

Principal's Report

My thanks go out to all the students, staff and parents for the successful start to the new academic year.

I am delighted to be able to report that the results last academic year for Year 11 students were excellent, with 74% achieving five or more grades C or better including Maths and English (97% achieved five or more grades C or better).

Particular congratulations should go to the following students in Year 11 who each achieved a total of ten or more grades A and A* in their GCSE exams:

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| Jameela Abdul Raheem | Chiten Joshi |
| Danielle Anderson | Daniel Keeble |
| Mashhal Asmatpoor | Jordan Lapointe |
| Talha Ayaz | Coral Lutteridge |
| Stella Bloom | Dominic Mahoney |
| Paige Buckley | Melissa Man |
| Alice Burford-Reade | Ashika Mistry |
| Priyanka Chandarana | Arun Nayyar |
| Tommy Conway | Kingsley Okonkwo |
| Amy Duffy | Aditiya Patel |
| Charlotte Enright | Priya Patel |
| Fatima Hamid | Joshua Phillips |
| Rachel Harrington | Stephanie Ponton |
| Laura Hill | Alhasan Sheriff |
| Daniel Hoare | Emma Wallace |
| Kyle Hooper | |

Year 13 students who excelled include:

Alex Dodd AAB
Charlotte Falcon A*ABB
James Fox A*A*A*
Sophie Hughan A*A*A*B
Conor McGrath AAB
Jonathan Mephram A*AA
Sing Yee Pang A*AAB
Krishan Patel A*A*AB
Nicholas Stevens AAB
Charles Timbury AAB

Many of these have now embarked on the next stage of their education and we wish them well at University.

The awards evening held on the 27th September was very well attended and I would like to offer my congratulations to all the students who won awards this year.

The success they have achieved is through their hard work and determination.



The guest speaker, Clare Balding, was an inspiration to us all.

Once again this year the Open Evening for parents of Year 6 students was very well attended. All Queensmead students who took part on the evening are to be praised for their contributions, feedback on the Queensmead students from Year 6 parents was very positive and they were particularly impressed by the knowledge of the school demonstrated by the students.

We continue to remain committed to improving the fabric of the school and during the summer we refurbished three classrooms and constructed a further twelve classrooms in the main building and the gym. If you are in the vicinity of the school you may notice that we still have some ongoing building work taking place. By April we will have fully refurbished and redesigned a building which was in much need of an overhaul. We look forward to the completion of this project.

Miss Johnston
Principal

Awards Evening

This year's Awards Evening was held on the 27th September. The date was re-arranged at late notice to accommodate the guest speaker's very busy schedule.



I am sure all those who attended the event will think it was worthwhile changing the date as Clare Balding, the TV presenter and sports journalist gave an impressive performance. She answered questions from students, led by Molly Oxley and from Mr Luck. She presented the awards and stayed afterwards so that students could have their photograph taken with her.

Science Club launch 2011

This year's science club has had an amazing start with our highest ever number of pupils. Students had a brilliant time making smoking vortex cannons and aiming them at their friends.

Science club is every Thursday at 2.45pm in the Science block. Coming up we have heart dissections, crisp fire balls, bacteria culture growing and investigations into electricity and chemical reactions. All students welcome.



Miss Hart
Science Department

Dates for your diary

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| Oct | Tue 4 th | Year 9 Parents Information Evening 7.00 – 9.00pm |
| | Thur 6 th | Year 7 Tutor Evening |
| | Thur 20 th | Lower School Disco |
| Half Term 24th – 28th October | | |
| Nov | Thur 3 rd | Year 10 Consultation Evening 5.00 – 8.00pm |
| | Thur 10 th | Year 12 Tutor Evening |

Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

Speaking in public has been widely recognised as one of the top phobias among adults, but not for a group of thirty Year 10's who spent a day being trained in public speaking as part of Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge.

The workshop, facilitated by Time Benton from the Speakers Trust, culminated in a competition, in which pupils spoke for a minute and a half on a subject of their choice. The top five speakers will be announced in an assembly later this term. Next week another thirty students will take part in a second workshop.



We are delighted that last year's Hillingdon Borough winner, Hannah Ward, has been invited to a ceremony at the House of Lords for the launch of the 2012 Speak Out Challenge on 25th October.

Gifted and Talented

Gifted and Talented Club has got off to a successful start this term, with eighteen students attending our first film-making workshop. This term's theme—Lights, Camera, Action—will guide students through the process of film-making, with workshops on writing, producing, acting and special effects.

Gifted and Talented club meet every Thursday from 3pm-4pm.

Mr J Dufton
Gifted and Talented Coordinator

Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre

On Saturday 16th July, thirty Year 8 and Year 9 students went to the Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre on a course organised by Mr Walden.

The first activity we took part in was tunnelling. We were in there for approximately one and a half hours, but the time flew by. We ventured through the twists and turns of the dark tunnels, with absolutely no sense of direction. It was a good experience because we were lost and we had to rely on the person leading the way. In this activity it was all about trust and team work.

The second activity we took part in was low ropes. In this exercise we worked on our coordination skills. There were different obstacles to get through. However if we fell off one we had to go back and start again. This is why we helped each other by holding hands so we got to the next obstacle.



The next activity was the one that everyone was dreading, but it turned out to be extremely fun. It was called Raft race. We were split into groups and were told to build a raft as a team with limited supplies then we had to race the rafts in cold water without falling in.



The course was very enjoyable and helped us to be more confident about our abilities and our team work skills.



We would like to thank Mr Walden for organising the trip and also Ms Hart and Mr Abdulla for helping us through the gruelling activities.

Masoumeh Mashayekhi
Luckksha Logeswaran
Year 10 students

German Trip – July 2011



Very early in the morning Mrs Mepham, Mr Dufton, Mr MacMillan, Mr Noble and Mr Grey accompanied forty students to Andernach on the Rhine in Germany.



There was a full programme of activities including a cable car, boat trip and theme park, the city of Cologne and bowling. The students had a great time and their behavior was superb and a credit to Queensmead School.



The 2012 German trip will be available to all Year 7 and 8 students and details are available from the Languages Department.

Languages

Every academic year Modern Foreign Languages hold a competition for the new Year 7's to decorate their exercise book with pictures and the language relating to either French or German.

Below are the lucky winners of the competition:

Winner

Rhiannon Besley

2nd place

Katie Savva

3rd place

Annabel Smith

Well done to everyone.

Mrs Mepham

Head of Modern Foreign Languages Department

Hillingdon Safer Schools Partnership

As you may be aware, Queensmead School has been working in partnership with the Metropolitan Police for several years through the Hillingdon Safer Schools Partnership. After recent events in other parts of London involving young people we are keen to support any initiative which reduces the risk of harm to our students.

Following discussions with the local police about how this may be achieved we have decided to co-operate with this project aimed at reducing the knife carrying culture amongst young people in our community. The scheme involves the random screening of students entering the school site using knife arch and hand metal detectors. The screening does not constitute a lawful search but will be seen as a condition of entry.

Should any knives or offensive weapons be found, then following consultation with the school, police action will be taken.

Mr Lovesey

Deputy Headteacher

PE

Extra curricular sports clubs have started and the PE department are delighted with the number of students who have taken the opportunity to get involved in after school sports.

Students currently have the opportunity to play netball, football, badminton and basketball to name but a few activities.

Queensmead have already entered the borough netball and futsal leagues and the Middlesex county football cup and the results of these matches will be in future newsletters.

Mrs Wallace

PE Department