

Post 16 Open Evening

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 6.30pm-9pm

All students in Year 11 and their parents, are warmly invited to attend the forthcoming Post 16 Open Evening.

This is a key event in ensuring that all students are given good advice about how they can progress beyond Year 11 and which courses they can take up at Queensmead School.

We believe it will be valuable to all students, even if currently they are unsure of whether they will progress into the Sixth Form. We strongly urge all students and their parents to attend. Please do come along to what is always an excellent and very well attended event and find out what courses are on offer at Queensmead Post 16.

Andy Child
Assistant Headteacher

Sixth Formers' Art, in support of 'Field End Primary' makes the local newspaper

When Queensmead Sixth formers were asked to do the backdrop for the Year 6 production at Field End Primary we didn't think twice and were keen to volunteer, said enthusiastic Sixth Form Art students.

'As Queensmead students, we were taught to help out as much as possible in the community as we believe the meaning of life is making an impact on others' lives'.

The eight of us helped out for two days doing different sections of the "Piper Rats" backdrop and thankfully finished before the deadline.

We are proud of what we have achieved and truly thank Field End School for giving us the opportunity for this amazing experience.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Wong, Ms. Pruce, Mr. Flanagan and the caretaker for driving us there and the staff at Field End School for the refreshments throughout these two days. And finally, we hope the Year 6's like our work!

By

Melanie Aston, Holly Atwell, Michelle Choi, Michael Glover, Danielle Green, Natalie Hughan, Fran Martin, Sanita Shah
Sixth Formers

School Diary

26 th – 30 th Oct	Half Term
2 nd Nov	Start of second half of Term
9 th Nov	QPT meeting
19 th Nov	Post 16 Open Evening
3 rd Dec	Year 13 Consultation Evening
10 th Dec	Christmas Concert
17 th Dec	Sixth Form Xmas Social
21 st Dec – 1 st Jan	End of Term

Year Seven

Year 7 have made a fantastic start to what is sure to be another successful Year 7 year at Queensmead School.

It has been extremely pleasing to see a number of students earning over twenty merits within their first month here: what a positive way to begin! It has also been encouraging to see a number of Year 7 students getting involved in activities as part of our varied extra-curricular programme.

The Year 7 tutors and I have also been pleased to meet with a great number of parents at the Parent Information Evening and Tutor Evening; as ever, this support is really valued.

I'm sure the year group will continue to go from strength to strength.

Ray Boxall
Head of Year 7

Modern Foreign Languages

The Modern Foreign Languages department nominates impressive students every week at all Key Stages and celebrates their academic success. Here are the worthy recipients to date:

21.09.09
KS3- Idil Wais-MEP
KS4- Antony Wetherill-PLA
KS5-Sepideh Sobhdam-MEP

28.09.09
KS3-Jack Day-HAR
KS4-Sarah Higgs-LYN
KS5-Simon Hiblen-LYN

02.09.09
KS3-James Marlow-PLA
KS4-Coral Lutteridge-KOL
KS5-Nica Da Silva

14.10.09
KS3-Stacie Sutton-ALV
KS4-Melissa Man-HAR
KS5-Conor Donegan-MEP

Well done!

Mrs S. Mepham
(Head of MFL)

Year 13's 'Support a Child' in Ethiopia

My form has been supporting a needy child in Ethiopia for the past year.

We have had several 'Cake Sales' to raise money. The money from the cake sales has helped towards the child's education, along with the necessary supplies required for school like a uniform, healthy food etc. In addition, we also send him Birthday and Christmas Presents.

The form corresponds with him and are discovering more about life in another country and how much their support means to him and his family.

My form are proud of their gesture to enable another child less fortunate than themselves the opportunity to improve their life and future.

We wish to thank all those who help us to support him by purchasing cakes when we hold our cake sales during lunch time in the canteen.

Mrs. Glenn
Form Tutor - 13c

Drama Club

Drama club will be starting after half term, at the Drama studio, every Wednesday, 3.45 - 4.00pm. Drama games, acting skills and more drama games.

Miss C. Rowthorne
Head of Performing Arts

GCSE Options

'I didn't have the opportunity to take a language, why don't you take one?' 'History would really look good on your CV!' 'Science would help you become a doctor; you DO want to be one, don't you?' Do you get this constant pestering from your parents too? I did when I was choosing my GCSE subjects. Luckily, I have found a way to help YOU get out of those stressful situations. I wish I had this to help me...

These are things you need to consider when choosing your subjects:

The ratio of coursework to exams – some subjects consist entirely of exams e.g. Psychology whilst others are divided e.g. Textiles which is 60% coursework and 40% examinations. There are also subjects that are 100% coursework e.g. dance and BTEC business studies.

How many option blocks does the subject take up for example, construction takes two option blocks whereas most other subjects only take up one.

Choose what you will enjoy, do not base your options entirely on your future career, keep your career options open; do not focus all your options on one particular job; this is because you don't know for certain what your career will be.

Will you enjoy doing this subject for two years?

Think about what the subject requires, example, for business you will need to keep up to date with current affairs.

Discuss your choices with your parents, teachers or even a careers advisor. They understand your position as they have been there too. There is a careers advisor in the school who gives you advice and help on choosing your subjects.

FAQs

Can I take History and Geography?

Yes, you can. These two subjects do not take up the same option block, so you would be able to take them both. However, sometimes not all of your subjects fit in with your

timetable so some people may find themselves having to change some of their subjects.

Can I take more than one technology?

Yes, you can. There is no limit to how many technologies you take. The technology subjects you can choose are:

- Textiles technology
- Food technology
- Graphics
- Resistant materials
- Construction

Do I have to take a language?

