



# QUEENSMEAD SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,  
Welcome to the October Edition of the newsletter. We are delighted to be giving you a varied snapshot of life at Queensmead. Although the school has run very smoothly over the past six weeks, we are all looking forward to taking up residence in our superb refurbished science buildings with ten laboratories fitted out to the highest specification.

### POST 16 OPEN EVENING Thursday 20th November 2007 7.00pm

It is highly recommended that parents attend with their son/daughter.

Parents of year 11 students

- Outstanding track record of success for Post 16 students.
- The majority of Queensmead students continue on to university, including prestigious destinations such as Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Exeter and Southampton.
- Over 30 A level and applied A level courses currently running.
- Excellent facilities – 12 floodlit astro-turf pitches; gym with impressive weights/fitness centre; extensive IT provision.
- Modern Post 16 Centre with specialist Learning Resource Centre.

Applications welcomed from students in other schools. Tours of the campus will be available from 6.30pm for external applicants or on other days by appointment.

Some quotes from the Ofsted 2008 report

“Students are mature and confident learners who contribute well to the school community.”

“Students speak well of the good teaching they receive.”

For further information please contact Mrs. M. Jones (Post 16 Secretary) or Mr. A. Child (Assistant Head Post 16) on 020 8845 6266

### DIARY DATES

November	Monday 10th	QPT Committee Meeting 7.00pm
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Form Tutor Evening 5.00 – 8.00pm
	Thursday 20 <sup>nd</sup>	Post 16 Open Evening 7.00 – 8.45pm
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Parent Information Evening 7.00 – 8.00pm
December	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Consultation Evening 5.00 – 8.00pm

### Homework

If your child is in years 7 to 9 there is a homework timetable in their diary.

For students in years 10 and 11 you should find that they are completing approximately one hour of homework per subject each week, this is likely to increase to one and a half hours per subject each week when coursework is being completed.

Year 12 and 13 students should be completing a minimum of 3 hours homework per subject each week.

All students in all year groups should be encouraged to complete independent study, especially students in years 9 to 13 who have examinations during the year.

Year 9 have KS3 exams in May with mock exams taking place in December and January; revision guides can be purchased from school and students should be encouraged to work through these at home.

Year 10 have Maths and Science GCSE exams this year. Once again revision guides can be purchased and there are some excellent web based resources that students have access to.

Year 11 have mock GCSE exams in December in preparation for final exams starting in May. It is never too soon to start revision.

Year 12 and 13 will have mock exams in November in preparation for January and June exams and there is an expectation that students plan their revision programme and complete necessary background reading.

(Ms. R. Johnston – Deputy Headteacher)

### Consultation on Queensmead School Expansion

The Governing Body of the School is considering expanding the school by increasing the number of places available under its admissions policy to 240 from September 2010 to meet the high level of demand. Should you have any comments on this proposal please put them in writing to Paul Holliday, Bursar.

**The closing date for this phase of the consultation process is 28 November 2008.**

### **Queensmead Post 16: A Personal View by Emily Groves, Year 13**

I personally chose to remain at Queensmead after receiving incredible support throughout my GCSEs. I chose to study English Language, Geography, English Literature and Media at AS level and really enjoyed each one. I achieved A grades in each of my subjects and have since applied to university, hoping to study English Literature at either Durham or Warwick.

The choices you make at Post 16 are some of the most important ones you will face in your life and deciding where to study can be extremely stressful. Whether it is A levels or BTEC courses you are considering, Queensmead Post 16 should be amongst your choices of where to study.

Academically, Queensmead's recent examination results speak for themselves. All of us are encouraged to achieve our best, whatever our ability or goals. The diverse range of courses eases the pressure of focusing students down one route, allowing us to realise our own ambitions, be it to university or the world of work. All students are given the chance to explore their talents both in and out of the classroom.

The community is enthusiastic and we consider it very important to support our school. All year 12 students partake in community service, such as helping out with sports clubs. Not only is it personally rewarding but it helps to establish a fantastic atmosphere throughout the school.

I chose to do my community service as part of the Post 16 committee where we discuss and organise social events such as our May Ball or annual ice skating trip. Events like these ensure both years are rewarded for their hard work. We offer a very close community where we regard one another, be it students or teachers, with respect.

