



Quainton Hall School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This newsletter contains news items relating to the achievements of boys in the field of art and provides very pleasant reading. These are areas that even for a small school like us, we are able to excel in and it is good to see the tradition continuing.

It is an important aspect of school life that we are able to maintain good communications with parents and we have noticed several instances recently where email addresses and mobile telephone numbers that we hold on our database are no longer current. In one case, all available telephone numbers were tried without success. Please think back and if you are aware that any contact details have changed then please let the school office know as soon as possible so that we can update our records.

A challenge and a plea! A school like QHS deserves to have a flourishing parents' association but in my short time here, it is apparent to me that with the exception of two or three parents who work hard to provide events and raise funds for the pupils in school – this aspect of school life is, quite frankly, moribund. I am looking ahead to re-cast the Friends of Quainton Hall, with effect from September 2010 and I would ideally like to have a working committee of chair, treasurer, secretary and class reps that would work, together with staff, to provide an enjoyable and successful element of home school/school partnership. Nearer the time, I will ask for volunteers to attend meetings and to bring along ideas and skills and expertise they may have, to enable pupils and parents to enjoy the benefit of well attended events and income to support projects for the improvement of school facilities.

It has been a very tense and exciting time for our Prep 8 boys this last week and all 13+ entrance examination results will have been communicated to the parents of our boys. I can confirm that the results have been generally good, with some excellent scholarships being awarded to boys. Congratulations to all concerned!

When I am in a position to do so, I will share further information about our results for this year.

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Congratulations

Last term we worked very hard in the art lessons making paintings and drawings on the theme 'I Remember'. Thirty seven of these were selected for submission to the annual Young Art competition held in South Kensington. We heard last week that 5 artworks have been selected for the exhibition at the Royal College of Art from 11th to 13th May. CONGRATULATIONS to Bradley H, Niraj M, Sam M, Anuj M and Dashant P. The boys will be receiving their Certificates and invitations to the exhibition next month. Well done.

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Historical Opportunity

Once again this year several boys did well on Paper One of the Townsend Warner History award and qualified to attempt Paper Two. None of the other “North London” Prep Schools enter for this national award and so getting 10 candidates into the final 200, out of an initial entry of over 700 is no mean achievement. We will receive the final scores at the end of March.

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Music Exams

The Associated Board Music Exams are to take place on Wednesday 10th March and I am offering to do aural tests during my own free time this week. I am always amazed that some boys never come to these sessions and then perform badly in the exams – I can tell because I am standing outside! Not surprisingly the boys who do attend usually gain a good mark out of 18 for aural, or at least feel more confident since they know what to expect.

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