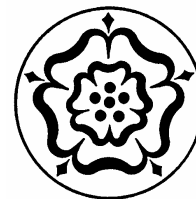


Newsletter



AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED WORK

Once again, I have seen some excellent pieces of work in a number of subjects this week.

Congratulations to the following girls: Georgie Wheeler 9N for her excellent work in Food Technology, Imogen Longman Year 7 for her outstanding model of a cell, Eden Cronin and Adelaide Osborn (9L) for their superb accomplished short stories in English and Sophia Kaccouris and Alix Stagg (7L) for their fabulous Spanish advent calendars. Karishma Khajuria (9R) has received an Award for her Geography assessment and Athena Inthinathan has also received an Award for her super story board of Blood Brothers in English. Well done girls - it is a pleasure to see such a variety of excellent and interesting work!!

2011 PERFORMANCE TABLES

The DFE published these tables yesterday and they can be accessed at <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance-tables-2011> The tables are very detailed and show a considerable amount of detail which has not previously been available to schools or parents. In terms of performance data, such as 5A*- C, 5 A*- C including English and Maths, achievement of the English Baccalaureate, pupil progress and value added QEGS comes out in the top 2 or 3 of the comprehensive schools for EVERY measure. This is a huge achievement as a high proportion of the school does a predominantly academic GCSE timetable AND value added is high. The picture at A Level is also very positive. I am very grateful to the staff for all of their hard work which gives our girls excellent academic outcomes as well as a wide range of other opportunities.

ART DEPARTMENT

Ms Beavis has unfortunately been diagnosed with a serious illness which will require an extended period of treatment for which we wish her well.

In the meantime, her classes will be taught by Ms Linton-Hall who we are pleased to welcome to QEGS.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

We have marked Holocaust Memorial Day with a whole school assembly today. Holocaust Memorial Day remembers the 6 million Jews and other minorities who were exterminated by the Nazis before and during the Second World War. It also remembers other events where people have been persecuted because of their religion, ethnicity, colour or other difference, for example in Bosnia, Rwanda, Cambodia and Durfur. This year, the theme is 'Speak Up, Speak Out'. The poem below was used in our assembly. It was written by Pastor Martin Niemoller who was himself killed by the Nazi's for his support of the Jews and points out that if we fail to speak out about injustice, we may eventually become victims of injustice ourselves.

First They Came by Pastor Martin Niemoller

*First they came for the Communists,
and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist.
Then they came for the Socialists,
and I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist.
Then they came for the trade unionists,
and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist.
Then they came for the Jews,
and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew
Then they came for me,
and there was no one left to speak out for me.*

You can sign the Holocaust Memorial Trust pledge to make your commitment to ending discrimination. Holocaust Memorial Day provides

the opportunity for everyone to learn the lessons from the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and in the subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda and Durfur at www.hmd.org.uk

MUSIC FOR THE CORONER 2

Following the performance of musicians and the choir at a recent ceremony at the North London Coroner's Court in Barnet, I have received the following feedback. The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Lisa Rutter writes "the musicians played beautifully and the choir from QEGS was absolutely wonderful" whilst Coroner Walker writes "Congratulations and thanks to the girls.....what talented and well behaved students you have and what a credit to the school they are!!" We have also received a donation which has been given to the Music department which will use for repairs and maintenance of instruments. Well done musicians and the Music department!!



OFSTED PARENT VIEW

It is now possible for parents to give their opinion of the school on the Ofsted website which we would encourage you to do. The purpose of the information is to give parents who are interested in the school a 'parent's view' and the last question is 'Would you recommend the school to others?' I do hope that parents will give an honest opinion, but that you will do this based on your whole experience of the school and not do it when you are unhappy about something, and therefore give an unbalanced opinion. We will also be undertaking parent questionnaires and have decided to give these out at Parents' Evenings as we hope that this will give us a better level of returns than when we depend on pupil post!

WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR BODY FIRST THING IN THE MORNING?

After a good night's sleep and with an empty stomach in the morning, it makes sense that the best way to start the day and to energise and revitalise your body is with a filling, nutritious and healthy **breakfast** that will keep you satisfied until the next meal. If you consider

that when we wake up in the morning, for the majority of us, our body and brain have been without food for around 10 - 12 hours. Our body is similar to a car in the fact that it needs fuel to run, and like a car, the better you look after your body the longer and better it will run. Our bodies must be fuelled several times each day so that we function efficiently and carry out our daily tasks as best we can.



In the morning, after many hours without food, it is essential to refuel in order to provide the necessary nutrients and energy to get us through the first part of the day. So please have a healthy breakfast in the morning. It will help your concentration and productivity in lessons and it is **ESSENTIAL** if you are doing PE or swimming, otherwise you may feel lethargic or dizzy.



MUSIC TRIP TO SEE GUYS AND DOLLS

Last Thursday a group of five students, and the Music department went to see a professional production of *Guys and Dolls* at the Gatehouse Theatre in Highgate. The production was in the round, and showed the story of a group of gamblers in New York making a bet that Sky Masterson could not take a 'Mission Doll' to Havana. The highlights of the show were the songs 'Luck be a Lady', 'Follow the Fold' and 'Bushel and a Peck'. Overall, we enjoyed the evening and I would recommend this show to anyone.

