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Humanities Faculty newsletter October 2024

Meet a member of the faculty



Name: Miss Hambleton
Subject/s taught: History
Favourite food: Poutine

Geography Quality mark

At the start of term, we were thrilled to hear that the Geography department had been awarded the Geography Quality Mark. This is in recognition of all the amazing work that goes on within the department. Congratulations to our Geographers!



Humanities prefects

We are excited to announce that our Sixth form prefects for Humanities for 2024/5 are:

- Luana
- Reed

Luana and Reed will be doing lots within the faculty including our new and exciting Humanities club for Year 7!

Year 7 & 8 Humanities Club

We are thrilled to announce that the Humanities club launched this half-term. It is run by our Sixth form prefect team for all students in Year 7 and 8. Please encourage your children to attend. It is **lunchtime every Thursday in room 15**. We watch films, play games and do lots of fun Humanities based activities. Students can also bring their lunch with them!

Key Stage Three Summer Reading Challenge Winner

Congratulations to Ruhe-Zahra in 9FD. A fantastic entry. Well done to all our students who entered.



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Sixth form Humanities essay writing competition

Congratulations to Joy in Year 13 for writing an incredible essay. It is available to read in the Sixth Form Centre or via Mrs Charlton.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Megan and Olivia in Year 13 for completing their Lessons from Auschwitz Project through the Holocaust Education Trust.



Humanities Google sites

On the front page of the student school page under revision, students will find links to the Humanities Google sites. There are three sites. Please encourage your children to use them.

- Key Stage 3 (Year 7 - 9)
- Key Stage 4 (GCSE)
- Key Stage 5 (A-level)

Help needed!

Did you or a family member study a Humanities subject at either A-level or at University? If so, the Humanities faculty would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Charlton charlitta@queens.herts.sch.uk



What's going on in.....

- Geography** - As a department, we wish to start off the year by celebrating the successes of both our Year 13 and 11 students who received some fantastic results in the summer. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them all every success in their next steps.
We have kick started the year with our annual Year 13 Field Trip visit to Slapton, Devon. The weather was not always on our side but, the students displayed great tenacity whilst collecting the data for their NEA and we even had some great encouragement from a seal who was very inquisitive about what the students were up to! Now we are back in the classroom, outstanding data presentation and analysis is well and truly underway and we can't wait to read the final end projects! The A*/A club is a new addition to supporting students this year and there has been great discussions and debates already! Don't forget to attend if you have been invited!
Year 10 have made a really positive start to their GCSE course and, as part of the unit on Ecosystems, Biodiversity and Management, have been learning about the importance of the tropical rainforest biome and how climate change is affecting this vital ecosystem. Year 11 have begun the countdown to their mock exams and to support them on their journey the 8/9 club has begun and this revision session is proving to be both exciting and thought provoking.
Lower down the school there are lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place however, the real buzz has been around Year 8 collecting crime data for their upcoming assessment reports. We are looking forward to some suggestions about how crime prevention can be improved.
What a great start to the year Geographers!
- History**- Congratulations to all our students who received their grades in the summer! In total we had eight students who chose to pursue either History or Politics at university. Special mention should go to Aisha for gaining a place at Oxford to study History having received an A* in History! Our current Year 13s have now started their Coursework and the Russia course, with the end of A-levels now in sight!



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We welcomed a new A-level course and new A-level students in September. Students have already enjoyed lessons in the South Africa and America courses.

Our GCSE students once again achieved fantastic results in the summer and we hope that the current Year 11's will continue to show their capabilities. The 8/9 club and A/A* club has already begun under Miss Watkins expertise and keep an eye out for revision sessions for GCSE and A-level students after half-term.

- **Politics** - Huge congratulations to our former Year 13 students on their fantastic A-level results! All students worked incredibly hard and achieved at least one grade above their Year 12 mock results. Well done to Beth Lula and Scarlet in achieving an A grade in their exam. Our current Year 13s are off to a wonderful start in what is already a busy half-term. Students have been studying US Politics, the timing could not be any better as there has been plenty to discuss with the upcoming US election. Students will need to continue to keep up to date with current events in preparation for their exams. Finally, a warm welcome back to our Year 12 students who have already shown great enthusiasm for the subject, both year groups have delivered an engaging assembly on the US election to their year group during Face the Future. Keep an eye out for upcoming trips including our annual trip to the Houses of Parliament and Supreme Court.
- **PRE** - Congratulations to Noah for achieving a well deserved grade A in his Religious Studies A-level. His hard work, focus and dedication over the past two years paid off. Equally, very well done to Ayesha and Ruby who achieved impressive grade 9's in their Religious Studies GCSE. A number of other Religious Studies Year 11 students also achieved grade 8's.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term.

The Humanities Faculty