No, you don't. It is not compulsory for you to choose a language, but taking a language can help you in the future, whether it is for your career or leisure purposes. The languages you can choose from are: French, German and Spanish.

Can I change my subjects?

Yes you can. If you feel that a certain subject is not for you, then you can discuss this with your parents and your Head of Year who would then inform you of the options available that will fit into your timetable. However, you cannot leave this too late (the latest you can leave this to would be approximately the fourth week of school). You may not always be able to change a subject if it cannot fit into your timetable or if it is already full, so it is very important to pick the right subjects the first time around.

When choosing your subjects, it is important to discuss it with your parents, but most importantly, you should choose subjects that you enjoy. You will have further help to choose your options later on in the year when you will take part in a taster day, where you have a little taste of what's to come with each subject. The subject teacher will tell you all that you will need to know about it and what the subject requires.

We hope that you have all the best of luck next year and, well, make the most of Year 9 because Year 10 is hard work!

by **Melissa Mann and Stephanie Ponton -10d**

P.E.

There have been many fixtures this half term, with football dominating the last few weeks. All year groups have had their fair share of matches in the Hillingdon Schools football league.

The Year 7 team have been very keen and played their part in a 4-4 thriller against Haydon School as well as beating Bishop Ramsey 5-4 in the final minutes of the game. The boys have demonstrated a great attitude to training and playing and I am sure they will go from strength to strength when they face Ruislip High and Vyners in the next week.

Year 8 have been 'Team of the Year' and are looking very strong in all departments of the team. Almarn James and Josh Collis have terrorised every defence with their neat interplay and speed of thought. Both players have also chipped in with an excellent goal tally, which has helped to beat Northwood (5-2), Haydon (4-0), Vyners (8-3) and we have still to play Harefield and Ruislip.

The Year 9 team that won the Borough competition last year have had a mixed bag of results with a 5-3 victory over Bishop Ramsey, a 2-2 draw with Haydon and a defeat against Harefield. They do have three more games to put it right against Vyners, Douay Martyrs and Ruislip High.

Year 10 started the season with an 8-2 victory over Northwood School, a defeat against Haydon, a 5-2 win over Harefield and a 3-1 win against Vyners School. The boys will need to ensure they stay focused if they are to progress towards the semi-final stage of the competition.

The Year 11 boys have shown a great attitude and have worked hard in what is a very competitive league. A 2-1 win over Northwood was followed by an outstanding 3-2 victory over Haydon. A last minute goal resulting in a 4-3 defeat to Bishop Ramsey

left the boys disappointed but they managed to draw 3-3 with Vyners in a game, which

they would have won if they had been more clinical in front of goal. Mark Smith kept his cool to slot home two penalties and ensure his side secured a point for Queensmead.

Other Sports Clubs have certainly seen a great number attending with Queensmead pupils having the opportunity to participate in table tennis, archery, rugby, netball, futsal, badminton, basketball, fitness training and many more.

Mr. McKenna
Head of P.E.

Tesco for Schools

Between March and June 2009 Tesco were giving away vouchers for schools. We managed to collect over 6000 and have just received two new digital video cameras. Year 11 will be using them later in the year in ICT to create video adverts as part of their OCR Nationals coursework.

Keep an eye out for vouchers next year, we will be collecting again!

Ms. Patterson
ICT



Black History Month

October is Black History Month, and a range of activities are being offered across London to focus on the history and cultural heritage of black people and their contributions to British society.

Sutton House Black History Month Trail



Sutton House in Homerton High Street, Hackney, has organised a history trail which offers the opportunity to learn about the lives of eight influential black Londoners. The trail, which is suitable for all ages and includes music by Samuel Coleridge Taylor and recordings of actors playing parts of Mary Seacole and Oluadah Equiano, is open from Thursdays to Sundays until Sunday 31 November 2009. Sutton House is also offering a free Family Fun Day on 25 October. Visitors will have the opportunity to play steelpan drums and tablas.

For further information see: <http://www.black-historymonth.co.uk/events.html>

Poetry and sugar bowl-making workshops, Museum of London

200 years ago sugar bowls were used by Londoners to tell people about the evils of slavery as part of the campaign for the abolition of the slave trade. The Museum of London is offering two free interactive workshops of bowl-making, poetry and rap with BREIS (breeze), a rap artist from Student of Life Ltd, on Saturday 24 October and Tuesday 27 October.

For details see:

<http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/English/EventsExhibitions/Events/eventDetails.htm?eventID=2145>

Imperial War Museum

Black History Month Family Workshops

From 24-30 October between 1.00pm - 4.00pm the Imperial War Museum will offer hands-on drop-in sessions for families during the half-term.

Families will have the opportunity to discover the personal stories of African, Asian and Caribbean servicemen and women in the Second World War.

Horrible History art workshop

Friday 30 October 2009, 11.30am - 2.30pm
Martin Brown, illustrator of the Horrible Histories™ series written by Terry Deary, will teach you how to draw the Horrible way! Tickets are free, but pre-booking is advised. Call 020 7416 5439.

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all Imperial War Museum half-term workshops. Details at:

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.6328>

Half-term reading ideas

The website [Lovereadings4kids](http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk) is promoting both fiction and non-fiction titles that will provide a real feel and understanding of black history. For suggestions see:

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/genre/bhm/Black-History-Month.html>

Mrs. Sahedeo
Librarian

Is your child entitled to a Free School Meal (FSM)?

Many parents are not aware that their child is eligible for a FSM. Please contact your school or go to www.hillingdon.gov.uk to confirm your entitlement.

Together, we can make sure that your child's daily diet is healthy and balanced, improving their well being and development.

For more information on the nutrient based standards, visit www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk



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