



## **Year 11 Mock Exams** **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

May I respectfully ask parents to note the following guidance we give to students regarding the examinations. We run these examinations on the same guidelines that are given by exam boards.

Their rules indicate that students are not allowed mobile phones or MP3 players, that water bottles should be clear and have labels removed. Pencil cases should also be clear.

We would be grateful if you could remind your son/daughter that they meet in the cloakroom 15 minutes before the start of the exam. If a student is unwell on the day of the exam he/she should contact the school. It might be possible for the exam to be taken later in the week.

As always we remind students to bring full equipment necessary, to read questions carefully and to make full use of the time allowed, including saving time to check their answers.

**Good Luck!**

*Mr. Boxall*  
Head of Yr 11

## **Annual Exercise Book Competition**

The MFL department had its annual exercise book competition in French, German and Spanish.

### **The winners were:**

1. Joe Allman
2. Michel El-Homssi
3. Andrew Fraser

**An outstanding standard of presentation  
Well Done!**

### **The runners-up were:**

1. Otis Rockland
2. Parshiv Solanki
3. Aimee Bengier
4. Courtney Mitchell
5. Pippa Sharp
6. Natalie Wong
7. Marianna Pope
8. Govsa Gowrikanthan
9. Kimberley Burnett
10. Sian Wilson
11. Melissa Foster

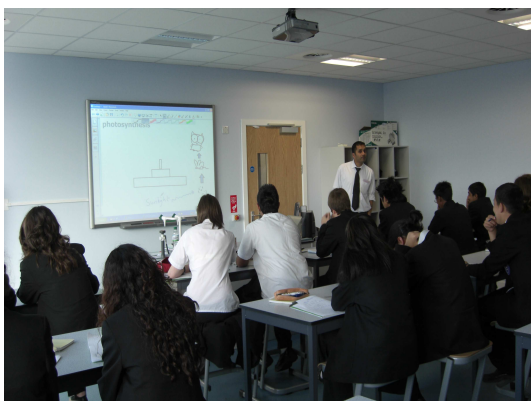
All winners received a certificate.

In addition, a group of 40 students and 4 staff are visiting Germany at the end of term. The Christmas markets in Cologne are impressive and will put us all in a Christmassy mood.

**More on this in the next newsletter!!**

# OUR NEW SCIENCE BLOCK

The first Monday back after the recent half term break was a little different for students at Queensmead School. There was an air of excitement as the students eagerly waited to see the inside of the new science block. A few months ago, the old building had been reduced to nothing but a set of supporting pillars and a concrete floor. Over the recent weeks, students watched at break times as the building was constructed into a brand new, purpose-built science building with ten gleaming new laboratories.



***“Oh my gosh, it looks completely different” said one year 11 girl after looking around inside.***

Some of the teachers were even more excited than the students.

***“I’m so thrilled at having a brand new lab to teach in, and the students have such a nice environment to learn Science” said Miss Sharma, teacher of Physics.***

This was not the only new Science building to be constructed.



It inspired the Deputy Head of Science, Miss Stokes, to bake a cake in the shape of the new block, complete with doors and windows. The cake, no longer in existence, was enjoyed by the staff at the opening celebration at the end of the first week.

## **POLICIES**

The School Governors review the School's policies annually and this process is being undertaken currently.

For example, statements on our Equal Opportunities policies are set out below:

### **Equal Opportunities**

Queensmead School is committed to equal opportunities for all. It aims to ensure that present or prospective students or members of staff receive no less favourable treatment than any other for any reason not directly affecting study or work.

### **Disabled students**

The School is also committed to improving facilities and support for disabled students in line with the requirements of the Disabilities Discrimination Act (1995) and the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (2001).

**Mr P. Holliday – Bursar**

# Indoor Athletics

An excellent performance from the Year 7 team, who finished second in the first of four Indoor Athletics events, which was held at Harefield Academy on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of November. The pupils did exceptionally well in events, which included sprint races, middle distance, standing triple jump and throwing events.

The events are a modified version of their outdoor equivalents and it allows students to experience a number of activities within a competitive situation.

There was a good display of team spirit as students gave support to each other by cheering them on in their events. Two students who came first in their events were Oliver Glynn and Maria Dina who both won their four lap races.

## Step Into Sport

We at Queensmead have opted to be part of the 'Step into Sport' Volunteering project, where a number of our Post 16 pupils will attend training workshops run in conjunction with the Youth Sports Trust, to gain skills in leadership and the organisation of sports sessions. The idea is that these volunteers will then assist within the Queensmead P.E. community and lead training sessions, manage sports teams, run competitions and provide other benefits for our pupils, alongside developing their own range of leadership qualities. We feel this will be a worthwhile scheme and one that can expand with even more pupils in the future. This project also

The team consisted of the following pupils:

**Boys:** Harry Sturgeon, Michael Ogunjimi, Oliver Glnn, Stacey Duval, Almarn James-Downes, Carl Pearce, Aaron Kimber.

**Girls:** Maria Dina, Mirusha Jegatheeswaan, Melissa Foster, Jessica Clifford, Lauren O'Donoghue, Sarah Bullen.

**Queensmead host the event on Thursday 11th December, so let us hope we can go one better and take the first prize.**

links in with the Sports Ambassador programme where Samantha Stangroom (yr12) was selected from a number of candidates following an interview process, to be one of the Sports Ambassadors for Hillingdon. She has attended a number of workshops and been fortunate enough to meet Olympic champions and other sporting icons. Samantha, as part of her role, will also be looking at ways to increase participation and the quality of P.E. provision for the students here at Queensmead School.

# Cricket Coaches

We have been fortunate enough to secure funding for qualified Middlesex cricket coaches to come in and teach our Key Stage 3 girls with the view for this to be a regular extra curricular activity. This is an excellent opportunity for the girls to have a go and enjoy the game whether they are experienced players or beginners. Girls should speak to their PE teachers if they are interested in attending the Indoor training sessions.

## Fixtures

Even though the dark nights make outdoor fixtures more of a challenge over the next few weeks, there will still be practices and students should be encouraged to attend some of the other sports clubs that take place every week including

basketball, badminton, rugby, archery, netball, cricket and the football five a side league. If you are interested then ask a member of the P.E. department.

## Key Stage 4

### 5-a-side football

Years 10 and 11 competed in a 5-a-side football league since the start of term. Following a great competition, the winning team was Max Munden F.C. consisting of players from year 11; Sam Blackie, Oliver Mower, Luke Thompson, Jason Conway, Ryan McKenna, Ben Spencer and Myles Greenyer. Well done to all that took part each week and especially the winning team.

## Diary Dates

<b>December</b>	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Consultation Evening
	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Mock exams
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sixth Form Ice Skating at Kew Gardens
<b>January</b>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Term commences