Nancy O'Connor, 8L

OXBRIDGE INFORMATION EVENING

On Tuesday 24th January Miss Jenny O'Hare, Cambridge University Admissions Tutor, gave a talk to a selection of Year 10, 11 and 12 students. She explained to them the process of applying to Oxford and Cambridge University and the high level of academic requirements needed to gain entrance. There was an excellent turn out and I hope that it has inspired students to aim for the highest levels of academia. This talk was in conjunction with the school's Aim

Higher Programme, and if you would like any further information please contact myself or Ms Malone.

Miss Southwell, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

HISTORY CONFERENCE

Year 13 History A Level Students will be attending a History Conference all day on Thurs 9th Feb. Miss Madden is the member of staff who will accompany them.

MIDDLESEX NETBALL'S YOUNG LEADERS WEEK

13 February - 17 February 2012

Are you aged between 13-18 years old?

Would you like to be involved in volunteering in netball?

Please see attached flyer for details of courses.

Booking forms are available from Ms Thomas, Head of PE

AUTHOR VISIT

On Friday local author, Diane Greene came in to the Library to talk to Year 7R and 7S, and meet students at lunchtime. Ms Greene explained to the students the lengthy process of bringing her original story, which she wrote for her granddaughter into a published book 'The Witchtree Journals: Emily's story'. She showed us pictures of the local area that inspired her and which also feature in the story. Copies of her book are available to borrow in the LRC now!

Mrs Aldridge, LRC Manager

THE CHINESE CINDERELLA BY ADELIN YEN MAH

This is a moving account of Adeline's life in China up to the age of 14. Cruelly treated by her family Adeline enjoys school as an escape from unkindness and neglect. It is a fast paced autobiography, which although sad, is hopeful and positive. We read this in our Book Club recently and the group who reviewed it said; "it's inspiring and at times hard to read" but almost all of them enjoyed it. Copies available to read in the LRC.



BOOK CLUB

We are currently reading 'Boys Don't Cry' by Malorie Blackman, and 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. We will also feature in 'Booktime'

magazine in April as we are in the process of reviewing '15 Days Without a Head' by Dave Cousins. Reviews by the group will be published in the magazine, and copies will be available to see in the LRC.

Mrs Aldridge, LRC Manager

BIG VOICE

STUDENT VOICE!!

When do we meet?

Week 1

Tuesday Room 210 at 1.20pm

Who can get involved?

All QE students are welcome

What do we do?

Meet, discuss, eat biscuits and change the QE world for the better!

But what can I really do to change things?

Student Voice worked hard to gather your thoughts and feelings about school uniform. With Student Council they managed to make the changes you wanted!

Want to change the world?

Start here in your own back-yard

Let's make the world of QE a better place!



TIME 4 US**TOPIC:** Friendships and Anti-Bullying**DATE:** Wed 8th February**TIME:** 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start**VENUE:** School Hall**ATTENDANCE****Year Group Attendance** - 6th Sept 2011 - 20th Jan 2012

Year Group	% attendance
Year 7	97.17%
Year 8	95.54%
Year 9	95.13%
Year 10	94.41%
Year 11	94.00%

Form Groups With The Best Attendance - 6th Sept 2011 - 20th Jan 2012

Form Group	% attendance
7M	97.65%
8L	96.87%
9S	97.62%
10R	97.17%
11R	96.01%

Congratulations to **7M, 8L, 9S, 10R** and **11R** who have the highest attendance in their year groups.

Well done to **7P, 8P, 9N, 10L** and **11M** who are second in their Year groups. I would particularly like to congratulate **Year 9** and **Year 10** who have improved their attendance level for the second consecutive week, and **Year 8** who have improved their attendance since last week. Well done to you all - a really fantastic effort.

Mr Latter, Assistant Headteacher

DIARY DATES:

Monday 30th January—Year 11 Parents' Evening.

Wednesday 1st February—Friday 3rd February —

Trip to the Battlefields, Belgium.

Wednesday 8th February—Time 4 Us,

Friendships and Anti-Bullying.

Saturday 11th February—Friday 17th February—

Ski Trip to Bulgaria.

Middlesex Netball's Young Leaders Week

13th Feb-17th Feb 2012

Are you aged between 13-18 years old and want to or already involved in volunteering in netball? If yes the below courses would be perfect for you.

High 5 Umpiring Course

An understanding of High 5 rules and how to umpire a High 5 game.

Tuesday 14th February at Feltham College, Hounslow. TW13 7EF

2.45pm to 5pm- £5 per person.

Beginners Umpire Course

To gain basic knowledge of 7 a- side rules.

Friday 17th February at Middlesex University, N14 4YZ- £7 per person



Young Netball Organiser Award

The first step on the coaching, officiating or administration netball ladder.

Wednesday 15th February at Botwell Green Sports Centre, UB3 2HW. 8.45am to 3pm- £10 per person

Or...

Thursday 16th February at East Barnet School, EN4 8PU, 9am to 4pm. £10 per person

Contact Rhiannon Smith for more information, 07738696857 or rhiannon.smith@englandnetball.co.uk