



# QUEENSMEAD SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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## School Uniform

We are writing firstly to congratulate the students on maintaining high standards of uniform during the course of the year and secondly to remind parents that any new purchases must conform to our school uniform guidelines which can be found in the Student Diary. Black trousers and blazers and white shirts are the order of the day. For girls, skirts should be modest and no higher than knee length; for boys, a tie is necessary.

Suppliers of the school uniform can also be found in the Student Diary, although many of the large supermarkets can offer bargain prices on standard items of clothing.

We hope that you have a lovely break over the summer and that the students come back refreshed and prepared for a successful school year.

(From the Pastoral Team)

## WELL DONE YEAR 9

In the week beginning May 8th, Year 9 undertook their SAT examinations. This was a very important week for the year group and I am pleased to say that their conduct and attitude throughout the week was of the highest standard. I would like to congratulate the students on their mature and sensible approach. It meant that the tests were completed very smoothly and this bodes well for future exam periods that Year 9 will encounter as they proceed through the school.

(Ms Z Moran – Head of Year 9)

## DIARY DATES

July	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Cancer Research UK Relay for Life
	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	New Year 7 Parents Evening
	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Concert
August	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	GCE Results Day
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	GCSE Results Day
September	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School re-opens for students

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR A SPECIAL STAFF AWARD – SEE INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS.



## STAR FROM THE BILL OPENS THIS YEAR'S RELAY FOR LIFE

On Friday 4th July, the School is hosting the Ruislip Cancer Research UK Relay for Life. At 6.00pm, this year's relay will be opened by Graham Cole, better known perhaps as PC Tony Stamp from 'The Bill'. 17 teams from the school and the community will then start a 24 hour walk round the running track. The relay will be temporarily suspended at 10.00 pm for the candle of hope ceremony and then resume overnight and into the next day. A very warm welcome is extended to any parents or students who wish to come to the event on Friday or during Saturday when live music, entertainment, sporting challenges and the various stalls will make it a good family day out.

**QUEENSMEAD YEAR 10 GIRLS BECOME BOROUGH CHAMPIONS – full report inside.**

# JACK PETCHEY LEADER AWARD



As a participating school in the Jack Petchey Award Scheme we are eligible to make a leader award. The award will be open to an adult member of the school community who has worked at the school for at least two years. The award is for outstanding commitment and/or the ability to motivate and encourage young people. The winner's prize beyond the honour of the award is to have £1000 to spend in school. A nomination (form attached) can be made by any member of the school community and emailed to [monthlyaward@queensmead.hillingdon.sch.uk](mailto:monthlyaward@queensmead.hillingdon.sch.uk) or placed in the Jack Petchey Box in reception. Nominations close on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. The winner will be announced in the last week of term and will be presented with his or her prize at Awards Evening in September.

**Congratulations to the following students who have been shortlisted this term for the Jack Petchey Award for Outstanding Achievement.**

Emily Bermingham 8f, Bharti Karadia 12g, Rebecca Nickless 11c, Meera Patel 13c  
Zoe Tibbles 11f, Ben Witherstone 10e. Winners to be announced next week

## PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



Following an extensive external assessment Queensmead has been awarded the prestigious ICT Mark by Becta, the British Education Communications and Technology Agency, the government funded body responsible for promoting the use of ICT in Britain's schools and colleges.

The award recognises our school's success in developing the strategic use of ICT in both administration and across the curriculum. Our parents can now rest assured that their children are attending a school at the forefront of modern technology.

Our staff and students should be congratulated on this wonderful achievement. This demonstrates the excellent ICT management and teaching that is taking place in our school.

Assistant Headteacher Andy Lovesey commented "We are delighted to be awarded the ICT Mark. It recognises our positive approach to ICT and the benefits it is bringing to our children. We believe that ICT can be used in every aspect of learning and that it is essential our children are equipped for the modern world. Our achievement has been further recognised by our nomination for the prestigious ICT Excellence Award. We will find out the results of our nomination in the February 2009 awards ceremony".

Neil McLean, Executive Director for Educational Practice at Becta said "Queensmead thoroughly deserve the accolade of an ICT mark. They clearly demonstrate how important it is to take a holistic approach to using ICT in schools. Their investment in new technology has contributed to substantial improvements in learning".

