



# Quinton Hall School

## Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to welcome back the boys and girls after the Half-term holiday - particularly when some very impressive looking models of houses were brought in today as part of a geography project!

It is important to inform you all that I will be out of school this coming Friday, attending a one day course on ISI Regulatory Requirements for School Inspections and from next Monday, I will be on jury service at St. Albans Crown Court. Some of you may know from your own experiences of jury service that it is impossible for me to predict how long I will be involved as a juror and it all depends on the particular case that I will be allocated to. In any event, I want to reassure you that I will be in daily contact with the school and coming in, at the end of the day, as often as I can to maintain communications with colleagues.

I have taken the step of writing to residents in Radnor Road who have been having difficulties recently with a minority of selfish parents parking across drives and in some cases being verbally abused when challenged. I think this is completely unacceptable. Residents have been advised to take registration numbers of particular vehicles causing problems and to ring Harrow Parking Enforcement Services and tickets will be issued. I do ask for your co-operation. Yes, parking is difficult at the best of times but many parents cope without confrontation with local residents.

Parents of Prep 8 boys should be receiving news any day now of the results of 13+ entrance examinations and we all hope that the news will be good. We will inform you all, at an appropriate time of the results.

### **BEDFORD SCHOOL SCIENCE LECTURE**

Just before half term Prep 7 accepted an invitation from Bedford School to attend a lecture, given by the Head of Science, entitled "The Chemistry of Absolutely Nothing". It was an opportunity to see demonstrations of the uses of the different types of gases present in air; unquestionably the highlight was liquid nitrogen (used for instant freezing and quick ice-cream), though the ignition of a hydrogen-filled balloon and the sacrificial incineration of a jelly-baby in the name of science also proved very popular. The boys should now have a good knowledge of the names and uses of the different gases which constitute air; it was certainly better than looking it up on the internet!

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