

QUEENSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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Year 11

English Language GCSE

Following last year's success, we entered Year 11 early for their GCSE in English Language. They took the exam in November having worked hard to complete their coursework in time.

The results were superb with 66% of students achieving grade C or better, surpassing what Year 11 achieved this time last year.

60% of students achieved their target grade or better and I know that many of the students who did not achieve their target are keen to have another attempt in the summer and aim for a higher grade. I have every confidence that with an additional four months of hard work they will achieve, if not exceed, their target.

Well done Year 11!

Miss Johnston
(Deputy Headteacher)

Fund Raising



Following the outstanding fund raising efforts made by our students "Bag Packing" at Sainsbury before Christmas, I would like to make a request of parents who work for Barclays

to come forward making themselves known to me as I would like to maximise the benefits of "Match Funding" offered by this organisation. Please feel free to contact me at the school. Many thanks for your continued support of the school.

Mr. Lovesey
(Assistant Headteacher)

GIFTED AND TALENTED

A group of Year 7 and 8 Gifted and Talented students took part in a session where they explored the structure of DNA and the genetic code. They were able to correctly "decode" the sequence of bases for the protein insulin and correctly determine its structure. I would like to congratulate the students on their ability to grasp so easily, a topic usually studied at A level and thank them for the enthusiasm that they showed.

Mr. Voules & Mr. Vyas
(Science Department)

Year 11 Prom

In response to requests from parents and students, I am very pleased to be able to confirm that the Year 11 Prom will take place on Friday 26th June 2009. Of course, this much looked forward to event marks the formal end of Year 11 and an excellent opportunity for the students to celebrate having completed their GCSE courses. There will be, as on previous occasions, both a professional DJ and photographer present.

Mr R. Boxall
(Head of Year 11)



SPORT

Hillingdon Borough Schools Girls Cross Country

Queensmead entered Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 teams into the 2008 Girls Cross Country races again this year.

The Year 8 & 9 girls ran superbly well as a team and took the title of '**Borough Champions**'!

Particular mention must go to Molly Blackie and Emily Bermingham who took 5th and 6th place respectively.

However, without the efforts of Ceara McDonald (13th), Amy Fountain (16th), Sophie Brown (17th), Rosie Bradshaw and Danielle Anderson there would be no title!

The Year 10 & 11 girls also ran particularly well securing 2nd Team position out of all the schools in Hillingdon. Well done to Emma Davies (3rd), Stella Ormrod (7th), Lindsay Price (13th) and Helen Lucas.

Whilst the Year 7 girls team did not manage to finish in the top three places their efforts deserve a mention on completing a particularly muddy, wet, gruelling course for the first time!

Well done to Georgia Welsh, Maria Dina Valadao, Georgia Livesey, Amy Marsh, Amy Anderson, Rhiannon Quinn and Suman Rana.

GIRLS INTERFORM UNIHOC

At the end of the autumn term girls from Years 7 & 8 took part in Interform Unihoc, after school in the sports hall.

Each form appointed a captain who organised their team and selected players for each match.

Congratulations to the winning teams:

Year 7

- Winners 7F
- Runners Up 7A

Year 8

- Winners 8A
- Runners Up 8E

N. Wallace
(Form tutor)

Indoor Athletics

Well done to the Year 7 pupils who achieved second place again in the Indoor Athletics Championship, which Queensmead hosted early in December.

With over 80 students from local schools competing, the Queensmead pupils were competitive.

Two second place standings means Queensmead have a chance of taking the overall competition and being entered for the London Area finals later this year.

The next two regional competitions will be held at Harefield Academy and then Haydon School.

Mr. McKenna
(Head of P.E.)

Interform - Yr 7 Rugby

Year 7 Interform Rugby took place on Wednesday with sixty four boys involved.

Winners were 7A-Captained by Carl Pearce

Runners up were 7F-Captained by Rhys Pound.

Third place were 7B-Captained by Billy Rogers.

Year 8 Interform Rugby took place on Thursday with fifty boys involved.

