards and it was in the "middle of nowhere".



The students worked really hard for the three days surveying coastal management strategies at both Minehead and Porlock Bay which included filed sketches, interviews and questionnaires.



Well done to all the students, they were a credit to the school.

Miss Tierney
Head of Geography Department

Selom Tedjame-Mortty



Congratulations to Selom Tedjame-Mortty Year 9 for achieving fifth place out of seventeen for Shot Putt, at the English School's Athletics competition held in Gateshead in July.

Mr Noble
Head of Year 9

Non Uniform Day

The total raised for non uniform day on Friday 8th July was £624.

All proceeds will go to



Mr Lynch
Assistant Headteacher

Dates for your diary

End of term Fri 22 nd July		
Aug	Thur 18 th	8.00am A Level Exam results 10.00am AS Level Exam results
	Thur 25 th	9.30am GCSE Exam results
Start of term Wed 7 th September		

Year 8 Trip to the O2



On Wednesday 20th July, twenty eight Year 8 students visited the O2 for a concert by the Transformation Trust. Each year, the Transformation Trust brings together students from across London to celebrate their achievements in the academic year gone by.

Year 8 students with outstanding effort, behaviour and achievement within music lessons were chosen to attend by the performing arts staff, so congratulations to those who were invited.



Famous acts at the concert included Tinchy Strider, Chipmunk and the popular dance group Diversity. The students thoroughly enjoyed the event and for many this was their first ever concert experience.



Summer Concert



Queen'smead hosted its annual Summer Concert on Tuesday 19th July.

Over forty performers took part in a variety of music and dance acts.

Particular highlights of the evening included a solo contemporary dance performance by Year 10 dance student Stephanie Alonso and a moving rendition of "Someone Like You" performed by Kaia Isaacs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and students involved in the concert and the QPT for providing interval refreshments.

Thank you to all of you that came to see the students perform, they really appreciate your support.

Miss Rowthorn
Head of Performing Arts

Paris Trip



On Friday 8th July some Year 7 and Year 8 students left at the start of lunchtime bursting with excitement and eager to get to Paris. After spending hours on the coach we finally arrived at the Euro Tunnel to get on the train to take us to Paris.

The next day we got up bright and early as we had a full day ahead of us. We had a lovely tour of Paris, a boat ride down the Seine, a French meal in a typical French restaurant but best of all, we went to Parc Asterix, a French theme park.

On our final day we went up the Eiffel Tower, where we had our pictures taken and were able to see the city we had been in. The view was breathtaking.



I would like to thank Mr Lynch, Miss Tierney, Mr Crampton and Miss Platt for taking us on the trip as we all had such a lovely time.

Olivia O'Callaghan
Year 8



German Trip

On 24th July thirty students and four staff will be accompanying myself to Germany. We will be staying in Andernach on the Rhine and will be visiting Cologne, Koblenz, enjoying bowling, a theme park and a visit to the Chocolate Museum.

In the next newsletter the students and staff will tell you more about it.

Mrs Mepham
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Engineering Trip



On Thursday 7th July, a group of eight Year 12 students accompanied Miss Dunderdale to represent Queensmead at Hamlyn Engineering in Hayes.

The trip provided a good opportunity for students to explore different engineering activities within the production of machinery used to make parts such as, the razor blades used in Gillette products.

Bosid Karim was really impressed to discover one of the world's first mechanical calculators developed by Wilhelm Schickard.



Meanwhile both Josh Street and Ryan Steer bravely donated a strand of their hair to be measured using a micro meter.

One of the students Phil Hulbert said, "I was so impressed with the company that I think I will write my report about Hamlyn. The staff were really friendly and welcoming, the company director has asked me to stay in touch which will be really helpful when I join the Navy next year."



The day started with a talk by one of the Managing Directors of the company. He took the students around the factory to look at different machinery. The students were fascinated by a machine which is capable of cutting the world's strongest metals using a piece of copper wire under water.



Miss Dunderdale
DT Department

Year 11 Prom

Once again the time for the School Prom had arrived. Year 11 did not disappoint and a variety of transport graced the Queensmead driveway. From Hummers to black cabs the Year 11 looked stunning in all their outfits.

The Prom gave students the opportunity to say goodbye to students moving on and celebrate the last five years at Queensmead. It was also a fitting way to say goodbye to some of their tutors who are also moving to pastures new.

I hope that all students enjoyed their evening.

I wish the Year 11 all the very best and I am certain they will all go on to do very well indeed.

