

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It has been a very smooth and successful start to the term for which I would like to express my thanks to parents and students.

The autumn term always starts with a review of the school's exam performance. The examination results (as you will see later on in the newsletter) were very encouraging and, as I write, the students concerned have either started their studies in the sixth form, are eagerly anticipating the start of their life at University or have secured employment. They deserve our congratulations.

We now gear ourselves up at school to build on that success and strive for more with our current students.

There are a range of National Curriculum changes that we are currently implementing. Year 10 students are the first to be undertaking new GCSE specifications, the most noticeable changes are in the approach to coursework and the opportunities to take exams at times other than at the end of Year 11. Students in Year 13 are now on the second year of the new A level courses that began in 2008, giving them access to A\* grades.

This year we have introduced some new courses in Year 12 which are less exam based. Student demand for the ICT Level 3 OCR course that followed on from their GCSE, was overwhelming and two groups were needed. For other students their interest was in taking an Advanced Level Diploma in Society,

Health and Development, giving them the opportunity to do work experience in this field of study and attend regular lectures at Bucks University.

The range of after school opportunities has also widened as we encourage all our students to engage in purposeful activity after school whether it is in sporting, cultural, academic or artistic fields. I hear that a wide range of trips are being planned for next year that will maintain our commitment to high quality extra curricular activities. I am convinced that when students involve themselves in the wider life of the school they become more confident and successful people.

I know that many of you have enjoyed the parents' information evenings we have put on in recent weeks and I am sure they will help both parents and students to approach work, including homework, with a clearer picture of the way forward.

I have no doubt that we are in for another interesting, busy and successful school year.

As always the school derives its strength, energy and vision from the continuing support of the parent body.

**Miss R. Johnston**  
Principal

## Examination Results

2009 was another year of individual and collective success for Queensmead students. Particular mention should be made of Year 11 students:

- 86% achieved 5 or more grades C or better.
- 98% achieved 1 or more grades G or better.
- 70% achieved 5 or more grades C or better, including Mathematics and English
- 77% achieved C or better in English Language
- 75% achieved C or better in Mathematics

There were so many successful Year 11 students that it is difficult to single out individuals. Particular congratulations should go to the following students who each achieved a total of 9 or more grades A and A\*:

Craig Abercrombie, Sam Blackie, Charlotte Falcon, Dan Feridoonian, James Fox, Sophie Hughan, Shakul Islam, Rhiannon Ives, Claire Jobling, Rand Khissaf, Alice Manners, Jonathan Mephram, Krishan Patel, Kaarthik Rajan, Daniel Rowe, Rosie Rule, Divya Sharda, Vyoma Shukla, Priya Surendra, Shirin Vapiwala, Naomi Wakefield, Kerry Ward and Benjamin Witherstone.

Post 16 students achieved similar success and are now able to continue with their education at University due to the hard work.

Particular mention should be made of:

Londie-Louise Clarke (AAAA), Emily Groves (AAA), Bharti Karadia (AAB), Leena Keshishian (AAB), Victoria Leahy (AA), Richard Low (AAA), Alex Mahoney (AAA), Meeral Makwana (AAB) Nik Mills (AAA), Lewis Roualt (AAA), Pritika Sharda (AAA), James Wolman (AAB) and Alenya Wood (AAB).


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Principal

## School Production

Queensmead School Production 2010

# AUDITIONS

Tuesday 29th September 2009  
Thursday 1st October 2009



**2.45**  
Performing  
Arts Studio

All year groups welcome

**Miss C. Rowthorne**  
Head of Performing Arts

### *Samantha McCabe*

I am sad to say that Sam McCabe in Year 10 passed away over the summer holidays.

As a school we will be organising fundraising events to raise money for the Shooting Stars Hospice who supported the family throughout this difficult time.

If you would like to get involved with fundraising please contact the school and Miss Archer, Head of Year 10.

**Miss Archer**  
Head of Year 10

## Enjoy 'What You Will'

### Year 7

On Thursday 16th July, performers from the Globe Theatre came to Queensmead School to show Year 7 students a combination of famous scenes from the most well known Shakespearean plays.

