



Newsletter

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Dates:

December half
term:

Break up:

Friday 21st
December

Return to School:

Tuesday 8th
January

February half
term:

Break up:

Friday 15th
February

Return to School:

Monday 25th
February

Teacher Training
Day:

Monday 7th
January



Parents/ Carers,

It has been a really busy term with lots going on for the students.

Road Safety week was an excellent learning event focusing on tangible skills that are vital for all young people. To top things off, we won the Modeshift Birmingham School of the Year with our Independent Travel Provision for 2019. Unfortunately, we didn't win the Regional Award but a huge accolade in itself.

Awards Evening was a highlight to celebrate the students successes and their great results!

Due-diligence continues next term as the school prepares to be part of The Education Impact Academy Trust (Wilson Stuart MAT). More information & Consultation will take place in the New Year.

Have a happy, safe family focused break

Mr Christopher Wilson
Acting Head Teacher

Year 11 GCSE Mock Examination Dates

Week 1

28/01/2019	GCSE Science (Biology)
29/01/2019	GCSE Science (Chemistry)
30/01/2019	GCSE Religious Studies
31/01/2019	GCSE Maths (non-calculator)
01/02/2019	GCSE ICT

Week 2

04/02/2019	GCSE Science (Physics)
05/02/2019	GCSE D&T
06/02/2019	GCSE English
07/02/2019	GCSE Maths
08/02/2019	GCSE ICT

Week 3

11/02/2019	GCSE English
12/02/2019	GCSE Science (Biology)
13/02/2019	GCSE Maths (calculator)
14/02/2019	GCSE Science (Chemistry)
15/02/2019	GCSE Science (Physics)

All Examinations will start at 9.00am

Queensbury School v Langley School Football Match

A Queensbury team made up of year 7 and some year 8 pupils played the annual football match against Langley School on Monday 12th November at Queensbury School.

The match was played in a competitive but friendly spirit with Queensbury coming out 6-5 winners with goals from Jak, Connor and Tyrese. Sports leaders from Queensbury Andrew, Owen and Aaron did an excellent job officiating and helping to organise the fixture.

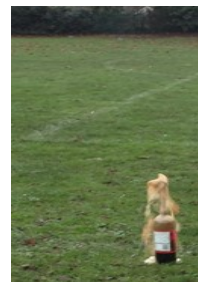
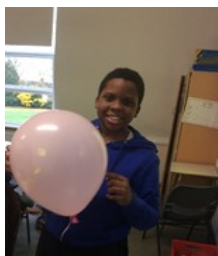
Some pupils from Queensbury watched the game and cheered the team on to victory.

8.1 have been learning about static electricity and magnets



9.2 have been doing acids and alkalis

Also we did a coke and mentos experiment to show neutralisation and surface area effect of rates of reaction.



Arts Faculty

Year 8 & Year 9 DT Work



Poppy Workshop

Thank you to all students, parents/carers and staff who attended the Parent and child Craft workshop where we made beautiful poppies from recycled drinks bottles which was then assembled to create a Remembrance Day sculpture.



Congratulations to Piratheesh, Liam and Max for their winning designs for the Queensbury birthday card competition.



Year 8 students made stuffed Emoji's to go with their Emotions in Textiles.

Well Done 8R!!!



6th Form Community Access

6th Form visited the German Market, practicing being independent and tasting delicious food!

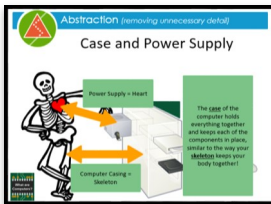
Merry Christmas !!



Festive Season Baking



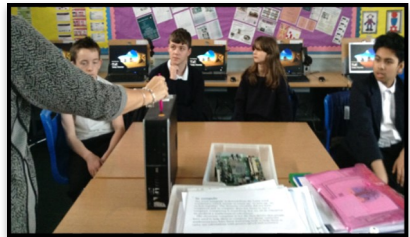
9R Inside the machine



We have been looking inside a computer as part of our 'Understanding Computers' topic.

We have been relating the components of the computer to the parts of the our body.

Mrs Ellis showed us the parts of the computer and where they are positioned in the base unit.



CPU, Motherboard, RAM, power supply, case, and hard drive.



We really enjoyed it!

Queensbury Transport and Independent Travel Training has had an extremely busy term. As a school, we were excited to be invited to the Midlands and the North West Modeshift STARS Regional Awards (The National School Travel Awards), where we were recognised for our success in the promotion of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel. We won the Birmingham Stars SEND School of the year 2019. Modeshift stars was a new challenge for us and now that we have our Bronze level, we're aiming for Silver this year. Look out for more bikeability, scootability and much more to come.

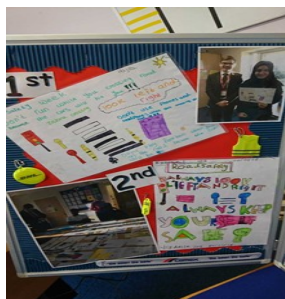


ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd November 2018 was National Road Safety Awareness Week. Throughout the week students were taught how to stay safe on the roads, both as pedestrians and cycle users. There were practical demonstrations, assemblies and lessons. Year 7 made traffic light biscuits and sold them during break times. Across the school we held a poster competition - our prizes and judging was kindly donated from Harry at Education Network.



1st place: Amina, 2nd place: Kydelle and 3rd place: Aaron, with several runners up. All students worked extremely hard and I understand Harry had a difficult time judging!!



