



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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SCIENCE AWARD**
at UK BIG BANG STEM finals

WELCOME



As you will see from this latest edition of the school newsletter, life has been as busy as ever at Queen's Park over the last term – there's certainly lots to be proud of!

We finish for the spring break with the exciting news that the build for Chester International School is now complete and the staff and students will be

moving in prior to our return. This has been a long and sometimes difficult journey for everyone involved in a project of this magnitude and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for their patience and perseverance during this time of upheaval. Upon our return I am certain that our students will be delighted to see our main corridors restored back to full use (downstairs and upstairs) as well as having the added benefit of a new bright and airy canteen with new seating as well as an outdoor sheltered area. Our roof works will be continuing until the end of April by which time we will hopefully be able to wave goodbye to all the contractors on site, for the time being, leaving us to be ready to approach the exam season without any additional disruptions.

Spring Term 2

Our next half term will be slightly disjointed with the Easter weekend falling at the end of the first week back coupled with the May Day bank holiday as well. It is therefore really important that we can ensure the momentum and support needed for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they approach their forthcoming GCSE and A-level exams which start on Monday 13th May until the end of June. To this end, from Monday 15th April, the Library (LLC) will return to being a quiet zone over break and lunch times for students wishing to study, read or complete their coursework. With the opening of the new canteen, we will be restoring the East End canteen area back to being a social area, alongside all the outdoor spaces, for those wishing to chat with their friends.

I know many of our students will be working extremely hard over the spring break in preparation for the exams. *Please remember that we are all here to support you; talk to your teachers and ask for help if you need it. School will also be open for you on Saturday mornings if you need a quiet space to work. We wish you every success over the coming weeks – you can do it!*

Miss L Watterson, HEADTEACHER



In it to win it!

The Maths team have launched their first ever 'Hegarty Maths Awards'. On the first day of each half term the top 10 users in Year 9 and Year 10 are entered into a prize draw to win Amazon vouchers. The Year 11 draw runs every week and students must have completed an hour or more on Hegarty Maths during that week to be eligible to enter.

Congratulations to all the winners this term for their outstanding performances. Well done to Ronnie Scarth (Year 9), Connor Williams (Year 10) and Martha Petcu, David Puscuta, Evie Dougherty, Leah Thompson, Kamila Glowacks, Kian Armstrong, Dylan Champion and Rebecca Taziker (Year 11).

Enjoy spending your Amazon vouchers! It's never too late to get learning but you have to be in it to win it! Will you be next?



'We Came.. We 'Dunked'.. We Conquered!'

Students win Junior Science Award in National Final



“ I loved the vast opportunities to speak to big companies that reinforced my confidence in my future engineering career.”

Team Member, Tyler Gordon



A genius team of Year 10 students represented Queen's Park High School at The Big Bang National Finals in Birmingham during British Science Week 2019.

Last year, the semi-finals of this competition took place at The Big Bang North West in Liverpool where our team of budding scientists were thrilled to be announced as a regional finalist for their ingenious & inspirational invention.

This year, the students investigated which biscuit is best to dunk in a cup of tea without it falling apart and designed and built a biscuit dunking machine which will systematically dunk the biscuit into a brew! Students worked on analysing data from their results to create their own 'ultimate, invincible biscuit' that is perfect for dunking!

After winning the regional heats the team have worked hard refining the project, ready to share their ideas and wow the judges at the National Final.

The team of seven, comprising Beth Henderson Palmer,

Kiara Parlevliet, Maddy Lewis, James Fawcett, Adam Thomas, Tyler Gordon and Rory Jones travelled to Birmingham thanks to funding from Trajan Science and Medical, to compete against other finalists from around the country.

“ Much blood, sweat, tears and biscuits have gone into this project. The soldering and circuitry was challenging to get our heads around but we had a Eureka moment when we installed an electronic counter to finally perfect the dunker mechanism.”

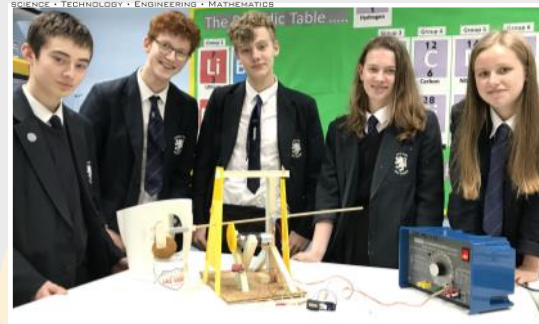
Rory Jones & James Fawcett

After three busy days amazing the judges with their original invention, the Year 10 team were not only nominated for the much coveted Competitors' Choice Award but also announced as Runners Up in the prestigious Junior Science Award – one of only three schools out of the country to gain this accolade!!

