

Head Teacher's Report

The past year has been another very successful one for Queensmead. The year started with our best ever exam results with all students achieving very well. We have completed work on the Science block which will further enhance teaching and learning. Our school production 'The Wiz' was a smash hit and many of our sports teams are borough champions. All this has been complemented by a wide range of school visits and extra curricular activities. The school has also been awarded 'International School' status in recognition of our overseas links.

Of course we do not intend to rest on our laurels and are planning for even more success in the future.

I hope you all have a good summer break and look forward to welcoming the students back in September.

Mr. McLaughlin
Head teacher

Gifted & Talented

On Wednesday 24th June, six students from Years 7 and 8 took part in the Key Stage 3 'Brain of Hillingdon' competition at Bishopshalt School.

They faced competition from fourteen other Hillingdon schools and finished a very respectable 9th.

Well done to the following students in

Year 8:

- Sophie Smith
- Alicia Payne
- Corie Chamberlin

And the following Year 7 students:

- Sadaf Tokhi
- Suhail Ahmad
- Shiraz Vapiwala

Elaine Cogan

AUTUMN TERM 2009	
Training Days	Thursday 3 September 2009 Friday 4 September 2009
Term Starts	Monday 7 September 2009
Half Term	Monday 26 – Friday 30 October 2009
Term Ends	Friday 18 December 2009
SPRING TERM 2010	
Term Starts	Monday 4 January 2010
Half Term	Monday 15 – Friday 19 February 2010
Term Ends	Thursday 1 April 2010
SUMMER TERM 2010	
Training Day	Monday 19 April 2010
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 April 2010
UKBank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2010
Half Term	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2010
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 July 2010
Training Days	Thursday 22 July 2010 Friday 23 July 2010

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

Post 16 Induction

On Tuesday 30th June we were pleased to welcome a large number of Year 11 students and new students from other schools to our Post 16 induction programme. Students had a chance to try out taster lessons in their new courses, find out about making the transition from GCSE to Advanced Level and try out our Post 16 facilities. Despite the very hot weather the Induction programme was very successful and will help students to firm up their choices.

Post 16 Enrolment

All students should register for their Advanced Level courses when they get their GCSE results on the 27th August 2009.

Mrs. Classick
Head of KS5

Post 16 Information

A reminder to all Year 12 and 13 students that they should bear in mind that the Post 16 dress code is 'Smart' and the following items are recommended:

Boys	Girls
Shirt/Polo shirt	Skirt, tailored trousers or dress
Trousers	Blouse, skirt, tailored top
Shoes	Shoes/Sandals
Suit/Smart Jacket	Suit/Smart Jacket
Jacket/Cardigan	Jumper/Cardigan

The following items are suggestions that the current Post 16 students have made about equipment that is useful for, Advanced Level study:

- Lever Arch folders – 1 per subject

- Dividers
- Plastic wallets – 1 per subject (to carry work to and from the school)
- Paper
- USB (at least 2 gigabytes)
- Pens
- Ruler
- Highlighters
- Scientific calculator (science subjects)
- School bag

Maths Roadshow

The exciting and educational World of Maths were at school on Monday 13th July 2009. This was an excellent opportunity for the Year 7 students to participate in solving a variety of problems from large, hands-on displays and puzzles. Problem solving is an important part of all topics throughout the mathematics curriculum.

The display showed some application of mathematics to real-life situations. All yr 7 students greatly benefitted from this experience and appreciated that maths can be a lot of fun!.

Japleen Kaur
Maths teacher

Gardening Club

Miss Moran and Miss Archer are happy to announce the arrival of the Queensmead Gardening Club! The club will be open to all years from September and we are expecting a bumper crop of students! As we are a new club we do need to establish ourselves and start to take root. With this in mind we would be most grateful for any cuttings or plants which you might want to donate to us.

Miss Moran & Miss Archer

Young Engineers' Knex Challenge

On Thursday 25th June, seventy excited Year 4 pupils from Deanesfield attended the Knex Challenge in the Queensmead Gym.

