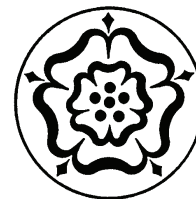


Newsletter



POCKETS FOR QE!

Last night, 6th Form School Council Rep Hayley Norman and I attended the Governors' Meeting to find out the final decision on the school uniform issue. We can now confirm that **blazers and V-neck jumpers WILL be a part of the school uniform!** They will be phased in from September 2010 over a 2-3 year period. Thank you to everyone who voted and supported this campaign (students, parents and staff) and special thanks to Mrs. Webster and the Governors for considering our proposals. Congratulations to all the School Councillors for their hard work and effort! It just shows how the School Council really does represent you and can make a difference to your school life! I feel proud to have played a part in changing something which means so much to you all. Enjoy your new uniform! *Laura Aitken-Burt - Head Girl*
Congratulations to Laura, Hayley and School Council on your campaign. The governors were very impressed with the way Laura and Hayley represented you and this was a great example of Student Voice in action. We will let you know more details as soon as these are finalized.

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

QEGSA NEEDS PRIZE DONATIONS

FOR THE COMMEMORATION

RAFFLE IN MAY. If you can help by giving a prize or can source a donation

from a local business or work place, please contact the School Office or

Mrs Webster asap

CELEBRATION OF HIGH ATTAINMENT

I was delighted to represent the school at a celebration of High Attainment organised by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust. These are schools which attained highly across the whole curriculum in the 2009 GCSE examinations.

To be identified as a high attaining school all of the following criteria had to be achieved:

- ◆ 60% or more 5+A*-C results including English and mathematics (national average 50%)
- ◆ 53.7% (national average) or more 2+A*-C results in science subjects
- ◆ 31.6% (national average) or more 1+A*-C results in modern foreign languages.

The figures for each of these for QEGS were 66%, 67% and 62% respectively, so we were considerably above the national average for Modern Languages and Science, as well as the percentage of 5 A-C including English and Maths.

Elizabeth Reid, Chief Executive of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, said:

'Congratulations to all the specialist schools and academies that have met the criteria for our high attaining awards. These schools are enabling more young people to reach their full potential and succeed in the 21st century. It is important we celebrate these achievements as they are the product of hard work and dedication by school leaders, teachers and students. By sharing best practice and partnering with other schools through the SSAT's networks, they are also helping to deliver improvements across the whole school system.'

The ceremony and dinner was held at Kings Place, London on Tuesday 9 March. Guest speaker, Schools Minister Vernon Coaker said: 'It's encouraging to see so many specialist schools and academies achieving such high stan-

dards - a tribute to the hard work of pupils, teachers and schools.

'With the huge leap in standards over the last 13 years, schools now have to be not just very good, but truly excellent to distinguish themselves....The best schools have to work harder to stay ahead - and so it's great to be celebrating the achievements of these top performers.

ATTENDANCE

Year Group Attendance 3rd Sept 2009 - 5th March 2010

Year Group	% attendance
Year 7	95.63%
Year 8	94.10%
Year 9	93.77%
Year 10	92.63%
Year 11	93.96%

Form groups with the best attendance 3rd Sept 2009 - 5th March 2010

Form Group	% attendance
7M	95.75%
8Q	94.88%
9L	95.80%
10L	95.00%
11L	95.68%

Congratulations to **7M** for taking the lead in year 7 and to **8Q** for taking the lead in year 8. Well done. Congratulations also to **year 9** and **year 10**. Both year groups have improved their attendance over the last week. Keep it up! The whole school attendance has also increased this week to **94.02%**. Remember to check your attendance target for this half term to ensure that you are on track to achieve it. *Ms Griffith*

LONDON YOUTH GAMES TRIALS

Any students who would like to opportunity to represent Barnet at the London Youth Games 2010 in Cycling, squash, tennis, hockey, volleyball, judo or netball - need to attend the trials taking place over April and May. Please see back of new letter for more information and contact details.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

We are advised by the Borough Senior Medical Officer that when students need to take medicine 3 times a day this should be given as follows: before school, on return home and at bedtime. Please would you follow the Medical Officer's advice.

Non prescription medication i.e. pills for headaches/period pains etc. will be given only with written request and permission of parents/guardians. They must be in their original packaging and left with Student Services.

Peanuts

There are students in school who have a peanut and/or nut allergy. Peanuts and nuts are common food allergies and reactions can be fatal. Without medical treatment a person can die within minutes of eating even tiny amounts. Peanuts and nuts leave residue that's hard to remove on utensils, containers and table tops. In order for the school to have an environment that's safe from peanuts and nuts we need your cooperation and commitment.

