

Languages

Below are the names of our winners of the Modern Foreign Languages Christmas Card competition.

French

Winner : Racquel Quinn
Runner up: Lewis Abbott-Mason

Spanish

Winner: Charlotte Buckingham
Runner up: Mohammed Islam

German

Winner: Calum Huggett
Runner up: Manisha Mistry

May I also take this opportunity to wish you a happy and healthy 2010.

Mrs Mepham

(Head of Modern Languages)



Vacancies for Exam Invigilators

Invigilators needed for exams throughout the year.

The exam period is from mid-November to the end of June, with the major exam season in January and June.

Bookings are made for individual exam sessions, according to need and each invigilator's availability so you do not need to be available every day, or even every week.

Experience is desirable but not essential. Morning sessions are from 8.30 am. Afternoon sessions are from 1.30 pm.

Please call Lisa Dewey on 020 8582 3274 or email: ldewey@hillingdongrid.org

Dates for your diary

February	Tue 9th	School production 'HONK'
	Wed 10 th	School production 'HONK'
	Thur 11 th	Year 10 Consultation Evening
Mon 15th – Fri 19th Half Term		
	Thur 25 th	Year 12 Consultation Evening
March	Thur 4 th	Year 8 Consultation Evening
	Thur 18	Year 7 Consultation Evening

PE Notices

The poor weather has obviously taken its toll on extra curricular clubs and the field has now been cleared of snow so hopefully we can get back to normal regarding our fixtures against other schools. We have had some basketball matches with the Year 11 team comfortably beating Haydon 25-16 with some excellent interplay. The boys have worked hard and the number of players that have attended practice has meant that we could easily field two teams! With only two Year 11 pupils and the rest made up of Year 10 students, the future does look bright for next year.

The Year 8 boys found it tough this year in the competition. Unfortunately two narrow defeats against Haydon and Vyners means they will not progress to the final stages. However, with further improvements the boys could see a change in their fortunes for next year.

There are two rugby competitions coming up for Year 7 and 8 boys so it is important for students that are interested to attend practice on Thursday. Monday 8th February is the Year 7 tournament at Ruislip Rugby Club and the Year 8 boys have a festival on Thursday 28th January at Uxbridge High School.



Interform results

Well done to all students who participated in the inter-form competitions before Christmas. With over 250 students involved there was some real determination by pupils and form tutors to win the bragging rights within the year groups! The boys competed in rugby while the girls showed off their skills in netball. The top three forms received certificates and will remember the day for years to come.

Rugby	Year 7	Winners	7f
		2 nd	7b
		3 rd	7d
Rugby	Year 8	Winners	8a
		2 nd	8f
		3 rd	8d
Netball	Year 7	Winners	7e
		2 nd	7c
		3 rd	7f & 7b
Netball	Year 8	Winners	8a
		2 nd	8c
		3 rd	8d & 8f

Extra Curricular Clubs

There are lots of opportunities for pupils to take part in a sporting activity after school with clubs including Netball, Football, Rugby, Badminton, Basketball, Archery, Futsal, Table Tennis, Golf, Climbing and other clubs within school. Currently we also have the Dance mats for pupils to improve their co-ordination and their dance moves. If you are interested in any of the above then please see a member of the PE department for more information.

Mr McKenna
(Head of PE Department)

Middlesex Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to the following girls who have been chosen to represent Hillingdon at the Middlesex Cross Country Championships on Thursday February 4th at Harrow School:

Ceara McDonald Year 10
Emily Bermingham Year 10
Chloe McCarthy Year 7
Tasmin Norris Year 7

GOOD LUCK!

Mrs Wallace
(PE Department)



Netball

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 continue to train on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The squads have league matches to play over the next few weeks against Northwood College, Uxbridge High, St Helens and Swakeleys.

The Year 8 rally is at Bishopshalt on Thursday 4th March 2010 and the Year 7 rally is at Bishopshalt on Tuesday 9th March 2010.



Trampolining

Congratulations to Emma Wallace, Ceara McDonald and Coral Lutteridge who came first in the London Regional Trampolining competition.

The team qualified for The Southern Zonal Competition on Saturday 24th January. The Year 10 students performed exceptionally well and the Queensmead team came third (out of 30 teams).

Dance Mats

Queensmead School Physical Education Department is currently enjoying the use of the Hillingdon Borough Partnership's wireless dance mats.

Girls and boys in KS3 and 4 have the opportunity to develop their co-ordination during curriculum time. KS5 pupils will be given the option of extra curricular dance mats sessions.

Mrs Carter
(PE Department)

Post 16 Work Experience

We are trying to extend our range of Post 16 Work Experience placements for our vocational courses in Health and Social Care and Children's Care, Learning and Development.

We are looking for placements working in Health and Criminal Justice, or with children (including children with special needs), the elderly or adults with social care needs.

If you work in any of these sectors and think that you could offer a placement to a Year 12 or 13 student for either one day or half a day each week please contact : Mrs Sahadeo Post 16 Work Experience Co-ordinator at the school.

