



NEWSLETTER

AS/A2 January Examinations

Thursday 8th-Thursday 29th

After the Christmas holiday Post 16 students will be sitting important AS/A2 module examinations. The examinations in January will be worth up to half the final grade at A/S level and one sixth of the A level. It is imperative that the students are fully prepared for the examinations to achieve success. The school's expectation is that students must, therefore, utilise the Christmas holiday and spend at least twenty hours revising for each module.

By adopting a conscientious and rigorous approach to revision over this period I am sure students will fulfil their potential.

I wish them all every success in their forthcoming examinations.

Good Luck!

Mr. Child

Assistant - Head Post 16



**WISHING YOU ALL
A
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Queensmead Parents Team

QPT has had another very successful year. New members have been recruited to the committee following the AGM.

QPT held a very enjoyable and friendly 'Welcome BBQ' for the New Year 7 parents and their families.

QPT held another very successful fund-raising activity for the school day bag packing in Sainsburys in December raising over £600.

Monies raised have been used to support musical productions and to buy new strips for the school's football teams.

SPORTS

Basketball

The boys in years 7/8/9 did extremely well in their first ever league match against Haydon on Wednesday night. The year 7/8 combined team worked very hard and managed a 6-6 draw in a game which could have gone either way. The Year 9 team were up against last year's Borough champions and performed very well in one of the best games I have seen at school level. Considering our boys had not played a competitive match before, they showed great spirit and determination and were unlucky to lose 18-16 as Haydon snatched the win in the last 30 seconds of the match. A thank you to Mr. Berry who trained these boys with regular sessions every Thursday. Now they can go and complete their remaining league games with confidence. We offer congratulations to all involved.

Yr 7 Indoor Athletics

Queensmead team achieved second place in Thursday's Indoor Athletics Competition, which we hosted. A brilliant night was enjoyed by all and the students should be commended for their efforts. This result puts us in a great position to go through to the All London Competition as long as we perform well in the remaining two events to be held after Christmas. Please congratulate the Year 7 students who were in the team.

Rugby

It has been fantastic to see so many Year 7 students at practice every Wednesday after school with students learning about the game and improving their skills.

A lot of effort has seen the boys progress very well and next term should see them demonstrating their abilities in competitive matches against other schools within the Borough. Thank you to Mr Noble who has devoted his time to coach the boys.

The Yr10 students have also been working hard and have had some trial matches after school, which have been very competitive. The boys have got plenty of ability and with their coach, Post 16 student Sam Hainsworth, the future looks promising. Again, matches will be arranged next term and we all look forward to some positive outcomes.

Interform Rugby

Year 7 Interform Rugby took place on Wednesday with 64 boys involved. Winners were 7A, captained by Carl Pearce. Runners up were 7F captained by Rhys Pound. Third place, 7B captained by Billy Rogers.

Year 8 Interform Rugby took place on Thursday with 50 boys involved. Winners were 8B captained by Bradley Evans. Runners up were 8D captained by Arona Rana and 8E captained by Adam Coinbeere.

Thank you to all form tutors who ensured their team took part and especially those who came to support their form.

Mr. McKenna
Head of P.E.

Les Menuires 2009

Arrangements for the second of the two skiing trips are well advanced. Forty-four Year 10 students are looking forward to hitting the slopes for one week during Easter next year. Mr Vowles and Miss Harper will be bravely leading the party, with Miss Kolankiewicz, Mr Luck, Miss Lesenne, Mr McGinnity and Miss Morar lending their expertise also (whether it be skiing, snowboarding, or karaoke ability!). The group are heading to Les Menuires, part of the Trois Vallees region in the French Alps, and will have 160km of piste at their disposal – from a height of 2850m! With five hours of skiing tuition per day, the students should make excellent progress during the week, although hopefully not enough to be performing any acrobatics (see photo!). Off-piste fun will include quizzes, outdoor swimming and a disco, so the group is guaranteed to return to the UK thoroughly exhausted!