In teams of six, the pupils took part in several fun activities with the final task set to build a bridge.

The pupils set about each task with excellent enthusiasm; they gained knowledge on structures and how to stabilise structures.



The activities ran from 1pm to 3pm, with awards being presented for best team work and best bridge built. A big thank you to all the Young Engineers from Queensmead School for their help with the event.

Damian McGinnity

France trip – Years 7 and 8

On the 3rd July 2009, a group of Year 7 and 8 children went to the heart of France, Paris.



Following our journey to Folkestone and through the tunnel, we arrived at the Arc de Triomphe. After climbing endless steps we arrived at the top of a tall arch, yet only

approximately 1/3 of the height of the Eiffel Tower. For some, it was a frightful experience, but once it was over, the pride in making the climb stayed with them along with the great views over Paris.

From there we headed off to our hotel and looked forward to chilling out in our rooms, playing games and listening to music.

Having to wait so long to get to Paris and then to our rooms, somehow, kept us awake, as some found it difficult to sleep with all the excitement!

On Saturday, we went to Parc Astérix for most of the day, which was fantastic. After that, we went into the centre of Paris where we had dinner in a traditional French restaurant.

The next stop, sight-seeing, we enjoyed an hour's boat trip on the Seine River.

On Sunday, having packed in the morning, we went to the Tour Montparnasse, a huge skyscraper and travelled right to the top by high-speed lift from where we got stunning views of the French capital.



After that we went to the Eiffel Tower where we had lunch and travelled home whilst watching a large number of DVDs.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Mephram, Mrs. Alves and Miss. Platt for giving up their weekend to come along and to Mr. Lynch for organizing and leading the trip.

Joel Clarke
Form 7F

Sports Day

Queensmead held their annual Sports day on June 23rd, with students and staff working together to make it a fantastic day, where students were able to show off their track and field skills.

There were some excellent athletes on the day with every pupil in Years 7, 8 and 9 competing against each other in a range of activities, all trying hard to gain valuable points for their forms. There was some fierce rivalry, but all good natured as each form wanted to be the best in their year.

The glorious sunshine and the excellent behaviour of the students all resulted in the day being a success, regardless of where students finished in their event.

Well done to staff and students!

The top three forms in each year can be seen below:

Form	1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place
Year 7	7A	7F	7E
Year 8	8B	8F	8A
Year 9	9E	9B	9A

Year 9 and Year 10 Borough Athletics

On Wednesday 20th May fifty Year 9 and 10 pupils travelled to Uxbridge Athletics Stadium to compete in the Borough Athletics Championship.

All pupils were excellent ambassadors for the school and competed in all track and field events taking place on the day.

The Year 9 girls team won their team competition and were crowned Borough Champions.

- Emily Bermingham came 1st in the 1500m
- Emma Wallace came 1st in the Shot Putt
- Ceara McDonald came 2nd in the 800m
- Danielle Anderson came 3rd in the Discus
- Amanda Adwadzi came 3rd in the High Jump
- The Relay Team came 3rd (Danielle Anderson, Lauren Simmons, Melissa Mann, Sinthiya Sivarajah).

The Physical Education department would like to congratulate all the pupils that took part and for their fabulous efforts and behaviour on the day.

Junior Borough Athletics Championships

Congratulations to all members of the Queensmead Year 7 and Year 8 Athletics squad who spent a very hot and exhausting day performing a variety of track and field events at Uxbridge Stadium on 24th June.

Particular mention must go to the following athletes who finished in the top 3 places in their events.

Year 7 Girls

Amy Anderson 3rd 800m
Sarah Bullen 3rd shot

Year 7 Boys

Selom Tedjame-Mortty – 1st shot
Krystian Sior – 3rd 200m

Year 8 Girls

4x100m relay – 3rd

Year 8 Boys

Devaughn McNamara – 1st 100m

Kevin McKenna
Head of P.E.