Parents/guardians of students are requested and encouraged to not provide food containing nut products within the school premises/ grounds especially for cake sales and packed lunches.

Aerosols

At Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School we have students who are highly allergic to many chemicals, in particular perfume and spray deodorant. In severe cases this allergic reaction can cause the person to have an anaphylactic reaction or severe asthma attack. We therefore ask students not to bring deodorant cans to school. If a student should bring a deodorant can to school it will be taken off the student. A roll on deodorant is fine to use.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A DAY AT THOMSON REUTERS!!

On Thursday 4th March, a group of Y9 and 10 girls went to Thomson Reuters (The centre of the financial, news and entertainment world). We left the school at 9 am and arrived in Canary

Wharf at 10:10. By 10:30 we were inside the impressive building.

I think Miss Nocivelli and Miss Beavis were shocked at how quiet we were, we were actually shocked at how enormous and luxurious the place was! We were given very smart name badges to certify who we were, sadly we didn't get to keep them. We then got a short tour from a really lovely man who had been working there for several years and had seen the company through various changes. We looked at lots of award winning pictures, from Celebrities to Tsunamis, and saw some technology that would have been used in the early stages of Reuters including pigeons and solid metal typewriters! This was very interesting and showed us that people would go through a lot of pain just to get news out FAST and make a DEADLINE.

We then had a Question and Answer session with the head of Business Media UK at Thomson Reuters who explained a lot about the company and himself, especially how he managed to work up through the ranks to the senior position he is in now!

Lunch was at 12.00. We were provided with delicious bagels with all kinds of fillings. It was at this point that most of us decided we wanted to work at Thomson Reuters, although the technology everywhere influenced our decision as well as the food! When lunch was over we were split into groups. Y10 had to create an e-learning package explaining how to set up a Facebook group for the media arts at QEGS. Y9 had to create a launch event to be advertised on Facebook that would be fun and exciting, but also raise awareness of media at the school. Both groups had a lot of fun doing this, it was quite stressful though having to meet deadlines and achieve results so quickly! It was here that we also realised just how tough a day at Thomson Reuters could be, and we were only visiting!

We were shown a software programme used to make demos and tutorials called 'Capture'. We all got to do a short voice over whilst the instructions were being shown. The last part of our day was a conference call with the school where we were hoping to show everyone what we had been doing. Sadly we ran out of time and didn't get to

complete this task however, we will get the opportunity to see the presentations again, so next time you're in assembly pay attention to the projector, because our work may be on it! The presentations will also be on our school website soon! We would like to thank Mr Gothelf for organising the day and all the Reuters staff who gave up their time for us!

I think everyone that went on the trip would agree it was a FANTASTIC day and experience and would love to go again!! *By Maya Hanoomansingh 9Q*

Many thanks to governor Royden Gothelf for making this possible. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students who were presenting in the same studio that Gordon Brown and David Cameron often use! Another group went to Reuters earlier and have produced a careers video which girls will also have the opportunity to see.

"SCIENCE BLASTS OFF!"

On Wednesday of last week, a selected group of students from each Y9 class were invited to join 4 undergraduate Physics students from Imperial College, who had come for the afternoon to run a challenge based on scientific and entrepreneurial skills. The QEGS students taking part were:

9L - Chia-Yi Fang, Munisath Khandoker, Seren Thomas

9M - Neda Ashouri, Opeyemi Gbadebo, Lauren Wheeler

9N - Tamara West, Kayalveli Sivakanthan, Arthiga Vadivelu

9P - Amy Faulkner, Simone Liotti, Anahita Ardehali

9Q - Maya Hanoomansingh, Sophie Tookey Dickson, Leigh-ann Barran, Emma White

9R - Sian Prosser, Rebecca MacDonald, Alice Neusten

9S - Nicole Minta, Tabitha Hill, Netanya Pilikian

After a presentation aimed at showing how you could become rich and famous being an innovator, the girls were divided into 4 teams who spent 2 hours competing to produce the best compressed-air water rocket. This involved not just considering the technical merits of their rocket, but also the logo and "brand-awareness" generated by the display on take-off.

Having created their rockets, they all went down

to the tennis courts for the launch. Despite a few technical difficulties (and the very chilly weather!) all of them blasted off to different heights, usually showering the onlookers in the process!

After long discussion amongst the Imperial College team, they agreed that the winners, on the basis of both design and launch height were the team comprising 9M - Neda Ashouri, Opeyemi Gbadebo, Lauren Wheeler, 9Q - Maya Hanoomansingh, Emma White.

