



Quainton Hall School

Newsletter

Monday 5th July 2010

No. 26

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of this academic year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, words of encouragement and observations. It has been a very enjoyable first year for me, with much to learn and think about. Some low key, preliminary changes have already taken place and I urge you to make sure that you receive and read the contents of our end of term mailing to you as it will contain not only your child's end of year report but important information regarding timings of the school day, arrangements for after school care and an important announcement regarding the future character and development of the school.

I would also like to thank all of my teaching and administrative colleagues for their support and tolerance of a new Headmaster! I have learned a lot from them and together, I hope we will be able to work for the benefit of all the pupils here in school.

We look forward to Speech Day tomorrow and to celebrate the achievements of our pupils and I would urge you to be in place at Trinity Church by 1.30pm so that we can begin our programme at 1.45pm.

With our recent appointment of Fr Ian Newton as the replacement for Fr Neil, I can now confirm the deployment of Form Teachers for September 2010;

Reception	Mrs Scanlon & Mrs Guinnelly.
PP1	Mrs Halai & Mrs Bridge.
PP2	Mrs Naylor-Smith & Mrs Murphy
P3	Fr Ian Newton.
P4	Mrs Whitmore.
P5	Miss Berry.
P6	Mr Bester.
P7	Mr Ellis.
P8	Mrs Ramsay.

Mrs Mahon will take up her new role as Head of Lower School and will have teaching commitments in Pre-Prep and Prep. Mr Still will continue in his role as Head of Technology and Maths and will be working to help re-cast the FQHS and the Old Quaintonians Association.

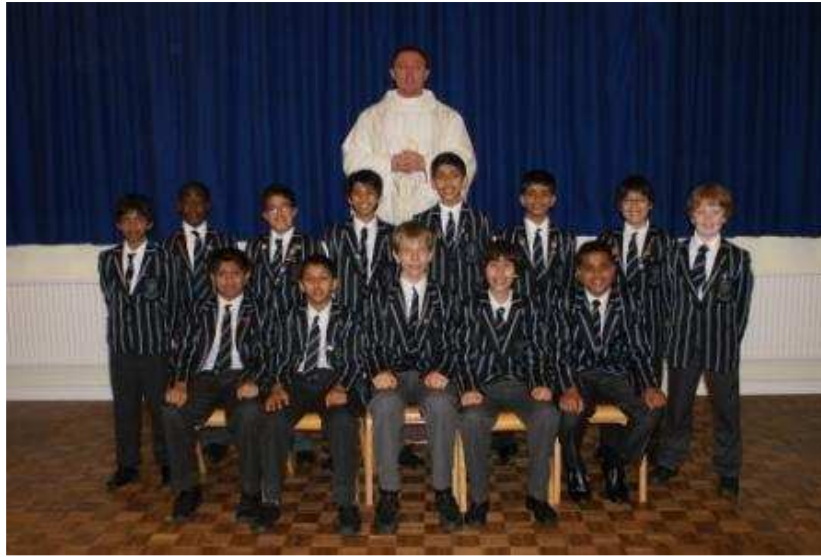
In conclusion, I also enclose a copy, as a reminder, of out term dates for the academic year 2010 -2011.

Very best wishes to you all, for a happy and safe summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Edwin Brown.

+ The Chapel of Saint Francis +



The following boys have been awarded their altar servers badges over the past few weeks: Shayon, Djavhan, Josiah, Aahil, Dilan, Archie, Mark, Dashant, Kiran, Freddie, Anuj, Shohan, Lakshan and Kunal. I would like to thank them for all their diligence in assisting me at the altar along with the chapel choristers and the members of staff who have made worship at QHS so lively and so much fun over the past six years.

Since I will be leaving Quanton Hall this term, I would like to say a farewell to you all and thank everyone so much for participating so fully in the life of our chapel. To the boys who have worked hard and achieved so well in their 13+ RS exams over the years... many congratulations!

With all good wishes and every blessing,
Father Neil.

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Congratulations to Bradley and Anuj for winning major prizes at the Haileybury Awards Ceremony last week. Bradley was overall second winner, years 3 & 4, with his vibrant mixed-media painting 'Phoenix Rising'. Anuj was overall second winner, years 7 & 8, with his beautiful watercolour 'Dragon' portrait. What a fantastic achievement!

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Many cricket matches ...

Perhaps the “biggest match” of recent weeks was a victory over Merchant Taylor’s U13 A. Spurred on by their coaches suggestion that we all watch the football world cup rather than play we scored 116 off our 20 overs, with some dogged batting late on from Shamir P and Freddie D. Great effort all round and a catch from Shamir saw M.T’s all out well short of the target – and England won without out attendance!

Versus QE boys the U12’s were less focussed, although Vaibhav D did score 35 – the best knock of the season and another solid performance from him. Our 100 looked a bit thin and when we decided to drop just about every catch available this game was lost.

The U13 Orley Farm tournament was another victim of “Football Fever” since the start time was changed to 8.30am in order for the country to witness England’s dismal defeat to Germany. This was no excuse, however for two of our senior players being an hour late and disrupting our performance. With 9 men we batted heroically, lead by Kyran D, as we managed a total of 82 off our 10 overs. With 11 men our fielding held up and Orley Farm were narrowly beaten by 4 runs – a great result. Sadly we could not maintain our momentum against Westminster School and we had a heavy loss which condemned us to third place in the group on net run rate, and we were home in time to watch the football...

The U11A's final game against Buckingham College was a game to forget. The boys spend the whole day talking up Buck's opening batsman Omar, then bowled like beginners, had a chat to Omar from time to time, congratulated Omar on his last 6 and finally applauded his century. Our best players then got themselves out and only Samir C-A(15) and Aahil D(26) came out of the game with any honour. On a positive note the B's – who I have enjoyed working with this summer tried their best and WON!

MAE

Cricket 2010 – a general comment.

With no outstanding players at school this year every boy in each team has had a part to play. Once again QHS has shown that we are competitive on the cricket field and there have been some good wins. However, I have noticed that some boys and teams are WINNERS whilst others are LOOSERS. Winners start out positively, they back themselves and try to make the most of their abilities. Losers might as well not get onto the bus! They score very few runs, usually 0, despite batting well in practise, they bowl wides, or half way down the pitch and you just know that they are going to drop that vital catch, or let that ball go for 4. Please be a WINNER and enjoy your cricket!

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Quinton Hall School. Academic Year 2010 – 2011. Term Dates

Michaelmas 2010

Staff INSET	Monday 6th & Tuesday 7 th Sept.
Pupils return	Wednesday 8 th Sept.
Half-Term	Monday 18 th to Friday 29 th October
Pupils return	Monday 1 st November
Term ends	Friday 17 th December

Lent 2011

Staff INSET	Monday 10 th January
Pupil return	Tuesday 11 th January
Half-term	Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th February
Pupils return	Monday 28 th February
Term ends	Friday 8 th April

Trinity 2011

Staff INSET	Tuesday 26 th April
Pupils return	Wednesday 27 th April
Half-term	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June

Summer Holidays Uniform Shop

Just to confirm that I have now managed to organise the uniform shop opening for the summer holidays.

As previously, we will be opening just before the term starts on:

Monday 6th September 10.00am – 11.45am
Tuesday 7th September 10.00 am – 11.45 am

Mrs Beresford-Smart