

# WELCOME TO QUEENSMEAD POST 16

*'Provision for students is good.'*  
Ofsted 2008



Years 12 and 13 at Queensmead are very popular and play a vital role in preparing students for higher education, training and employment, as well as for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in life.

The Queensmead Post 16 experience aims to continue our provision of a well-balanced education that produces qualified, confident, articulate and considerate young adults.

This stage of education is all about partnerships. We provide students with a comprehensive framework of support and guidance, first-rate teaching by experienced staff, a wide range of resources and informative careers advice. We also give them greater autonomy and increased responsibility for their own studies. In return we simply ask that they are as committed to fulfilling their own potential as we are.

## SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

Each student receives support from his or her form tutor with termly review and target setting interviews. Careful monitoring of progress ensures students achieve success. Specific opportunities are offered through the courses chosen but other more general and developmental opportunities also exist. Students are placed in tutor groups and there is a programme of activities which looks at, for

example, how students should organise themselves, how to apply to university and how to revise. Target setting takes place based on a student's GCSE results and each student has a termly individual interview with the form tutor to see that targets are being met. There is a 'settling in' Parents' Evening in November, and a full report/Parents' Evening in March of Year 12.

*'Students achieve well and reach standards that are above average.'*

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*'The majority of students continue on to Higher Education.'*

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## OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

TRIPS AND CONFERENCES – a selection:

- World Challenge Trip
- Ski Trip
- A Level Geography Fields Trips to various locations
- A Level Law Trip to Uxbridge Magistrates Court
- BTEC National Diploma CCLD trip to Hillingdon Hospital
- Art Department visits to museums and galleries
- A Level Performing Arts theatre trips



*'Students get on very well with staff and enjoy their education.'*

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### ENRICHMENT

Post 16 life is enhanced by the social activities and opportunities that it offers. The Post 16 Committee organises a wide range of events and activities. In recent years events have included a five-a-side mixed football tournament, quiz nights, ski trips, ice skating, a trip to Dartmoor and a Summer Ball.

Post 16 students are encouraged to stand for elected positions on Forum (our student council) or take on a rewarding role as a Peer Counsellor or paired reader. The Post 16 Committee has recently taken responsibility for operating the Jack Petchey Award Scheme, a whole school system for recognizing and rewarding outstanding achievement. Students also enjoy participating in a wide range of community service opportunities.

The school caters for a range of interests from purely recreational enthusiasts to the more competitive individuals looking to play team sports. Numerous extra-curricular activities are available for our Post 16 students. The football team has a fine record in the Middlesex Cup. The school has clubs in netball, basketball, athletics, hockey and football. There are regular staff and student football and netball matches each year. At Queensmead we have excellent facilities: a fully equipped sports hall, 2 Gyms, 10 five-a-side and 2 seven-a-side football astro turf floodlit pitches, 4 tennis courts, and an extensive weights/fitness centre with the very latest equipment. There are two annual ski trips; one involves students from Years 7 to 13, the other is a Post 16 only ski trip.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR PRODUCTIONS/FACILITIES

Examples of these include:

- Support, Revision and Catch-up Sessions in many subjects
- Young Enterprise Scheme
- Book Club
- ICT Drop-in Club
- Amnesty Group
- Recording Studio
- Drama Suite
- Steel Pans
- Rock Band
- String Ensemble
- Choir
- Membership of Queensmead Sports Centre – Free Use of Fitness Centre
- Archery
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Girls and Boys Football Teams
- Netball

## CAREERS PLANNING

Work-related activities and work experience are an integral and compulsory element of all vocational courses. Students following Advanced Level courses also have the opportunity to identify their future plans through careers conventions. These programmes offer additional experiences and enrichment from external providers.

Careers consultants and Post 16 tutors are available to help students with decisions about which direction to pursue after completing their education at Queensmead. Well informed guidance and advice are available when making applications to higher education, prospective employers and training schemes. There is a full time librarian who is available to assist with research and a well stocked careers section in the school library.



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## QUEENSMEAD POST 16

*"An outstanding school"* Ofsted 2008

*'Students are mature and confident learners who contribute well to the school community.'*

*Ofsted 2008*

## OUTCOMES / DESTINATIONS

Students at Queensmead continue to achieve successful outcomes. We aim for all students to aspire to reach their full potential and succeed in their education and chosen pathway beyond Post 16. The majority of Queensmead students continue on to university including prestigious destinations such as Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Exeter and Southampton.

*'Students speak well of the good teaching they receive.'*

*Ofsted 2008*



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