"Year 8 and 9 pupils braved the rain for a fun-packed day at Thorpe Park on Sat 21st June. The two years proved themselves to be extremely daring with their choice of rides, and snacks! The pupils were a credit to the school and behaved in an exemplary fashion. A lovely day was had by all."

Miss Moran and staff

## QUEENSMEAD SCHOOL'S DEDICATION TO CHARITY EARNS NATIONAL PRAISE



Representatives of Queensmead School being presented with their award.

L – R

Gary Capp (Assistant Headteacher), Allan Walker (Chair of Governors), James Bowers (Sixth Form Student), Alice Manners (Year 10 Student), Jessica Munday (Year 10 Student), David Newbigging OBE (Chairman of Cancer Research UK)

We have received a national award from Cancer Research UK in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the cause. The charity's annual Flame of Hope Awards recognises remarkable efforts in fundraising and volunteering made by people from all walks of life. Queensmead School won in the School of the Year category, beating off stiff competition from across the UK. Representatives from the school picked up the award on Friday June 6 at a special ceremony in London hosted by Cancer Research UK's Chairman, David Newbigging.

An audience at the Café Royal in Regent Street heard how Queensmead had shown exceptional dedication to Cancer Research UK by raising £130,000 from two Relay for Life events in the past two years. We held the first ever Relay for Life in London in 2006 raising approximately £60,000. They followed this up with a Relay in 2007 which raised another £70,000 and are on course to hold their third Relay for Life in 2008. The Cancer Research UK Relay for Life brings together the whole community in one location to celebrate the lives of those who have survived cancer, remember those who have passed away and honour the courage of their loved ones. All the money raised by Relay for Life helps to fund Cancer Research UK's world-class research to improve understanding of the disease and investigate how best to prevent, diagnose and treat different forms of cancer.

Gary Capp Assistant Headteacher said: "On behalf of the school we are absolutely thrilled to be honoured by this award. It really is a tribute to the enthusiasm and hard work that the students, staff and governors have undertaken in organising and participating in Relay for Life over the last two years."

Harpal Kumar, Cancer Research UK chief executive, said: "Cancer Research UK has made enormous progress in the fight against cancer. However, we have only been able to do this thanks to the dedication and commitment of our volunteers and supporters without whom we would not be able to fund outstanding scientists, doctors and nurses. Our Flame of Hope awards give us the opportunity to celebrate and say thank you to these enormously generous volunteers and supporters for the fantastic work they do."

Louise Selman, Cancer Research UK spokesman for Middlesex, said: "These awards are our way of saying thanks to the people who are the lifeblood of our organisation – people who give of their time freely to raise money for research and promote greater awareness of the disease, and yet ask for nothing in return. We salute our supporters everywhere because together we will beat cancer."

THE JACK PETCHEY



# Staff Award

For inspiring and motivating young people

£1,000

*What is it for?* Motivating and inspiring young people

*Who can nominate?* Every student is entitled to a nominate.

*Who can win?* Any member of staff, not just teachers

*How do I vote?* Just put it in the new box in the foyer or email us:

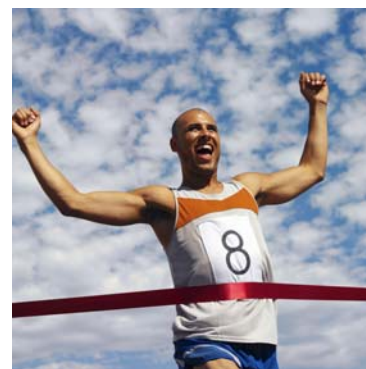
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*What do they win?* £1,000 to spend on something from the wish list

*When will it be announced?* Last week of term

**NOMINATE NOW!**

# SPORTS NEWS



## Athletic Borough Championships

Congratulations go to ALL the Girls in the Year 10 Athletics Squad on becoming Borough Champions for the second year running.

Some very credible results in individual events ensured that they took the title from the other fifteen schools competing on Wednesday 21 May. Emma Davies deserves particular mention, she competed in three events and was victorious in all of them. Also Aashini Popat became Borough Champion in Discus – well done to Aashini.