As a school we have valuable partnerships with Cemex, Ryder and Transervice. These partnerships open many opportunities for our students and we were very fortunate to have a Cement mixer from Cemex, and lorries from Ryder and Transervice on site throughout the week. Staff from these companies spent the day talking to many of our students about lorry safety, they learnt about the blind spots the lorry drivers have and the technology on the lorries to help them. The students were encouraged to walk around the vehicle and identify potentially hazardous areas. Both Staff and Students had the opportunity to sit in the drivers seat, whilst the technology inside the cabin was explained. This teaching gave the students valuable opportunities to really think about and discuss road safety at a very practical level.

On Friday we held a non-uniform 'Bright Day' to support being safe and being seen. Students were encouraged to wear bright clothes. The aim of Bright Days is to raise awareness of the people hurt or killed everyday on our roads, promoting the importance of being seen and driving slowly. Both Cemex and Ryder very kindly donated High Visibility Vests for all of our students, so all were able to fully participate in activities.



Work experience at Tesco New Oscott for Erdington Foodbank

During the week commencing 26th November, our sixth form class 6A carried out work experience.

The work experience was hosted by the Tesco Extra store in New Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. The purpose was to help the Erdington Foodbank which is based close to school.



There were four specific jobs for the students to carry out during the week, which they did by way of a rota. The jobs were:-

Handing out leaflets as customers entered the store – customers were given leaflets containing information about the Foodbank. More importantly, each leaflet had a list of items that the Foodbank required ranging from tinned goods to toilet rolls. In doing this students had to use their communication skills to quickly explain what was happening and what was needed. Students had to react to the varied responses and answer questions where necessary. For many students this was quite nerve-racking but everyone got involved and did really well.



Collecting cash in buckets – students were stationed in high footfall areas to collect cash donations from customers. Students learned to be very, very patient, to thank customers and explain what happens to the cash when asked.

Bag packing – students stood by the tills offering to pack customer's bags. This was a free service offered to all customers, who could then make a donation if they wanted. Students had to communicate with customers and be polite and helpful.

Stacking – students worked in pairs to transfer donations from trollies and collections points to stackable trays. The trays were on large wheeled cages which meant the Foodbank could collect them quickly and easily. Students had to work as a team to fill the trays with as many items as possible but had to keep out of the way of trolley pushing customers as they left the store.



At various times the students worked alongside other volunteers including Firefighters from Erdington Fire Station, Erdington Foodbank staff and Wylde Green Rotary Club members.

On Friday, Erdington MP Jack Dromey paid a visit to the students as they worked. Jack took time to talk to the students and staff and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Grand totals will be announced in a special assembly in school but midway through the week students had collected 75 trays of donations and £1 100 in cash, which is used to buy desperately needed items.

Queensbury school and the students would like to thank:-

Tesco's for giving us the work experience opportunity.

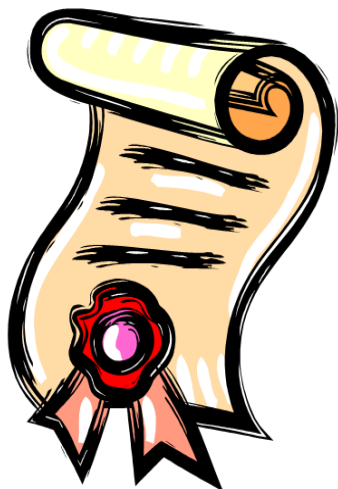
The generous shoppers, visitors and staff at Tesco Extra, New Oscott.

And finally, our extra special thanks to Tesco Community Champion, Jo James.

Achievement Evening

On Wednesday 28th November we held our annual Achievement Evening. It was a wonderful night, celebrating the successes of our students in their accredited courses. We also welcomed back some previous students Tony, Sophie, Emma and Keelan who told us about the jobs they are now doing, hopefully inspiring our present students.

Thank you to all staff, parents and students who made the night a success.



Acknowledgements

Thank you to Rashmi from Specialist Crafts for donating two fantastic Art boxes full of high quality Art and Textile materials.



A big thank you to B1 Bespoke Ltd for their generous donation of fabrics to our Textiles Department.



Christmas is here and the season of good will has arrived.

A huge thanks to Asda Superstores who donated a wonderful tree and other Christmas elements.

The School hall looks fabulous.

All the students and staff have been very appreciative of having the space sparkle brightly.

We wish to thank the generosity of Asda Superstores for making the School an even more special place.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Christmas Fayre



Thursday, 20th December 2018

The Christmas Fayre will take place between the following times;

- Years 7, 8 and 9 (10.05am to 10.40am)
- Years 10 and 11 (10.55am to 11.30am)
- 6th Form (11.30am to 12.05pm)

Stalls will be selling;

- * Doughnuts
- * Games (Knock out Santa, Pull Straws and Electric wire)
- * Bric-a-brac
- * Hot chocolate
- * Hot dogs
- * Christmas Grotto - £1.00
- * Tombola
- * Cakes, biscuits, chocolate melted strawberries
- * Raffle Hamper

All Welcome and all money raised will go to School Funds

BREAKFAST CLUB (Monday – Friday) 8.15am - 8.45am



Toast 10p per slice

Tea 20p

Hot Chocolate 20p

Juice 20p



PLEASE NOTE - There is NO Staff supervision in School before 8.15am. Students must not be in School unaccompanied before this time.

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Also, if your child is being collected by a different family member/ friend please notify Reception.

Without prior permission we are unable to let your child off school premises until we have contacted you.

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Happy
Holidays
to all