Year 7 students All "Booked up"

Year 7 students have benefited from an exciting National Reading programme which aims to encourage all 11 and 12 year olds to read for pleasure. Students have had the opportunity to choose a free book from

the 12 books on offer during their English lessons. Interviews with the authors and Year 7 students and information about the books on offer can also be seen online at <http://www.bookedup.org.uk/Booked-Up-DVD>

Design a character competition

Design your own Booked Up character on a sheet of A4 and email or post it to The Booked Up team and you could be in with a chance of winning an author visit to your school. Your character must be based on one of the Booked Up books, or on a book you have read recently.

Scan your Booked Up character picture it would then need to be emailed to jody@booktrust.org.uk with the subject heading 'Design a Booked Up character' and the title of the book it's based on in the email. You can also put a copy of your Booked Up character in an envelope along with your name and email address and the title of the book it's based on and post it to:

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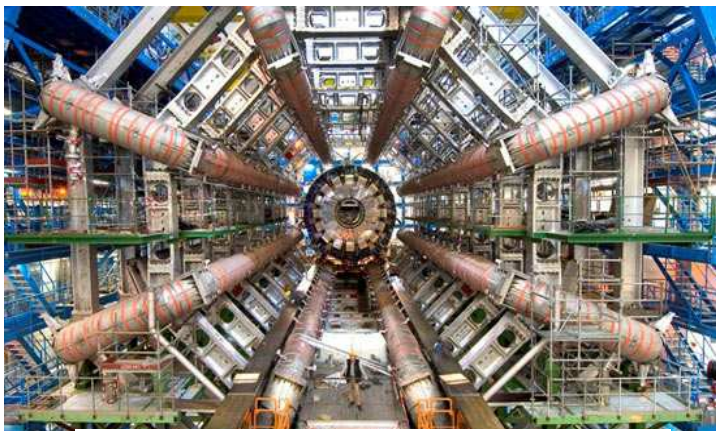
The closing date for the competition is 31 December 2008. Good luck!

Mrs Sahadeo
Librarian

Gifted & Talented

This month Tasmeen Khatra in 10F represented Queensmead at the Jack Petchey Speakers Bank Public Speaking Competition. Her speech was a piece called "Sound of Life" which she composed herself and spoke very eloquently.

Gifted & Talented club for Years 7 to 9 continues to meet every Wednesday from 14.45 to 15.45 with topics this term ranging from CERN, the European organization for nuclear research and the Big Bang, to Pottery.



LHC-Large Hadron Collider (CERN)

Attendance

Attendance for the autumn term has been most encouraging and the current figure of 94.5% is 0.5% higher for the same period last year. This is especially pleasing since last year's attendance figures were the best return that the school has had and reflect an incremental improvement over the last 6 years. The aim is to push attendance rates at Queensmead as close to 95% as possible which would be a tremendous achievement.

Thank you to all parents who continue to support the school by ensuring that their sons and daughters maintain excellent attendance.

Mr Luck

Head of Pastoral

Post 16 Quiz Night

On Thursday 6th November the Post 16 social programme kicked off with a Halloween themed fancy dress Quiz Night. Prizes were available for the most gruesomely dressed student as well as the more conventional prize for the winning quiz team! The event proved very popular with staff and students really entering into the creepy spirit of the night.

Students transformed themselves into ghouls, vampires and demons in an effort to walk off with the prize, although the winning quiz team was headed by Mr Brown (dressed as himself). Congratulations must go to Ms Pitteway and the Post 16 Committee who organised the whole event and transformed the Common Room into a 'Chamber of Horrors' fit for Halloween. Special mention must go to the unidentified student who turned up dressed as "death" complete with scream mask who managed to remain in character for the whole evening! Everyone agreed that it had been the best attended Post 16 event for some time and many are looking forward to ice skating at Kew Gardens just before Christmas.

Forthcoming Events

January	Monday 5 th	School Re-Opens
	Thursday 15 th	Yr 12/13 Consultation Evening
	Monday 19 th 7-8pm	QPT Committee Meeting
	Thursday 12 th	Year 9 - KS4 Consultation evening
February	Thursday 5 th	Yr 11 Consultation Evening
	Wednesday 11 th 7.00pm	School Production 'The Wiz'
	Thursday 12 th 7.00 pm	School Production 'The Wiz'