Hillingdon FIESTA 2009 Summer holiday programme

A fun and exciting range of summer time activities will be offered for 8 to 25 year olds during the FIESTA 2009 programme. Courses will range from health and beauty to digital media, music, performing arts, sports, arts and fashion to outdoor adventure.



The courses will run from 27th July 2009 to 4th September as part of Summer Uni London.



To enrol or find out more about FIESTA visit <http://www.young.hillingdon.gov.uk/fiesta> or the Connexions Centre, Civic Centre, Uxbridge between 9.30 a.m. and

4.30 p.m. on weekdays until 31 July 2009. The FIESTA team can be contacted on 020 8384-4166.

Summer Reads 2009

The website "Love Reading for Kids" offers a selection of summer treats for different age groups ranging from well-known and loved children's authors to exciting new authors, whose debut titles have been shortlisted for the 2009 Branford Boase Best Debut Novel Award. There is something to appeal to everyone, as the Readers' Top Ten choice is featured in addition to prize-winning titles and the Simply Essential Reading list. There are also suggestions for less confident readers, such as the Real Reads – classic novels rewritten for the 21st century. Extracts of featured novels can be viewed online at:

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

Win a copy of the Inkheart Trilogy slipcase edition

"Love Reading for Kids" are offering two lucky readers the chance to win a copy of the slipcase edition of "The Inkheart Trilogy" by Cornelia Funke (worth £22) in a prize draw which is free to enter. ("Inkheart" was voted the Hillingdon Book of the Year in 2008.) Winners will be notified by 7 August 2009.

The draw closes on 31 July 2009.

Information can be found at <http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/book/4188/Inkdeath-%28Inkheart-3%29-by-Cornelia-Funke.html>

Three copies of "The Forest of Hands and Teeth", a debut novel by Carrie Ryan, are also being offered in another Love Reading 4 Kids free prize draw which closes on 31 July.

Writing and literacy competitions

The Poetry Rivals 2010 writing competition is open to all age groups; poems can be on any subject or written in any style and there is no line limit. **The prize for the under 18s section in the 2009 competition is a laptop.** Further information is available from Poetry Rivals (info@poetryrivals.com), Forward Press Ltd, Remus House, Coltsfoot Drive, Woodston, Peterborough PE2 9JX, UK, or online at:

<http://www.onlineleaversbooks.co.uk/poetryrivals/>.

A number of other writing competitions are listed at:

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/whatson/writingcomps.html>

and there are book give-aways available at: http://www.rif.org.uk/rifsters/book_giveaways.html

Mrs Sahadeo
The Librarian

Year 11 Prom

As ever, The Year Eleven Prom was a long anticipated and much enjoyed event this year. The students had worked very hard to finally get to the stage where their GCSE examinations were over and they could truly let their hair down. They certainly made the best of the opportunity to do so. It was delightful to see the thought and effort that had gone into the students' outfits and arriving in style. This year we had sports cars, vintage cars, limousines, horse-drawn carriages and even two students arriving on the back of Harley Davidsons! What on earth will arrive at the school gates next year? Thank you to all involved.

What a way to end the year!



Mr R Boxall
Head of Year Eleven

Summer Holiday Homework

Please do check your child's diary this summer since they should have homework recorded there for completion before the start of the new school year.

Since there are only nine months remaining for students starting year 11 in September this should be a useful time for them to do the following:

- Catch up on any work missed
- Complete or improve coursework
- Revise for mock exams in December
- Research topics that will be completed in Year 11
- Look up past exam papers for subjects being studied
- Reinforce topics covered in Year 10

There are some useful websites:

www.samlearning.com students have their own individual log in for this

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/11_16/

Students will also have been given subject specific websites by their teachers.

To access exam papers and subject specifications that will guide research for work to be covered in year 11 visit the exam board websites:

www.aqa.org.uk - Maths, Science, English, French, German, Sociology, Drama, Music, Product Design, Textiles and PE

www.edexcel.org.uk - Geography, History, Graphics, Resistant Materials and Systems & Control, Child Development.

www.ocr.org.uk - Art, Food, Child Development.

www.ccea.org.uk - Business Studies

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