The Post 16 centre gives us the opportunity to study and socialise. The computer room and library provide ideal facilities to complete coursework and the common room is a comfortable place to relax at lunch. As a Queensmead student you will also get free membership to the Fitness Zone. The ski trip offers students and teachers alike a chance to let our hair down for a moment before getting back to our main focus of exam success.

For these reasons, I would encourage anyone looking for somewhere to study Post 16 for September 2009 to consider Queensmead. The support and guidance I've received has been invaluable and many of my peers would agree.

## Sports Update

It has been very pleasing to see many students take advantage of the extracurricular programme on offer at Queensmead school with lots of students attending a variety of practices and even representing the school in competitions against our Hillingdon Counterparts.

### Yr 7 Football

The Year 7 team progressed to the next round of the Middlesex Cup with a convincing 8-2 win over Greenford School with every single player giving their all for each other. With some crisp passing through midfield and some exquisite finishing the team should look forward to the next round against Queens Park school. Aaron Kimber was nominated man of the match for his excellent tough tackling in midfield, and his ability to drive forward and set up attacks. Another victory against local rivals Haydon demonstrated our ability to compete in this close fought derby. Queensmead managed to win 2-1 and it was our quality in the final third which was the difference between the two teams.

### Yr 8 Football

The year 8 boys have been showing off their shooting skills in their last few matches with a 7-5 victory over Haydon in a performance which is sure to attract more spectators to their next game! A high scoring game continued with a narrow defeat to the hands of Ruislip. The boys battled well and the highlight came from Tom Rivet who beat four players and nestled his shot into the top corner, an outstanding piece of skill at any level of football.

### Yr 9 Football

This team have won 2 and lost 1 and have made a good start to the season by beating Douay Martyrs convincingly 5-0. The other victory saw them beat Ruislip 3-2 in very poor conditions but it was the three points which mattered. Ryan Donegan was immense in the back four and has shown some very good leadership skills.

### Yr10 Football

The year 10 team also showed excellent finishing skills against Douay Martyrs with Robin Friday executing a superb diving header in the latter stages of the game. A thrilling 4-4 draw with Bishop Ramsey saw George Treen score what could be the goal of his life as he picked up the ball from the half way line and "Beckhamesque" struck an unstoppable shot which flew over the Ramsey keeper and straight into the goal to secure a share of the points.