Mrs Archer

Head of Year 11



Sports Day

The annual sports day took place on Wednesday 29th June and the combination of perfect weather, hard work, team spirit resulted in an excellent day for both students and staff respectively.

Students were competing to be the best form within their year group and although the rivalry was intense at times, fair play and sportsmanship was the flavour of the day.

A special thank you must go to the Post 16 A Level and BTEC Sport students who ran all of the events on the day and showed quality leadership skills within each activity.



The day culminated with Mr Luck awarding the Sports day shields to the winning forms.

Year 7

7b	1 st
7a	2 nd
7h	3 rd

Year 9

9d	1 st
9a	2 nd
9e	3 rd

Well done to every student who participated and made it a really enjoyable day.



Year 8

8e	1 st
8f	2 nd
8a and 8g	Joint 3 rd



Cricket

The Year 7 and Year 8 teams have really enjoyed the cricket season this year with many students regularly attending training on Tuesdays after school.

Unfortunately the weather has not been to our advantage with a few games being cancelled. However, the games that have been played in the league have been entertaining and no more so than the last game against Haydon School. Shyann Viqar was the star of the show with an unbeaten forty nine, his personal best. His innings showed true class with a range of singles, fours and a six in the penultimate over. The victory came with only two balls to spare to reach the target of eighty one set by the Haydon team.

Well done.

Mr McKenna

Head of PE Department

Borough Rounders Tournaments

On Tuesday 12th July and Wednesday 13th July Queensmead School hosted both the Year 7 and Year 8 mixed borough rounders tournaments.

Over ten local schools entered each competition, which allowed students to compete in a number of matches throughout the afternoons. Both competitions ran smoothly and the PE department would like to thank the following students for their assistance with the organisation and running of the two events:

Charlotte Buckingham
Maria Dina Valadeo
Jessica El-Homssi
Idil Kamal
Chloe McCarthy
Luke Plampin
Shelley Sullivan
Joe Watkins



Year 7 Team

Year 7

Queensmead entered a Year 7 team :

David Graovac (Captain)
Daniella Potts (Vice Captain)
Megan Bunker
Mark Lobb
Goda Mikalauskaite
Milan Mistry
Eleanor Murray
Hannah Roberts
Matthew Wright

The team played four matches and were placed third in their section. The team scored fourteen and a half rounders throughout the afternoon and beat teams from Harlington and Uxbridge High.

Year 8

Queensmead also entered a Year 8 team:

Charlotte Buckingham
Glen Conibeere
Jessica El-Homssi
Josh Gammage
Idil Kamal
Sam Hitchcock
Luke Jackson
Chloe McCarthy
Basheer Muhamed
Mariam Sabir
Harry Smith
Lauren Thorpe

The team played three matches and were also placed third in their section. The squad scored thirteen rounders throughout the afternoon and beat Harefield Academy.



London Youth Games 2011

The 2011 London Youth Games has now come to an end and Hillingdon had over four hundred young people involved across the forty sports and sixty events. The finals held on 2nd and 3rd July at Crystal Palace was the culmination of six weekends of competitions and qualifier events.

The following students from Queensmead competed on behalf of Hillingdon in the London Youth Games and contributed to the Borough finishing in eighth position out of thirty three boroughs. They dedicated themselves to early starts, weekly training sessions and gave their all in the competitions occurring since late May through to the last weekend 2nd and 3rd July.

Lucy Newnham	Girls Judo	2 nd
Chelsea Bowes	Netball	5 th
Jessica El-Homssi	Netball	5 th

Mrs Carter

PE Department

Work Experience

Well done to all Year 10 students for completing their two week work experience for the period 27th June until 8th July.

W H Smith vouchers were presented in assembly to the following students who all received glowing reports from their employers for their outstanding effort at work:

Joe Allman
Kishan Chandrakumar
Katy Davies
Brad Evans
Sam Fishenden
Georgia Hill
Georgina Holloway
Ilwad Kamal
Christopher Lazarou
Elizabeth Mepham
Connor Odell
Aroob Sajjad
Holly Sekloawu
Callum Vaughan
Hannah Ward

Miss Kolankiewicz

Head of Year 10

Post 16

Careers Conference

On Wednesday 29th June Year 12 students from both Northwood and Queensmead took part in a Careers Conference as part of their PSHCE programme. Students were able to participate in workshops including careers with the police, volunteering, preparing for interviews, applying to Oxbridge and preparing a CV.

We were very pleased to welcome speakers from the Open University, Mars UK and Crown Relocation, as well as two of our ex-students Krishnali Dholakia and Veedhi Bhimani who gave their perspective on student life.