The Year 9 Athletic Squad also performed solidly and took overall 5<sup>th</sup> team position out of sixteen schools. Tasmeen Khatra became Borough Champion in Year 9 Girls Triple Jump.

Year 10			Year 9		
200m	Emma Davies	1 <sup>st</sup>	Triple Jump	Tasmeen Khatra	1 <sup>st</sup>
Triple Jump	Emma Davies	1 <sup>st</sup>	Javelin	Aimee Scott	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Discus	Aashini Popat	1 <sup>st</sup>	800m	Lindsey Price	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Javelin	Aimee Morris	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1500m	Stella Ormrod	3 <sup>rd</sup>
High Jump	Sophie Crump	3 <sup>rd</sup>	High Jump	Stella Ormrod	3 <sup>rd</sup>
100m	Hayley Self	4 <sup>th</sup>	200m	Lucie Allen	4 <sup>th</sup>
Hurdles	Rebecca Sims	4 <sup>th</sup>	100m	Ashleigh Hall	4 <sup>th</sup>
Shot	Sacido Salah	4 <sup>th</sup>	Hurdles	Becca Sutherland	5 <sup>th</sup>
4x100m Relay		1 <sup>st</sup>	4x100m Relay		4 <sup>th</sup>

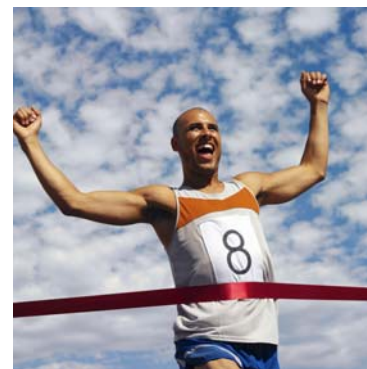
Other team members were: Emma Fountain, Lea Ashworth and Shannon Puddle.

Students and staff had a fantastic day celebrating success and positive team spirit.

## Middlesex School Athletic Championships

Congratulations to Emma Davies (Yr 10) who came 1<sup>st</sup> in 300m at the Middlesex School Athletic Championships at Barnet Copthall Stadium. Also well done to Aimee Scott (Yr 9) who came 6<sup>th</sup> in Javelin at the same meet.

# SPORTS NEWS Continued



## Queensmead Sports Day

Sports Day for Year 7, 8 and 9 was completed in its usual competitive manner on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008. The pupils were supportive of each other.

Katie Davies broke the record for Shot Putt which has been held since 1991 at an amazing distance of 7m 50cm.

Overall Scores

## TOTALS

YEAR 7	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
BOYS	72	74	60	66	54	75	44
GIRLS	55	63	64	52	61	34	42
TOTALS	127	137	124	118	115	109	86

YEAR 8	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
BOYS	74	76	50	58	65	60	54
GIRLS	50	23	48	60	48	51	65
TOTAL	124	99	98	118	113	111	119

YEAR 9	A	B	C	D	E	F	
BOYS	55	54	42	61	67	63	
GIRLS	41	47	36	49	33	61	
TOTAL	96	101	78	110	100	124	

SUCCESSFUL TRIPS HAVE TAKEN PLACE RECENTLY TO  
PARIS AND LONDON ZOO - ARTICLES TO FOLLOW IN  
YOUR NEXT EDITION.



# Internal Nomination Form

## LEADER AWARD WINNER

Your club is entitled to elect a Jack Petchey Leader Award Winner. Recipients are those who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to your Club, or someone who has the ability to motivate and encourage young people. Leader Award Winners must be aged 21 or over.

Leader Award Winners will receive:

- A framed certificate
- A boxed medallion
- £1,000 to be spent on a club/community project of their choice

Please complete this form to make your nomination.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

I am a  
(delete as appropriate) Club Member/ Volunteer/ Parent/ Staff Member/ Other

Reason for Nomination

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to obtain the support of others

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To be placed in the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Nomination Box or emailed to [monthlyaward@queensmead.hillingdon.sch.uk](mailto:monthlyaward@queensmead.hillingdon.sch.uk)

NB: Please use the Leader's Award Application Form available at [www.jackpetcheyfoundation.co.uk](http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.co.uk) to make the final application to the Jack Petchey Foundation