

Prefect's Meal

As a thank you for their hard work the prefects were invited to dinner at Nando's in Uxbridge with their form tutors and members of the leadership group.

The evening proved to be a lively one with much fun being had by all.

Miss Moran was particularly astounded at the sheer determination exhibited by some to eat the extra hot piri sauce.

Well done Year 11 prefects, a great job.

Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom is fast approaching. On Friday 2nd July from 7pm expect to see a vast array of unusual vehicles and grandly dressed students in the area.

The Prom is always the social highlight of the year and we look forward to a wonderful evening.

We will have a professional photographer here during the evening taking photos; the photos will then be available to buy on the night and also online (buying on the night gives the student a significant saving).

It is the one night of the year that a little bit of Hollywood glamour comes to South Ruislip!

Miss Moran
Head of Year 11



Post 16 News

The AS/A2 examination season is upon us.

Year 12 home study leave started at lunchtime on Friday 21st May. Revision classes will continue in all subjects during this period so please encourage your son or daughter to attend.

Students are expected to return to school on Friday 11th June to begin A2 courses and good attendance is essential.

Students taking BTEC or OCR courses will continue in lessons throughout this period.

Year 13 home study leave will start at lunchtime on Friday 28th May. Revision classes will continue throughout the exam period.

There will be a Leavers' Tea at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday 30th June, to which all Year 13 students are cordially invited.

Dates for your diary

Mon 31 st May – Fri 4 th June Half Term		
June	Wed 16 th	Yr 10 Work Experience visits (pm)
	Mon 28 th - Fri 9 th July	Yr 10 Work Experience
	Tue 29 th	Sports Day (Yrs 7, 8, 9)
July	Fri 2 nd	Yr 11 Prom
Wed 21 st July – Term Ends		

May Ball

On Friday 7th May, Post 16 students enjoyed their May Ball, held at the Bell House Hotel in Gerrards Cross.

The night was a big success, with over one hundred and twenty Year 12 and 13 students attending.

After all the hard work put into organising it, the evening was a great way to celebrate the year together.

Our thanks go to the Post 16 Social Committee and the teachers that helped out, as the Ball will be remembered by the departing Year 13 students for years to come.

David Wood

Chair Post 16 Committee

Thanks to Miss Pitteway, David and the other committee members for their hard work in organising this very successful event. It was lovely to see all the girls looking so glamorous and the boys looking so unrecognisably smart.

They were all a credit to the school.

Mrs Classick

Head of Post 16 Education



Football

Year 8 Borough Champions

The Year 8 football team completed a fantastic season by winning the Hillingdon Schools Football Cup convincingly beating Douay Martyrs 5 – 1 in a very entertaining final, played here at Queensmead.

The boys showed great promise during Year 7 but suddenly managed to click into gear this year with a solid back four including Ryan Ogg, Harry Sturgeon, Oliver Glynn and Luke Roberts, while the excellent attacking interplay between Harry Whiter, Almarn James and Josh Collis would cause problems for any defence at this age group.

It was the latter three who scored the goals to seal the victory in what was a classy performance by a team who have great determination in being successful in their forthcoming years at the school.

Well done boys!

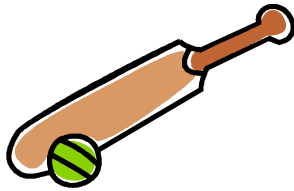
Year 11 Final

It was a great achievement by the Year 11 team to reach the Borough final in their last year at school, but it was unfortunate that they were at the wrong end of a seven goal thriller, losing 4 – 3 against Bishop Ramsey.

The boys showed great character to get to the final and the game went to extra time after finishing the ninety minutes at 3 – 3.

Mark Smith got the pick of the goals leaving the opposition keeper with no chance of stopping his sublime finish. The game was physical throughout but played fairly and both teams deserved credit for their attitude and commitment, especially with their GCSE exams fast approaching. Although it was a disappointing end for the Queensmead players, they should hold their heads up high and be proud of their achievements.





Extra Curricular

This term sees the start of the cricket and athletics season with many fixtures against other schools taking place.

Cricket practice	Tuesday 2.45pm – 3.45pm (Games throughout the term)
Athletics practice	Wednesday 2.45pm – 4pm
Senior Athletics	Wednesday 26 th May Uxbridge Track (Yr 9/10)
School Sports Day	Tuesday 29 th June
Junior Sports	Wednesday 30 th June Uxbridge Track (Yr 7/8)

Rugby

Article in the Uxbridge Gazette Wednesday 14th April.