The performers gave the children an insight into many well-known plays, such as 'The



Tempest', 'Twelfth Night', 'Romeo and Juliet' and other classics. A few pupils were also asked to go up as volunteers and some (who were seated nearer the front of the stage) even got splashed with water. The hall, seating and stage

were arranged much like it would have been in Shakespeare's time – the stage was small, and very few props were used.

The Globe Players informed us that the company started up in 1966.

They explained that they don't only do plays by Shakespeare, but they also do fairy tales such as Rumpelstiltskin.

However, the actors don't choose which plays they do next. The people they perform to, choose the play they prefer and, depending on the audience, they do different versions of the plays.

The Globe Players explained that usually, they only perform to primary and secondary schools both in



theatres and in schools.

They don't have a timetable so are free whenever is suitable.

Their services run all over London so the location doesn't matter ... unless it isn't in London.

The performers brought their own stage with them so we didn't need to prepare a stage for them, although that required us to sit around the stage instead of in front of it so there was a clear a space in the middle of the room instead of the front.

It was a great experience for all of Year 7; it helped us to understand the different plays that we would be learning this year in Year 8. "It was great seeing all the different plays, it was funny and very amusing.

I'm looking forward to learning more about Shakespeare and his amazing plays" said one of the students who watched the play.

So, all of the present Year 8 who saw the play last year, would like to say a big thanks to the Globe Players for performing their wonderful collection of Shakespearean plays here at Queensmead School.

by

**Melanie Zadurian, 8C**

**Kimberly Burnett, 8F**

**Joel Clarke, 8F**

**Joe McPherson, 8B**

**Pari Patel, 8A**

## 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

## **P.E.**

### **Year 9 Football team wins the League Cup!**

Year 9 Boys Football team played in the Borough Cup Final against Bishop Ramsey on Wednesday 30th September. With Queensmead scoring their first goal with their first attack and a second followed shortly afterwards. The team continued to play very well dominating all aspects of the pitch until half time with a third goal coming just before the end of the first half.

Queensmead were slow to start in the second half and were caught sleeping in defence a couple of times resulting in two goals coming in fast succession. Bishop Ramsey continued to battle and equalised with 10 minutes to play. After some tactical changes, Queensmead lifted their heads and worked strongly as a team again scoring two more goals and therefore winning the League Cup.

The final score was 5 – 3.

### **Year 9 team**

Adam Conibeere  
Aran Cummins  
Tony Richards  
Yusuf Sabir  
Tom Rivet  
David Palmer  
Daniel Conelly  
Devaughn McNamara  
Drew Abercrombie  
Luke Samuels  
Sam Fishenden  
Frankie Allen  
Connor Odell  
Matthew Hellis  
Jake Rawlings

### **Other News**

The term has started extremely quickly and after a week of trials in which a great number of students showed off their skills, it was pleasing to get the first set of matches underway against our local rivals Northwood.

The Year 11 team fought a close game and had to wait for the final few minutes before George Treen demonstrated a cool finish to make it a 2-1 win. It was a very passionate game with both sides flying in with tackles and also showing great composure when in possession.

The Year 10 team had a more convincing win travelling to Northwood and securing an 8-2 victory, which could have been a lot more had the boys not taken their foot off the pedal. Sabin Rai scored a hat trick while Alhasan Sheriff chipped in with two well taken goals. The team was difficult to pick with many boys on trial and keen to represent their school, so competition for places is fierce.

The Year 8 team also played their game at Northwood and produced an excellent display of interplay with one and two touch football throughout.

The boys have certainly grown over the summer and their superior strength was evident from the start and proved far too good for the Northwood team. Goals from Almarn James, Prenda Malungo, Josh Collis and an own goal sealed the victory as many substitutes were made in the latter stages of the game to make use of the whole squad.

This year the school has entered some of the Rugby teams for the County Cup and some tough games are ahead with Year 8 playing Twyford School, Year 10 against St. James Independent School while the Year 11 team entertain Grey Court School. Good luck to all teams.