The conference finished with a session on Preparing Personal Statements in support of university applications. The students participated enthusiastically and were able to collect a lot of useful information about their future career options.



Post 16 Induction

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 5th – 7th July we welcomed one hundred and ninety five Year 11 students to Post 16 Induction. This included a number of students from other schools who are choosing to come to Queensmead Post 16.

Students met their form tutors and other Post 16 students and were able to try out taster lessons in the subjects they are hoping to study next year. These included a wide range of activities such as collaborative pictures in Art; bread tasting in Food Technology; making chemical bonds in Science and exploring the nature of addiction in Psychology.



On Wednesday afternoon we had lunch followed by an inter-form quiz with mixed Year 12 and 13 teams. This was a great success as students wrestled with sudoku and code breaking rounds as well as desperately trying to recreate the entire monopoly board.

All the students left feeling more confident about the opportunities available to them in Post 16.



Leavers' Tea



On Friday 1st July the Year 13 students took their final leave of Queensmead with cakes baked by the staff and a chance to take final photos. We wish them all the very best for the future.

I would like to thank Mrs Ford, Miss Sison, Mrs Jones and the Post 16 tutors for the enormous amount of work that went into all of these very successful events.

Mrs Classick
Head of Post 16 Education

Restaurant

The School is pleased to announce that from September 2011 our Food Service will be operated by Caterlink, an award winning company that has considerable experience in Education.

We expect to see many benefits from the new arrangement and would welcome parents joining us in encouraging our students to enjoy an appetizing, healthy meal as part of their school day.

More information on the company can be found at: www.caterlinkltd.co.uk



Autumn Wk 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Courses	Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake Broccoli & Red Pepper Frittata	Chicken Tikka with Steamed Rice Mushroom & Spinach Lasagne with Garlic Bread (V)	Roast Chicken with Gravy & Roast Potatoes Vegetarian Shepherdess Pie With Gravy (V)	Chilli Con Carne with Fragrant Rice Quorn & Root Vegetable Goulash (V)	Breaded MSC Pollack with Lemon & Tartar Sauce Leek, Tomato & Cheddar Tart (V)
Vegetables	Peas Carrots	Summer Salad Sweetcorn	Broccoli Green Salad	Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Green Beans	Chips Garden Peas
Pizza/ Pannini Offer	Various specials per day				
Pasta/Noodles	Daily Offer	Daily Offer	Daily Offer	Daily Offer	Daily Offer
Desserts	Apple Pie with Custard	Red Cherry Crumble with Custard	Jam Sponge with custard	Fruit Strudel with Custard	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce



We look forward to seeing you!

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Autumn Wk 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Courses	Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce Thai Green Pumpkin Curry & Rice (V)	Shepherds Pie with Cheese & Red Onion Mash Vegetable Casserole with Herb Potatoes (V)	Grilled Sausages with Mash & Gravy Vegetarian Chilli with Jacket Wedges & Salad (V)	Lasagne & Garlic Bread Hoi Sin Vegetable Noodles (V)	Crisp Battered Fish Mixed Pepper & Mozzarella Turnover with Mixed Salad (V)
Vegetables	Green Beans Carrots	Spring Greens Sweetcorn	Garden Peas	Salad Steamed Carrots	Chips Peas
Chicken Offer	Various specials per day				
Pasta/Noodles	Daily Offer	Daily Offer	Daily Offer	Daily Offer	Daily Offer
Desserts	Eves Pudding with Custard	Pear Crumble with Custard	Chocolate & Orange Sponge With Chocolate Sauce	Lemon Sponge with Custard	Cherry Pie & Custard



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Summer Wk 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Courses	Stir Fry Turkey with Sweet & Sour Sauce Macaroni Cheese (V)	Minced Beef & Onion Pie Country Vegetable Stew with Mint & Parsley Dumplings (V)	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Chickpea & Spinach Masala (V)	"Chicken korma with Rice Vegetable Lasagne with Coleslaw (V)	Crisp Battered Fish Sweet corn & Red Onion Quiche (V)
Vegetables	Green Beans Carrots	Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Mashed Potatoes Sweet corn	Chips Peas
Chicken Offer	Various specials per day				
Pasta/Noodles	Daily Offer	Daily Offer	Daily Offer	Daily Offer	Daily Offer
Desserts	Citrus Sponge with Custard	Pear Tart & Custard	Sultana Flapjack with custard	Coffee Cake	Mixed Fruit Crumble & Custard



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