Queensmead crush Uxbridge in year eight final

SCHOOL RUGBY School, in Royal Lane, Hillingdon, the team from Ruislip school Queensmead dominated and ran out deserved 55-5 winners. Try scorers included Rhys Pound, Josh Collis, Oli Glen, William Dunkley, Karl Pearce and Aaron Kimber.

QUEENSMEAD School's talented rugby team swept aside Uxbridge High School in the Hillingdon Borough schools finals to be crowned year eight champions. Held at Bishopshalt



Mr McKenna
PE Department

Junior Mathematical Challenge

Pupils in years 7 and 8 took part in the Junior Mathematical challenge in April.

The following students all received gold certificates, with Kimberly Burnett scoring the highest mark in the school.

Year 8:

Kimberly Burnett
Pooja Patel
Sadaf Tokhi
Abigail Howell
Alisha Capel
Avni Vadgama

Year 7:

Michael Bennett
Marc Anderson

There were also some students who received either a silver certificate or a bronze certificate.



Well done to: Alisha Capel, Idil Wais, Matthew Bunker, Arjun Lotay, Joel Clarke, Ryan Ogg and Inderjeet Loyal.

Mr Freeman
Maths Department

Library Fiction and competition news

Young Fiction Writer of the Year competition



Take a Break's Fiction Feast is running a short story competition for Young Fiction Writer of the Year. The judging panel will include Anthony Horowitz, author of the popular Alex Rider series.

The competition is open to young writers aged between eight and eighteen years, who should write a fictional story about any subject. Stories must be between five hundred and one thousand words long. You can enter online or by post; the closing date is 23rd July.

Winners in each of the three age categories will receive an Apple laptop and have their stories published in Take a Break's Fiction Feast; their school or college will get £1,000 of books. There will also be prizes for runners up.

Further information and tips on writing a short story can be found at:

<http://www.youngfictionwriteroftheyear.co.uk/>

Spinebreakers news

Spinebreakers, an online book community for teens which celebrates all forms of writing for and by young people, and which is packed with exclusive author interviews, reviews and videos, is currently promoting a number of writing competitions with enticing prizes.



Puffin is celebrating its seventieth birthday with a competition to ask its readers: "What are your five favourite Puffin books and why?"

Entrants should be between thirteen and eighteen years old, and should submit their entries by 3rd June to:

<http://www.spinebreakers.co.uk/Competitions/Pages/Happy70thBirthdayPuffin!.aspx>

Orange Prize for Fiction Youth Panel shortlist competition

The Spinebreakers Youth Panel has provided a shortlist of six titles from the previous fourteen winners of the Orange Prize for Fiction. Young people can vote for their favourite book and can show their support by contributing art work to illustrate the book, by writing song tracks, alternative endings and chapters, a short story, or by casting actors for a film version.

<http://www.spinebreakers.co.uk/Creative/Features/orangeprizeyouthpanel2010/Pages/YouthPanelShortlist.aspx>

Books that impress...

To celebrate the release of the Orange Prize Youth Panel shortlist, Spinebreakers is inviting teenagers to write about a book that has made a lasting impression and will be giving away a Blackberry phone to the prizewinning entry. To enter (providing you are between thirteen and eighteen years) you should write about a book that has got you talking about it to your friends and explain why it has made such an impression on you.

Perhaps it had a great storyline and you couldn't put it down, or maybe it reminded you of something that had happened to you.

Entries should be submitted by 31st May to:

<http://www.spinebreakers.co.uk/Creative/Features/orangeprizeyouthpanel2010/Pages/WinaBlackBerry.aspx>

Travel through space and time with Doctor Who...

There is also a Dr Who competition to celebrate the launch of the fifth series of Doctor Who and the four new books accompanying this series. Details can be found at

<http://www.spinebreakers.co.uk/Competitions/Pages/DOCTORWHOCOMPETITION.aspx>

Mrs Sahadeo
Librarian

Oliver!

Dominic gets an acting role in Oliver.

Dominic Potter 7d has landed an acting role in Oliver, Dominic starred in the Queensmead production of Honk!

Dominic used all his experience from performing in school to get his role in Oliver.

On behalf of Queensmead School, I would like to congratulate Dominic on this amazing achievement and I look forward to hearing all about it.

Mr McGinnity

Head of Year 7



Dominic's Story

Over the Easter holidays I was really excited when I got a phone call to go for an audition for a part in Oliver the musical at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane.

I had to sing "Consider yourself" and dance in front of four people! It was really nerve-racking but I was really happy when I got through.

There were two more auditions with more singing, acting and dancing. Then I waited four long days for the phone call... I got a part in Oliver!!!