These Y9 students are now invited to go to Imperial College on 17 May, for the final round, where they will compete with 6 other schools in a "Dragon's Den" style event. We wish them well!

Mr Sugden

RESULTS JUST IN!

The following Year 11 students have passed the Preparation for Employment OCR Level 1 Certificate which is a part of the Vocational Skills Programme: Lauren Chase, Vanessa Coggin, Asiya Mohamed, Aleksandra Nwandu, Molly Pavett, Sarah Primo, Zoe Ruskin and Molly Steadman. Their success means that the students have achieved the equivalent of a short course GCSE. The OCR Moderator has written to say that all the candidates had produced excellent work for this award. Congratulations to all the students!

Thank you to Ms Ladipo and Mr Latter for their support in enabling the students to achieve their award. *Mrs Demetri and Mrs Stewart*

£50 VOUCHER RAFFLE

I'm sure that you all saw the posters around school about 7S's raffle. All the money we raised will go to Haiti. We managed to collect a fantastic amount **£113.60**. Thank you so much for buying tickets. A huge congratulations to **Jenny and Rhiana, in 6th form**, who won the £50 Brent Cross voucher and the several runners up who received small prizes. Even if you didn't win, we are very happy you bought tickets as it goes to a good cause. Thank You 7S (*written by Eliza H, Hannah and Sonia*)

JACK PETCHEY AWARDS

The Jack Petchey Award is a way of celebrating the achievements of young people. We are currently in the process of selecting the winners for this term. Nominations can be made by any

member of the school community including teachers, students and parents. If you would like to nominate a student for an award please can you place your nomination form in the Jack Petchey nomination box which is situated at Student Services or pass directly to me. Nomination forms can be collected from the Heads of Year, Student Services or Ms Griffith.

BOOK REVIEW

Hello girls. This week I thought I would tell you about something that I read every day, as it cheers me up when things haven't gone so well, or really puts the issues and knocks that you can take in life into perspective. It is a collection of sonnets by possibly the greatest man that has ever lived, William Shakespeare. Although there are several collections of his sonnets around, this is the best one I have come across because it has short analysis at the side so that you are not completely lost, yet somehow you don't need the notes as what Shakespeare paints out and creates within his sonnets is easy to identify with. Undoubtedly each sonnet is unique, with some following on from the previous sonnet to expand on the same theme. The great and comforting thing about his sonnets is not only are they beautifully written, they also cover all aspects of emotions that the human experiences- I don't think I would hear one of you say after reading one of his sonnets 'I have never felt that' or 'I don't know what he is talking about,' because, strangely, you do. I know that not all of you are fond of Shakespeare, but this is lighter than the majority of his plays and is definitely more enjoyable (my favourite sonnet is number 90, which is really wonderfully worded). The ISBN number for the book is: 978-1-903436-57-8. Enjoy! *Delphi May SF02*

DIARY DATES

23 Mar Spices of India—6pm
 25 Mar Y10 Parents' Evening 4.30-7pm
 26 Mar. QEGSA Quiz Evening 7.30 for 8pm
 31 Mar. Spring Chamber Concert
 1 Apr Last Day of Term—school finishes at 2pm
 19th Apr INSET Day—school closed for students

London Youth Games Trials 2010

Represent Barnet in the biggest sporting event in Europe,
The London Youth Games



Cycling (School year 7 to 13)
Mixed trials
Sunday 2nd May 11.15am - 12.30
Barnet Copthall Stadium, Hendon



Football Boys
(School year 8 and 9)
Grahame Park all Weather Pitch, Colindale, NW9 5PE
Tuesday 13th April 10 -11.30am
Thursday 15th April 2 - 3.30pm



Squash (School year 7 to 11)
Mixed trials TBC
Finchley Manor Squash club



Tennis (School year 7 to 12)
Mixed trials
Ravens tennis club, Friary Road, North Finchley
Sunday 21st March 2010, 10am -1pm



Hockey (School year 7, 8 and 9)
Boys Training/Trials, 6 weeks, term time only
Astro pitch at Whitefield school, NW2 1TR
Wednesday 17th March to 5th May, 3.30 - 5.30pm

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Volleyball (School year 7 to 13)
Mixed gender, trials and training 8 weeks
Starting Tuesday 20th April, 5 - 6pm
Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet



Judo (School year 7 to 12)
Mixed trials, Barnet Judo Club,
Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road New Barnet Herts EN5 1JB
Friday 30th April 2010, 7.30pm



Netball (school year 7,8 ,9)
Girls, 3 weeks training and trials
Starting Saturday 8th May, 10am -11.30am
Ashmole School, Southgate, N14