Winners were 8B -Captained by Bradley Evans

Runners up were 8D-Captained by Aron Rana and 8E-Captained by Adam Conibeere.

Thank you to all form tutors who ensured their team took part and to those who came to the field to watch their form. The students appreciated your support.

Boys P.E.

Well done to the Year 9 Basketball team who have performed extremely well on their debut in the Hillingdon league.

A crushing victory over Vyners winning 28-8 showed the class within the team with Subhanullah Mustan and Boye Osindeinde dominating proceedings.

This was followed by another two superb performances by beating Ruislip High 26-7, and then Bishop Ramsey 18-12 in what was a hard fought match.

With one last game against Abbotsfield, it looks like the boys should make it through to the semi final stage of the competition.

Mr. McKenna
(Head of P.E.)

Casual Employment Opportunities

We are keen to establish a pool of casual support staff that may be called upon at short notice to undertake support duties in the school, such as exam invigilation, learning support, cover supervision, lunch supervision and general administration. If you believe you have the necessary skills for one or more of these roles and are interested in flexible working of this nature, we would like to hear from you.

Please complete an application form obtainable from our website, www.queensmeadschool.org.uk, and post or email it to Annie Coughlan acoughlan1@hillingdongrid.org).

Mrs. Coughlan
(Admin Support)

Pre-Christmas visit to Cologne

On December 19th 2008, a group of 40 Year 7 and 8 students accompanied by Mrs. Mepham, Mrs. Hill, Ms. Pitteway and Mrs. Sahedeo travelled to Andernach in Germany for a pre-Christmas break.

The theme park Phantasialand felt so Christmassy and magical with an ice-rink, snow slides, characters in dress and snow! (Artificial).

We visited the famous Christmas markets in Cologne, selling traditional Christmas food and drinks and beautifully carved wooden decorations.

We all had great fun. The students were a pleasure to have on holiday and excellent ambassadors for the school.

Mrs. Mepham
(Head of Modern Languages)

LIBRARY

Books for Schools 'Tokens'



You can help your school add some great new books to its library shelves with 'The Times'

and 'The Sunday Times' 'Books for Schools' promotion.

Each week, for twelve weeks, from January 2009, 'The Times' and 'The Sunday Times' will be printing twelve 'Books for Schools' tokens; four in 'The Sunday Times', three on Saturday in 'The Times', and one each day from Monday to Friday for parents and teachers to collect.

Books on offer include those by popular authors such as Anthony Horowitz (Power of Five: Raven's Gate) and Charlie Higson (Hurricane Gold).

Books for ages 11-14 years.

The Books for Schools list is available at: <http://www.freebooksforschools.co.uk>

Please hand in tokens to the school library before the last week in April 2009. The more tokens you collect, the more books you can help your school claim!

Author of the Month

The website "Love Reading 4 Kids" currently features Chris Higgins as Author of the Month; Chris' books focus on issues of particular interest to teenage girls.

Details of this title and other books featured as "Books of the Month" can be found at:

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk>

Free book prize draws

'Love Reading 4 Kids' is offering a number of free prize draws this month.

One of the prizes includes the Inkheart trilogy by Cornelia Funke on which the newly released movie Inkheart is based. Further information on this and other prizes draws can be found at:

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/book/3658/Inkheart-Movie-Edition-by-Cornelia-Funke.html>

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http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/genrefri/Free_Prize_Draws.html

Good luck!

Mrs. Sahadeo

(Librarian)

Dates for your Diary

February Thurs 5th Yr11 Consultation Evening

Wed 13th 7:00 pm School Production The WIZ

Thurs 14th 7:00 pm School Production The WIZ

February Mon 16th – Fri 20th, HALF TERM

March Mon 2nd 7-8pm QPT Committee Meeting

Thurs 5th Year 12 Consultation Evening

DRAMA

Queensmead School Is Proud to Present

'THE WIZ'

Queensmead School's production of 'The Wiz' takes place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday the 12th of February 2009.