I will be singing and dancing in many scenes and I am one of the main dancers and singers in the "Who will buy?" song. Rehearsals started on 15th May and I start the show in June.

I still can't believe I will actually be in a show in the West End. I am nervous but very, very excited.

Dominic Potter

7d.



Hillingdon Association for the Blind

Calling all parents (grandparents, aunts and uncles) who can spare an hour or two to volunteer.

Hillingdon Association for the Blind are currently recruiting volunteers for the home visiting service, which supports blind, partially sighted and deafblind people to lead independent lives.

If you are able to spare a couple of hours a week or a fortnight you could help provide a valuable service to the visually impaired.

The work is neither strenuous nor taxing but a gentle, sensitive manner is essential. Full training and support will be given.

For further information please call: 020 8423 5141 or email: info@aftb.org.uk

If you would like to know more about the services Hillingdon Association for the Blind provides, please visit the website: www.aftb.org.uk



Miss Hardwick
Assistant Headteacher

Haiti Childrens Earthquake Children's Appeal

UNICEF would like to thank Queensmead School for the schools' donation of £1,349.49 to the Haiti Earthquake Children's Appeal.



The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

Positive Parenting Program knows all parents have different needs, that is why we have many different ways for you to get your parenting help.

They can help you to:

- encourage behavior you like
- deal with problem behavior
- become confident as a parent
- be realistic about parenting

Please contact the Parent Support Service on 01895 558244 or parenting@hillingsdon.gov.uk for more information.



Speakeasy

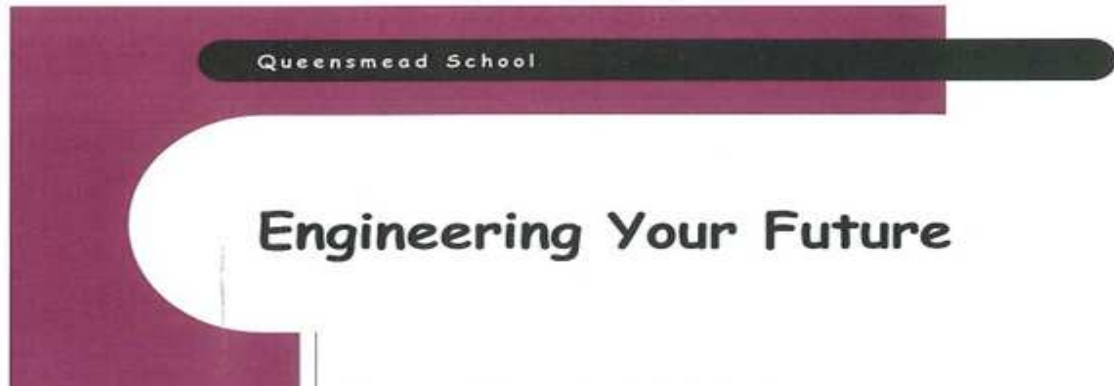
Speakeasy is a course designed for parents/carers with children of all ages.

The courses include:

- Answering children's questions (all ages)
- Keeping children safe from harm
- Sex and relationships education in schools

To find out more please call Parent Support Services on 01895 558244

Engineering Week



My experience By Joel Clarke (8f)

On the 26th April, a team of technicians visited the school in order to show Yr 8 the technical side of Heathrow Airport.

The event was hosted in the Gym and three Yr 8 classes attended, one at a time, during periods one and two.

As I am in 8f I was one of the last classes to enter the Gym. This meant that I had to wait until after the first and second period. However, I looked forward to this event nevertheless.

The lower half of the year entered the Gym in the fourth period. We were told by the leader of the event that we needed to leave our bags and coats by the wall and sit down in pairs with a pen or pencil.

The first thing we were told was that we needed to be quiet when the bell started to ring.

After a quick talk on behaviour and an introduction we were handed over to the manager of BAA.

The activities we were asked to do were with circuits and monorails. We were asked to make a trailer with a motor attached to it this was followed by a number of other activities. I found this fairly easy working with my partner and I was up for more of a challenge. I suspected that others around the room felt the same.

After lunch we had a talk by one of the trainee technicians. They explained their job to us: what was included and how much they earned. It surprised me that their salaries were so much even being trainees.

It was emphasized that being a technician was not just a boys' job but also a job for the girls due to the skills required.

Our next and final activities were linked to an IQ circuit board. This enabled the trailer to move without having to use too many wires. All we needed to do was connect it to the trailer and the motor and program it to go a certain distance. We managed to program it by using buttons to make it move. The distance it moved all depended on the amount of times that we pressed the buttons.

Finally we were asked to fill out an evaluation form on how we found the day. I mentioned that the day had been quite interesting.

