

Brain of Hillingdon Competition

On Wednesday 10th February, eight Year 11 students travelled to Harlington Community School to take part in the 'Key Stage 4 Brain of Hillingdon 2010' competition.

Two teams of four competed in ten rounds with questions relating to English, Maths, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Business Studies, Sport, Music, Art, Film and Humanities.

Both teams did very well with Team 2 coming third and Team 1 joint first !

Team 1

Amir Hamid
Catherine Luck
Daniel West
Rebecca Fynn

Team 2

Chandini Prasad
Jenny Tang
Laura Abercrombie
Nikhil Harsiani

All of the students had great fun and would like to thank Miss Platt for organising it !

Year 11 Students



Haiti Staff Cake Bake Sale



A big thank you to all staff who helped raise money and awareness at the cake sale on 11th February, with special thanks to all the members of the social committee.

The sale of cakes and donations raised an amount of £273 and the non-uniform day on the last day of term raised over £1000.

Well done to everyone.

All donations will be sent to the UNICEF Haiti Earthquake Children's Appeal Fund.



Dates for your diary

March	Thur 4 th	Year 8 Consultation Evening
	Mon 8 th	Science and Engineering Week
	Thur 18 th	Year 7 Consultation Evening
	Tue 23 rd	UCAS Information Evening
	Thur 25 th	Year 9 Consultation Evening
	Wed 31 st	Lower School Disco
Fri 2nd – 16th April - End of Term		

Girls PE

Trampolining

Congratulations to Queensmead Under 16 Trampolining Squad who won the first Hillingdon Borough Trampolining Competition, held at Harefield Academy on Tuesday 9th February.

The four girls had to perform one ten bounce set routine and one ten bounce voluntary routine in front of a panel of judges and other competitors.

Emma Wallace won the individual title with a flawless performance making her Hillingdon Under 16 overall champion.

Ceara McDonald, Coral Lutteridge and Charlotte Casey jumped extremely well to secure Queensmead the team title.

Well done to all the girls and a special thank you to Emma's mum, Mrs Kathryn Wallace for all her help.

Cross Country

Well done to the following Queensmead girls who represented Hillingdon in the recent Middlesex Cross Country Championships held at Harrow School:

Chloe McCarthy Yr 7	25 th out of 70
Tasmin Norris Yr 7	30 th out of 70
Ceara McDonald Yr10	35 th out of 70

Mrs Wallace
(PE Department)

Boys PE

Middlesex Runners

Christopher Mephram and William Ormrod have both been selected to represent Middlesex in the Cross Country Championships. The two boys in Year 7 have shown a great attitude and the PE department is very proud of their efforts.

Archery

Billy Eardley can now be classed as a Middlesex Champion after winning two gold medals in the County Archery Competition.

Billy, only 13, won the Under 18 Longbow Competition which is a fantastic achievement and is all down to the hard work that he puts in on Tuesdays at the after school club, managed by our specialised Archery coach Ron Hawkes.

Billy also managed to win the team event beating a number of adult competitors showing real promise for the future.

Well done Billy !





Rugby

The Year 8 rugby team have progressed to the semi finals of the Hillingdon Borough competition and now face Haydon School at home in what should be an exciting match on the 25th February.

The boys showed some great skill and commitment in a tri festival on the 28th January by beating both Uxbridge High and Douay Martyrs. The regular training on Thursdays after school has certainly paid dividends and it was clear that the boys have got the potential for some great victories over the next few weeks.

The Year 7 rugby team had a bitterly cold afternoon at Ruislip Rugby Club in their first tournament of the year. An excellent start with a two try victory over Harefield Academy was followed by mixed results against five local schools, notably a 3-2 win in a thrilling game against Abbotsfield.

William Ormrod and George Rivet demonstrated great leadership qualities throughout the afternoon and the boys deserve credit for their efforts.

Mr McKenna
(Head of PE Department)

Work Experience Placements Year 10

If any parents know of any companies that would be willing to accept our students for work experience during the period 28 June – 9 July 2010 could they please contact :

Mrs Jones in Admin:
Telephone: 020 8582 3252
Email : sjones31@hillingdongrid.org

Intermediate Mathematics Challenge – February 2010

Pupils from Years 9, 10, and 11 took part in the UK Mathematics Challenge in February.

The following students achieved the highest results in their year group and will be receiving certificates.

Well done !!

Year 11

Hemant Chudasama
Nikhil Harsiani
Tasmeen Khatra
Kane Stone



Year 10

Daniel Hoare
Sarah Louise-Baker
Adam Suhaj
Paige Buckley

Year 9

Fahad Sadah
Uche Udo
Daisy Spiers
Lizzie Mepham

Mr Freeman
(Maths Department)



Performing Arts

Queensmead School's annual production took place on the 9th and 10th February. This year, over fifty students took part in creating the performance of the musical comedy HONK! based on the story of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling".

Rehearsals for the musical started back in November and students have attended after school rehearsals twice a week to put the show together.

Both performances were a huge success and students performed to a full audience both nights, including the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress. They also performed a matinee on the Tuesday to 120 Year 5 students from three local primary schools.

The performing arts department would like to thank all those who attended and supported the production.



Miss Rowthorn
(Head of Performing Arts)

Ski Trip to Switzerland February 2010



We all arrived at Queensmead between quarter to five and five o'clock, apart from a few latecomers, said goodbye to parents and younger siblings and set off on our twenty hour journey at exactly a quarter past five.