'The Wiz' is a re-make of the classic musical 'The Wizard of Oz'. The production involves many 'whole cast' singing and dance numbers as we follow Dorothy's adventure along the yellow brick road.

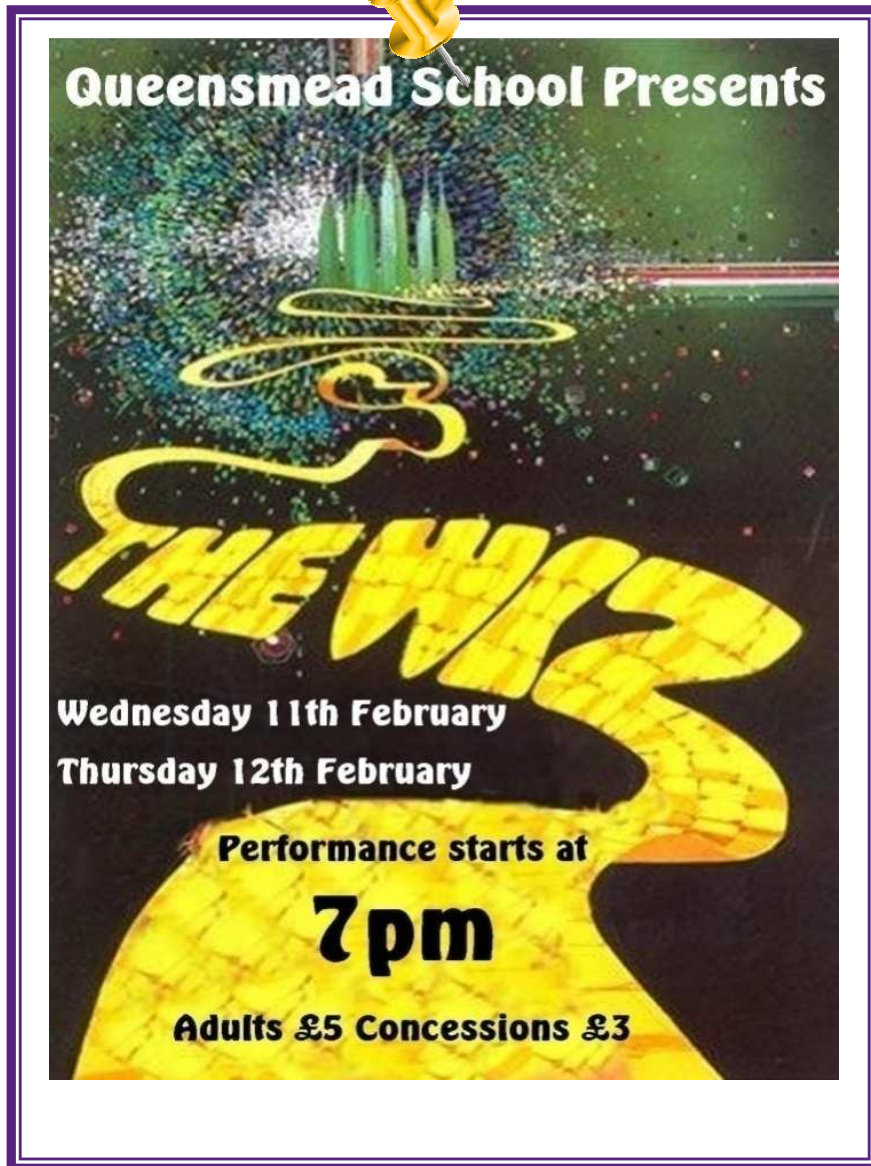
Rehearsals are well under way and students are working exceptionally hard.

We would really like to achieve two sell-out performances to celebrate the students' hard work and commitment.

Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £3 for concessions, performances start at 7 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ms. Rowthorn
(Performing Arts Department)



Tickets go on sale from Monday 19th of January and students can purchase tickets from Miss Kolankiewicz in the Languages office at break or lunch times.