What an incredible achievement! Well done team dunkers, we are immensely proud of you!



STEM
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“ It's fantastic to see that the year of hard work on this project has paid off and that this was recognised by the judges. Students are now planning to send their research to McVites so that they can share their results on the ultimate biscuit!”

Miss Sutton, Achievement Leader for Science





BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

A journey of investigation

Throughout the week of the 11th March 2019 students celebrated British Science Week. They took part in a range of activities to develop their science knowledge and investigative skills.

The theme of the week was 'journeys' and students in Year 7 worked in teams to design a model rocket to launch. Some fantastic creations were seen and record breaking distances of 5 metres were achieved!

Year 8 students competed to build the tallest structure from spaghetti that would hold the weight of a pencil and stand upright for 30 seconds. In Year 9, students looked at reducing the journey taken by people to collect clean water by designing and making a water filter system to convert dirty water to clean water.

In KS4, Year 10 students learned about the variety of STEM careers from the NHS through to engineering.

Finally, students were able to observe a thrilling dissection of a sheep's brain to discover the functions of different areas of the brain... thanks to the handiwork and iron stomach of Miss Luff!

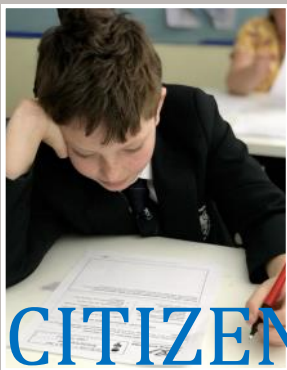


Since the new year, our KS4 students have been busy developing their own independent learning skills from a fantastic resource we have had a pleasure of introducing. GCSEPod is a phenomenal online database which holds revision materials for almost all subjects studied at GCSE across all the exam boards. The platform has encouraged our KS4 students to take responsibility for their learning and enabled students to widen and develop their subject knowledge ready for their examinations in the summer. Year 11 students have been working on GCSEPod since January and Year 10 students were given access in February. Each week, students who are actively working on the GCSEPod platform are identified in school and the top ten in both year groups receive acknowledgement in the post! Make sure you are not missed off the VIP posting list! If you wish to receive more information in regards to GCSEPod or supporting your son/daughters usage of GCSEPod please email: z.oliver@qphs.co.uk

GCSEPod is the future!

Students excel using on-line revision database





CITIZENSHIP DAYS


Students from all year groups have been actively engaged in a range of exciting activities during Citizenship Days this year. Visiting professionals were invited into school to talk to students about risk, mental health, career pathways, apprenticeships and ultimately aiming high.

Year 7 & 8: Students completed a carousel of workshops focusing on *risk taking behaviours* and *all about me*. PC Sally Malone led sessions on Drugs & Alcohol awareness whilst tutors discussed topics including, smoking, relationships, puberty and the Criminal Justice System.

As part of an Enabling Enterprise Challenge, Year 7 also investigated the world of law and had the opportunity to turn around a failing law firm! Year 8 met K-os the interactive avatar at Dangerpoint in Talacre. Through an interactive experience they journeyed from the home to the beach, countryside, farm & other settings to learn about risks and how to keep safe whilst having fun! We are pleased to say they are all now safety savvy!

Year 9: Students learned about Careers Education Information &

Guidance (CEIG) and took part in the McDonald's Careers and Employability Challenge to discover more about the labour market. Thanks go to Charlie Close and Roberta Pomponio for their insightful talk about careers in the army and the NHS. The students also had a rare opportunity to listen to the inspirational Shaun Stoker from *Making Generation R*, a charity for limbleless veterans, who spoke about resilience and overcoming adversity. Whilst sharing his story he encouraged students to reflect upon their own life goals and inspired them to be the best they can be. Theatre Production Company, *2engage* staged a hard hitting performance entitled '*Risking it All*' addressing CSE social network & substance misuse, inappropriate relationships, peer pressure and exploitation.

Year 10 & 11  *What is my future focus? What career could I aspire to?* These were just two of the questions students considered during the Enabling Enterprise '*Future Focus*' Challenge. Students explored different careers and learnt about the skills needed for their chosen career before creating an action plan for their

next steps. Enabling Enterprise led further sessions that focused on commitment and confidence, enabling students to develop core enterprise skills.



Year 12 & 13: Dr Dave Armson led workshops linked to the ASK Programme covering apprenticeship applications, interview skills and recruitment methods. Students took part in a '*Your Money Matters*' workshop to develop their financial literacy through exploring saving, budgeting, borrowing, security & fraud, risk & reward.

