



Quinton Hall School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Next week sees half term and signals to us all how quickly time flies! We are entering into our busiest time of the school year here at QHS. As well as their normal teaching commitments, teachers are compiling and writing grade cards and reports, rehearsing for concerts, getting ready for exam week and so on.

Our Pre-prep Parent Consultation Evenings, last week, went very well and I want to thank those parents who turned out in such good numbers to meet their child's teacher and to discuss their progress.

We have our Prep Music and Drama Evening on Tuesday of this week and our P7 & 8 cricketers go to Lord's this Friday to see England and Bangladesh in the Test. Monday evening saw the parents' meeting for the P8 Adventure Week in France, departing on Saturday 12th June.

It never ceases to amaze me the range of extra-curricular activities that children here can get involved in and it's a great indicator of the commitment to your sons and daughters made by teaching staff here.

I wish you all the best for the May Bank Holiday and half term week next week. All children return to school on Monday 7th June.

EFB

Prep 5 – 8 Trinity Term Examination Timetable

Monday 7 th June	9.15 - 10.15	10.30 - 11.30	12.00 - 13.00
Prep 8	MATHS (non-calc) (60 min)	BIOLOGY (40 min)	HISTORY (60 min)
Prep 7	GEOGRAPHY (60 min)	FRENCH (60 min)	MATHS I (60 min)
Prep 6	HISTORY (60 min)	SCIENCE (60 min)	FRENCH (45 min)
Prep 5	ENGLISH I (75 min)	RS (45 min) starts at 10.45	FRENCH (45 min)
Tuesday 8 th June	9.15 - 10.15	10.30 - 11.30	12.00 - 13.00
Prep 8	MATHS (calc) (60 min)	CHEMISTRY (40 min)	FRENCH (60 min)
Prep 7	MATHS II (60 min)	LATIN (60 min)	RS (60 min)
Prep 6	RS (45 min)	MATHS (60 min)	GEOGRAPHY (45 min)
Prep 5	ENGLISH II (75 min)	HISTORY (45 min) start at 10.45	MATHS I (45 min)
Wednesday 9 th June	9.15 - 10.15	10.30 - 11.30	12.00 - 13.00
Prep 8	GEOGRAPHY (60 min)	PHYSICS (40 min)	RS (60 min)
Prep 7	HISTORY (60 min)	ENGLISH I (70 min) in Tech Room	NORMAL PERIOD 5
Prep 6	LATIN (45 min)	MUSIC (40 min)	ENGLISH II (60 min)
Prep 5	MATHS II (45 min)	SCIENCE (45 min)	SCIENCE (45 min)
Thursday 10 th June	8.50 - 9.50	10.00 - 10.35	
Prep 8	LATIN (60 min)	GERMAN (30 min)	

+ The Chapel of Saint Francis +

On Friday 7th May, most of our chapel choristers and a number of altar servers went to lead Sung Vespers at the London Charterhouse. The service was very uplifting and I know that the residents were, as always, overjoyed with our contribution to their worshipping life in that place.

Sunday 9th May was a busy day in the life of our school chaplaincy. At 2pm it was my great delight to baptise Daniel from our Reception class. There was a great atmosphere in the chapel and many of Daniel's family and friends, along with the Pre Prep staff came to support him. Thanks must go to Miss Berry who was so happy 'at the drop of a hat' to play the organ which accompanied our singing.

Later that evening at 6pm we had our half-termly Sung Mass. I would especially like to thank Mr and Mrs Still for arranging the refreshments that followed and to all those who, after such a busy weekend 'turned out'.

On Tuesday 18th May, Form 5NR led the Middle and Senior School assembly in chapel. They put a great deal of work and preparation into their play and it was a great success. They acted out a modern day version of the Parable of the Great Banquet which Jesus taught. Their version, 'The Parable of the Rotten Guests', ended up with the four guests who were invited to the feast being too busy to attend. One guest was having carpet fitted, another had to meet his financial adviser to sort out his pension, the third had a very important TV appointment with an episode of Dr Who and the fourth was watching Chelsea play (and, incidentally win the FA cup!).

As a result it was those who were on the outskirts and margins of society who were asked to take their place at the feast: the poor, ill, disabled, homeless and the like. The message of the parable: the Kingdom of God is like a party where all the expected people refuse to attend but is open to all – even those we would least expect to be there!



At this point I would like to thank everyone who contributes to the life of our School Chaplaincy in any way and who makes the whole experience so vibrant and alive.

With all good wishes,
Father Neil.



Keyboard Joy

I have replaced the school set of keyboards with some fine new instruments to go into the music room. As a result I can offer the old instruments at £30 each if anyone would like one. Please bring in the cash, or a cheque made out to QHS and arrange to take your keyboard home. This would be ideal for anyone with no piano at home, or only a very small keyboard.