Mr K McKenna  
Head of PE

## Enrichment Activities

The School is pleased to provide a range of additional activities outside core teaching time.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Paired Reading SEN Room 8.30 - 8.50am	Paired Reading SEN Room 8.30 - 8.50am	Paired Reading SEN Room 8.30 - 8.50am	
		Yrs 7-13 String Ensemble Rm 10 8.15 - 8.45am		
Yr 11 Spanish Revision Class L3	Yrs 9-13 Amnesty Group Rm 29	Yrs 10-11 ICT Lunch Club Rm 1	Sixth Form Committee Rm 61	A2 Chemistry Revision M2
Yr 7 Maths Puzzle Club Rm 16	Yrs 7-13 Black History Month Group Rm 33		Yrs 10-11 ICT Lunch Club Rm 4	Yr 11 Maths Club Rm 11
KS3 Dance Club Dance Studio	Yr 7 Spanish Culture Club L3			
Yrs 10-11 ICT Lunch Club Rm 3	Yr 11 German Revision Languages Block			
Yrs 7-13 Music Theory Club Music Room	Yr 11 French Revision Club L4			
	Yrs 10-11 ICT Lunch Club Rm 2			
Yrs 7-13 Production Hall 3 - 4pm	Yrs 7-8 Hillingdon Book of the Year Rm 26 2.45 - 3.30pm	Yrs 10-13 Social Sciences Workshop Rm 60 2.45 - 3.30pm	Yrs 7-13 Geography Homework Club Rm 6 2.45 - 3.45pm	Yrs 10-11 Football Tournament Goals 2.45 - 4 pm
	KS4 / 5 D&T Support Sessions Rm 36 2.45 - 3.45pm	Yrs 10-11 Business Club V1 / V2 2.45 - 4pm	Yrs 7-13 Boys Basketball Sports Hall 2.45 - 4pm	Yrs 7-13 Advanced Badminton Sports Hall 3 - 4pm
	Yr 10 RE GCSE Full Course Rm 5a 2.45 - 3.30pm	Yr 12 Homework Club - Aiming for a Grade A Rm 13 3 - 4pm	Yrs 12-13 Young Enterprise Scheme V4 3 - 4pm	Yrs 7-13 Percussion Club Drum Room 2.45 - 3.45pm
	Yrs 7-13 Girls Football Goals / Field 2.45 - 4pm	Yrs 12-13 History Study Support Club Post-16 Common Room 3 - 3.50pm	Yr 11 English Coursework and Revision Rms 30 / 24 3 - 4pm	
	Yr 7 Enterprise Club V4 3 - 3.45pm	Yrs 7-9 G&T Club Various locations 2.45 - 3.30pm	Yrs 7-13 History Club Rm 9 3 - 3.45pm	
	Yr 11 Maths Club Rm 12 3 - 4pm	Yrs 10-11 GCSE Food Tech Coursework Catch Up Club Rm 51 3 - 4pm	Yrs 12-13 Book Club Post-16 Common Room 3 - 4pm	
	Yrs 10-13 Textiles Catch Up / Fix It Club Rm 53 2.45 - 3.45pm	Yrs 7-13 Girls Netball Sports Hall 2.45 - 4pm	Maths A2 Homework Club V3 2.45 - 4.30pm	
	Yrs 7-13 Badminton Sports Hall 2.45 - 4pm	Yr 11 German Exam Practice L5 2.45 - 3.30pm	Yrs 10-13 Textiles Catch Up / Fix It Club Rm 53 2.45 - 3.45pm	
	A Level English Literature Revision Class Rm 27 2.45 - 3.45pm	Yrs 10-11 ICT OCR National Catch Up Rms 2/3 2.45 - 4pm	Post-16 Students Fitness Club Fitness Zone 3 - 4.15pm	
	Yr 11 Art GCSE Coursework Rm 48 2.45 - 3.45pm	Yrs 10-13 Performing Arts Study Support Music Room 2.45 - 3.45pm	Yrs 7-9 Young Engineers Club Rm 35 2.45 - 3.30pm	
	KS3 ICT Club Rm 1 2.45 - 3.45pm	Yrs 7-13 Production Hall 3 - 4pm	Yr 7 Science Club Rm 18 3 - 3.45pm	
	Yr 11 French Exam Prep Class L1 2.50 - 3.20pm	A2 PE Revision V3 3 - 4pm	Yrs 10-11 English Coursework Catch Up Session Rm 28 3 - 4pm	
	Yrs 8-13 Archery Gym 3 - 5pm	Yrs 7-13 Pop Choir Rm 10 2.45 - 3.45pm	A Level ICT Drop-In Club Rm 4 2.45 - 4pm	
	Yrs 10-11 ICT OCR National Catch Up Rms 2/3 2.45 - 4pm	Yrs 10-13 Child Development Coursework Support Rm 47 2.45 - 3.45pm	A2 Physics Revision Session Rm 19 3 - 4pm	
	Yrs 7-13 Production Hall 3 - 4.30pm	Yr 11 Art Coursework Catch- Up Rm 49 2.45 - 3.45pm	Yrs 10-11 GCSE Food Tech Coursework Catch Up Club Rms 50 / 52 3 - 4pm	
	Yrs 7-13 History Club Rm 9 3 - 3.45pm	Yrs 7-9 Drama Club Drama Studio 2.45 - 3.45pm	Yrs 7-11 Netball Fixtures Home / Away 2.45 - finish	
	GCSE PE - Yrs 10-11 - Trampolining Gym 2.45 - 4pm		Yrs 7-13 Steel Pans Dance Studio 3 - 5pm	
	Yrs 7-13 Choir Rm 10 2.45 - 3.45pm		Yr 12 Biology Catch Up Session Rm 23 2.45 - 3.45pm	

### **New Parental Email Service**

We are very pleased to announce a new service available to all parents at Queensmead School. For some time now we have been keen to offer more information about your son or daughter's school life and the opportunities available to them at the school. We have provided you with access details for an email address to which we will send electronic forms of communication such as: newsletter links, messages about school events and information about how they can learn more effectively.

The Parental Email service can be accessed with the details you have been sent on **mail.queensmead.org**

*Finally thanks...*

.....to all the students who contributed to Open Evening. You were all great ambassadors for the school.