If you cannot offer a placement but would be willing to come and talk to a small group of students about your work we would also love to hear from you.

Mrs Classick

(Head of Post 16 Education)

Speak Out!

Many congratulations to Amy Duffy and Daniel Hoare from Year 10 who represented the school in the Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' challenge regional final 2009-2010. The Jack Petchey Foundation supports schools by holding youth projects in London and Essex working with people between the ages of 11 and 25. The workshops are designed to give students the opportunity to be trained in how to express themselves in front of an audience 'clearly and without fear'.

Amy spoke about eating disorders and Daniel spoke about our future with robots. There was an eclectic mix of topics ranging from bullying to 'heightism' which students presented with confidence and above all, with passion. The standard of competition was very high and unfortunately Amy and Daniel

did not make it through to the national final, but both commented on the experience as being valuable and worthwhile.

Many thanks to Rosedale College who hosted the event, to Miss Platt for organizing the initial competition winners, to Amy and Daniel for taking part and representing the school and also thanks to the supporters for their encouragement throughout.

For information about the awards and videos from the event visit

www.speakoutchallenge.com

Miss Bushnell

English

Year 11 students who sat their GCSE English examination last November were told their result last week.

The English Department is pleased to report that 64% of the year group achieved a C grade or above. Several students achieved A* in English with Rebecca Fynn distinguishing herself by achieving the highest number of marks in the year.

We are also pleased to offer the opportunity of retaking the English exam in June so that some students can improve their grade.

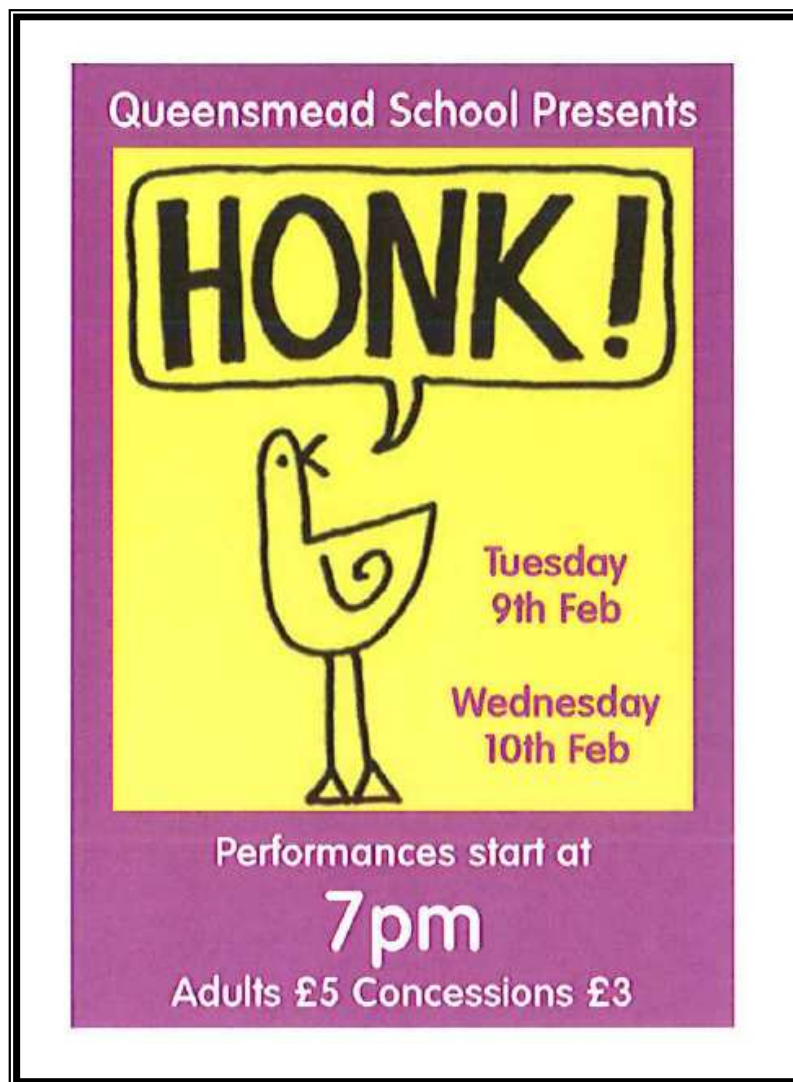
Well done Year 11 !

Mr Holtham

(Head of English)



Performing Arts



On Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th February, Queensmead students are putting on their annual musical. This year's production of 'HONK' tells the story of Ugly, a rather unattractive duckling and his adventures beyond the farmyard.

Students have been working extremely hard in rehearsals and raised well over £700 towards the production with the Sainsbury's bag pack before Christmas.

The production includes solo and ensemble songs as well as a variety of dance numbers.

Tickets are on sale now and are available from Miss Connolly in Science at break and lunchtimes.

In advance, tickets are priced at £4.50 adults/£2.50 concessions. On the door price £5 adults £3 concessions.

I look forward to seeing you at the performance!

Miss Rowthorn
(Head of Performing Arts)