This term is packed with fixtures and practices so please ensure you keep an eye on the notice board and look out for the many extra curricular opportunities available to you.

**Mr. McKenna**  
Head of P.E.

## Netball

Girls in Years 7 to 13 are currently training really hard pre-season. Training sessions are running on Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 4pm. The seniors have their borough rally held at Queensmead, on Thursday 15th October. For all the other year groups the league matches commence after the October half term.

This year, Year 10 and Year 11 students are being given the opportunity to train to become qualified Youth Netball Umpires. The course takes place on Thursdays from 3 to 4pm.

## Futsal

Girls in Years 7 to 10 are currently training on Tuesdays between 3 and 4pm. This session is being run by Year 12 students Aashini Popat and Sapphira Greenyer, and assisted by GCSE PE student Emily Birmingham. The U13 and U15 squads have their first futsal match against Swakeleys (H) on Tuesday 10th November. Other matches to be played are: 17<sup>th</sup> November against Harefield Academy (H), 2<sup>nd</sup> December against Bishop Ramsey (H) and 8<sup>th</sup> December against Vyners (H).

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Head of P.E.



## CONNEXIONS Hillingdon

### Volunteers required for Youth Forum

Hillingdon Connexions are looking for young people aged 13 to 19 to join their Youth Forum. We meet once a month at the Connexions Centre in Uxbridge at 4.30-5.30 on a week day. Our Youth Forum help us with decisions we are making about Connexions; for example, the decoration and organisation of our One Stop Shop, the recruitment of staff and publicity materials.

Members of the Youth Forum have also designed Art Work for our new Centre and helped us with Employer Fairs. Volunteers will receive:-

- Accreditation: (V50 award)
- Chimes vouchers for special events
- Travelling expenses
- Food and soft drinks at all meetings
- Christmas Outings

Being part of our Youth Forum will also improve CVs and help to add value to Personal Statements.

If you are interested, please contact Sheena Edgar on 01895 257855

## Year 11 Prefects

The newly appointed Year 11 Prefects performed their first official function at the Prospective Year 7 Parents Evening on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and they were a roaring success!

Parents were quoted as saying;

*'Helpful, mature and focused.'*

*'Enthusiastic, polite, and informative and great with both adults and children alike.'*

*'Filled with energy and looked like she actually enjoyed being at her school.'*

*'She is a credit to your school.'*

Miss Moran and Mr McGinnity would like to thank Year 11 students who participated and acknowledge what mature individuals they are becoming.

**Miss Moran**  
Head of Year 11

## Budding Chefs

Calling all budding Chefs in Year 10 and 11  
Any students in Year 10 or 11 who are currently studying Food Technology have the opportunity to participate in this course.

Enrolment Date	1st Date of Cooking	Graduation
9/01/10	16/01/10	20/03/10
24/04/10	8/05/10	10/07/10

The aim is to teach students basic food handling, preparation and cooking methods in commercial kitchens. The emphasis of the course is on practical work. They will gain a foundation of both knowledge and confidence of work in an industrial kitchen that will help them in their Food Technology GCSE and will be invaluable if they are considering a career in the hospitality industry, especially catering.

Some students choose to follow courses at Thames Valley University or other catering colleges after the course but they are welcome to attend even if these are not their future plans.

Young Chef's Academy is run on Saturday mornings commencing at 9.30 am at Thames Valley University in St. Mary's Road, Ealing. Students will need to make their own travel arrangements and will be expected to attend every week.



Enrolment for the next course is on 9<sup>th</sup> of January and the students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for this

session. The course will start the following week and lasts ten weeks.

An additional course will run in the summer term.



The cost is £10 per week, and includes all ingredients, in addition, the students take their finished products home.



They are also supplied with a textbook or a recipe book and parents are invited to a three course meal prepared by the pupils on the last day of the course.

If your son or daughter is interested they should speak to their Food Technology teacher.

**Ms. Tebbs**  
Food Technology teacher