MAE

Young Art at the Royal College of Art

The 20th Annual exhibition of Young Art was held at the Royal College of Art from 11-13 May. The boys whose work was selected went along to the exhibition last week. This year 662 works were displayed from the 7,400 entries submitted. The exhibition was bright, colourful and a true celebration of the imaginations of young artists. Bradley, Niraj, Sam, Anuj and Dashant enjoyed seeing their work alongside prints, drawings and paintings from schools all over London. The judges awarded Bradley and Niraj a Commendation for their artwork and Sam a Highly Commended for his painting of a flower. Well done boys!

The money raised from the exhibition goes towards Cancer Research UK - researching into the genetic causes of cancer in children. Last year Young Art raised a total of £50,000. The boys were proud to contribute towards helping children of their age and I was very proud of the boys and their artistic achievements.

At the exhibition Niraj and his parents met a student studying at the Royal College called Ben Oliver. Ben had recognised the Quanton Hall blazer and told them that he had been a pupil at Quanton Hall over 10 years ago. Our school blazer certainly stands out in a crowd and results in happy encounters!

HCM



**Cricket is a game for gentlemen!
U11B lost to Orley Farm by 42 runs.**

It would have been nice to have seen more focus in this game. After a couple of overs too many of our players should have concentrated on their own play instead of criticising others. The best bowling came from Kishan P and Roan G who picked up two wickets, but no one was interested in catching the ball apart from Tyrese W and anything hit towards the boundary was unlikely to be stopped by anything more than a tentative foot!

When we batted Dilan D looked like a cricketer for his 18, but found little support from anyone else. I hope that our boys could learn something from the opposition who were unfailingly polite and always said, "Hard luck", or "Well done", when one of our batsmen was out. This sort of approach makes a cricket match enjoyable and not a miserable event.

**A step backwards
U13A lost by 4 wickets v Durston House**

Having been more competitive last week our older boys were back to "loser" mode on this occasion. Batting first Vaibhav D worked hard to score 31 and should progress next year, converting 2's into 4's. He was given little support and only Jeevan S looked positive for 14. Our total of 79 was never going to be enough and when Durston had scored 23 off 3 overs it looked like time to go home. However, cricket is a funny game and when Keval A came on to bowl at 57-0 he managed to pitch the odd ball in the right place and Durston suffered a mini-collapse losing 6 wickets before they passed our total; Archanan H taking 2-6. This went to show that with more commitment from our batters another and another 20 runs we could have won.

MAE

Defeat with dignity!
U13A lost to Orley Farm by 49 runs.

Send to field first we got off to a fantastic start as an over-confident farmer chipped his first ball straight to Archanon H who managed to cling on. Unfortunately this brought in a batsman who went on to score 93 not out, but that's cricket! We worked harder in the field and some bowlers took their chances, but there were still too many poor deliveries that were "given the treatment". Special thanks to Charles F, Zac A and Anuj M who all stood in for missing colleagues and tried hard.

We were never going to score 142 to win this game and I advised our batsmen to enjoy their time at the crease and not be panicked into giving it away and seeing us 30 something all out. Although we batted slowly frustration grew in the farmers and one opening bowler imploded into a series of wides and no balls. However, wickets fell and Kyran D came to the wicket with a previous best of surviving two deliveries. On this occasion he made the most of being dropped by the wicket keeper and went onto blast 31 not out, including at least one fine cricket shot. Our final score of 94-7 was a seasons best and I do hope that we can build on this in the remaining matches.

MAE

U11C Cricket Vs Orley Farm
U11's lost by 54 runs

The U11 C team played a game of pair's cricket, this ensured that they all got a turn to bowl and face two overs no matter what!

We lost the toss and had to bat first, we got off to a promising start with Alex M being our star batsmen and gaining a fair few wides from their bowlers but disaster then struck! We lost two wickets in quick succession of each other due to lack of communication, resulting in a lost of 10 runs (5 runs per wicket). After another two overs we lost another 3 wickets and we ended on a grand total of 35 runs.

It was then our turn to field and the boys showed some promising signs with excellent fielding, not allowing Orley farm to gain runs. A special praise goes to Niraj M and his bowling. He got 2 wickets off of his 2 overs and only allowed Orley Farm to gain 2 runs from those 2 overs. However, in came there star batsmen who was hitting sixes and fours, left, right and centre! Orley Farm ended on 89 runs!

Some members of the C team showed promising signs, with better communication and concentration we can hope for a better result.

CE

UNDER 11A v ORLEY FARM

A victory was set up, but then ...

Tight bowling and tidy fielding by QHS restricted Orley Farm to 4 runs per over for the whole innings; whenever it looked as though the batsmen might begin to assert themselves, they were pegged back for a few overs. At 76 for 2 with 4 overs left a total of 100 looked likely; suddenly an unlikely collapse set in and, 3 overs later, the score was 80 for 8. A final total of 83 for 8 looked within reach.

Then it all went wrong; 5 of the 6 senior players were too casual and lacking in determination, getting themselves out unnecessarily; they then decided that making lots of unhelpful noise from the boundary was the next best option. Bhavik, as captain, tried to steady things, and the 4 members of prep 5 tried their best, but it was a hopeless task, and defeat came too easily. The school expects a better effort from members of an A team, no matter what the age-group or the sport.

GPB