With a coach full of junk food, DVDs, bulky ski jackets and incredibly excited teenagers, the coach drivers and teachers certainly had their work cut out. We ended up arriving in Dover early, because we had left in plenty of time due to the snow that had fallen in the Dover area during the week. The wait was not too long, however, and we were on the ferry by a quarter past ten.

On the ferry, there were plenty of other school groups with matching hoodies (much like ours), who were all braving the turbulent conditions on the ferry together. When we got off the ferry, we all piled back onto the coach and headed for Switzerland.

It was around midnight when we arrived at our hotel; we were allocated our rooms and then sent up the stairs dragging our oversized suitcases to the second floor, which we fully occupied.

On the Saturday that we arrived, we had the afternoon to sort out who was sleeping where and to get ourselves settled. The majority of the group decided to go for a walk during the afternoon, which culminated in a series of races in the snow and a group snowball fight.

After an afternoon of snow-related fun, we settled down to dinner in the dining hall that we shared with a group of students from a French school, also in Les Mosses to enjoy the skiing. We had lasagne on the first night, and everyone was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the food in the hotel.

At around 9pm, we were called over to the ski shop next door, where we were fitted for our skis, poles and boots for the next day's skiing session.

Sunday was our first day of skiing, and upon arrival at the bottom of the slopes having carried our skis and plodded in our boots all the way from the hotel, we were divided into two groups: the beginners and those that had been skiing before. The beginners were introduced to their instructors Fred and Louise, and the more advanced skiers were introduced to Gail and Olivier, who would tutor them throughout the week. In the morning, the beginners attempted first to stand up on their skis, and then to ski down a little half slope with the help of Fred and Louise. There were a huge amount of crashes, but Fred still felt that the beginners were ready to progress onto the children's slopes, covered in obstacles including hoops and a slalom, that were the cause of what felt like hundreds of crashes.

We returned back to the hotel for lunch, and were back on the ski slopes again within an hour. During the evening, we had a quiz between the groups we were sharing rooms with; the rounds varied from questions about South America to identifying the Mr Men, and it was the boys who were victorious.





On Monday, the beginners were introduced to what came to be known as the 'green slope', and struggled whilst learning to brake and stop. A few of the more adventurous beginners got to the top of the green slope, whereas most of us remained at the bottom, but their attempts were rather fruitless, as there were a few serious crashes because of our not being able to stop properly.

During the evening, we went ice skating at the local rink, and the staff gave out zimmer frame-like objects to help those who had not ice skated before.

Tuesday was much the same, although almost all of us managed to get to the top of the green slopes, and a few progressed on to the blue slopes, and all of us achieved a successful stop. In the evening we went bowling, which was a lot of fun.

On Wednesday, a lot of us progressed to blue slopes while a few people remained on green slopes and in their comfort zone, but as our instructor pointed out: it doesn't matter how far you get, as long as you are having a good time. We all piled onto the coach on Wednesday evening and went to the local town of Leysin to buy gifts for our families, and food for the coach journey back. There were a few bruised bottoms as a result of the town being situated on a mountainside, but it was nice to be able to have a wander around a larger town and experience more of Switzerland than just its ski slopes.

Thursday was an important day as it was the first opportunity for the beginners to progress to red slopes, which were extremely strenuous for a group that had only been skiing for a few days, but were also a lot of fun. Thursday also marked the end of the ski trip for many, as the majority of the group stayed to pack their bags while the more daring among us continued to ski throughout the day on the Friday.

Thursday evening was brilliant fun, as we had a party in the hotel to mark our last night in Switzerland, where prizes were given for 'best beginner', which was awarded to Sam Ashton; Kenny Brown received an award for being a thoroughly accomplished skier despite this being his first time skiing; Emma Clement received an award for her bravery on the slopes, and Phil Smith got an award for having the best fancy dress costume. We all thanked the teachers for being a great help while we were away.

The coach journey back was not too bad despite a couple of minor bashes due to the terrible weather, and was much quicker than the journey there. We arrived home safe and sound at quarter past seven in the morning English time, and our parents were there to meet us. According to most, the following weekend was spent in bed resting after the eventful holiday, but that can only be a good sign.

Zoe Tibbles
(Sixth Form Ambassador)



Eco-Club

The eco-club has been running since September 2009. This group of enthusiastic girls from year seven and eight are fighting to save our planet by reducing energy use in school, making Queensmead School a greener and cleaner place and researching the possibility of implementing a recycling scheme.

The eco-warriors have been fund raising to kick start their 'breathing space' project by holding bake sales and various other competitions. They have raised almost £100 so far. This money will go towards buying equipment and plants for developing the breathing space into a wildlife area. They have also donated some of their funds to the Haiti appeal.

The eco-club would like to thank staff and students for their continued support and look forward to sharing their progress as the project kick-starts along with the long anticipated signs of spring.



Miss Bushnell
(Geography Department)

Sainsbury's

We are **Active Kids 2010** |

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers once again this year. Last year we managed to collect enough vouchers to improve our selection of Rugby, Football, Netball and Rounders equipment. This year we are aiming to collect more than ever. Please send all vouchers you receive to the School reception or PE Department.

Mr Walden
(PE Department)



Tesco vouchers are back!

Last year we collected over 6000 and purchased two digital video cameras, this year we are hoping for even more.

Vouchers are available in all Tesco stores and petrol filling stations from Monday 1st March to Sunday 9th May 2010.

Customers will receive one Tesco for Schools & Clubs Voucher for every £10 spent in a single transaction and for every £5 spent in Tesco Express Stores.



Please put all vouchers in the box at reception.

Miss Paterson
(ICT Department)