Year 12 students also ventured over the border to visit Glyndwr University to get a feel of uni life. After initial talks and tours from student ambassadors and receiving free goody bags, they split into two groups to work with the science and art & photography departments. They looked at how to filter water, test powders along with some new photography skills!



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UK MATHS CHALLENGE

Set to solve a 'Feast' of problems

On Thursday 7th February our top Year 9 and 10 students took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Challenge. These maths challenges comprise of lively, intriguing multiple choice question papers, which are designed to stimulate an interest in maths in large numbers of students. The three levels cover the secondary school range 11-18 and together they attract over 600,000 entries from over 4,000 schools and colleges.

Congratulations to our highest achievers and certificate winners, Jack Smith, Sophie McDonough, Lowri Jones and Isaac Miller (Year 9); and James Fawcett, Beth Henderson-Palmer, Finlay Jaworski, Joseph Standen, Kiara Parlevliet, Eirinn McGuire, Dylan Howard and Jonah Wardle (Year 10).

On 22nd March, eight of our top mathematicians in Year 10 represented Queen's Park High School at the AMSP (Advanced Mathematics Support Programme) Maths Feast at The Bishops' Blue Coat CE High School to compete against other teams from schools across Cheshire. This event offered a fantastic academically challenging competition that raises achievement and recognises academic performance. There were four really tough rounds featuring some mathematics the students had never encountered before. Despite this, both our two teams managed to be the best performers in a number of the rounds!

Well done to everyone involved.



ADVANCED MATHS WORKSHOP

Sixth Formers face University Challenge

On Tuesday 12th February Queen's Park High hosted a 'Maths Challenge Day' for Year 12 students from QPHS and other local high schools. The workshop was led by Dr Martin Bamber from the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme at the University of Chester and supported by Maths PGCE students.

Approximately 50 sixth form students attended the workshop and the main focus was for them to apply their mathematical understanding to solve problems.

The activity became competitive in the final session with a prize for the top performers.

We are delighted to announce that the winning team came from QPHS. Well done to Louise Coleman, Liv Halewood and Jude Johnson; true mathletes!

“The Challenge Day widened our knowledge and provided us with a greater understanding of the topics”

Dan Kefford, Year 12

“I thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. We developed new maths skills such as integration and differentiation with the help of the Chester University students. These new skills gave us the edge to win the problem solving competition at the end of the session - it was great fun!”

Olivia Halewood, Year 12



TESSELLATIONS

Shape, duplicate, reflect, repeat

The maths department launched a tessellation competition over the February half term holiday.

A tessellation is a repeating pattern of 2D shapes that continues in all directions, leaving no gaps.

The artist, M.C. Escher, produced a number of stunning tessellations that were shown to students to give them some ideas about how to create their own work of art.

During their maths lessons, Year 7 students discovered that all triangles and quadrilaterals tessellate.

Mr Johnson produced a stunning tessellation of rabbits (that a number of students thought looked more like cats!), before producing his masterpiece - a tessellation of dinosaurs! Mrs Blears-Chalmers also joined in and produced a tessellation inspired by her dog, Skye.

The standard of all the entries was extremely high, so Mr Johnson asked Miss Watterson to be judge and the top three winners were chosen.

Congratulations to Danielle Hitchen who was selected for first place, Mischa Dunn-Pritchard for second place and Joe Brown for third place.





CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

GCSE Awards Evening

On 23rd January, staff, guests and students past and present gathered to celebrate awards evening where students were formally awarded their GCSE certificates. Students and parents arrived for a drinks reception whilst a montage of Year 7 school photographs caused much amusement. Once all were seated, Mrs. Cutler opened the ceremony by welcoming everyone before Miss Watterson spoke to the audience about the students and their successes.

The key message was one of positivity and hard work to reap rewards. Students were then called up to collect their certificates in small groups, giving photo opportunities for proud parents and carers. Once the formal ceremony had come to an end, students and guests returned to the refreshments and a chance to mingle.

It was lovely to see the return of students who had ventured on to pastures new alongside our own Year 12 students. The evening provided a perfect opportunity for students to reconnect with their peers, whilst parents and carers reflected upon just where the time had gone! A lovely evening was had by all.



ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

Students represent Chester in UK Enterprise competition

The **Ryman National Enterprise Challenge** is the UK's largest enterprise competition. Keira Cheers, Richard Rogers, Jack Donlevy, Oliwia Drabik and Tyler Howard from Year 9 and Year 10 represented Queen's Park High School in the area competition held at the University of Chester.



“ We had a great day and learnt about UCFB as an employer as well as future pathways such as university courses, higher and degree level apprenticeships.”

Jack Donlevy Year 9

The students were faced with a challenge set by the University Campus of Football and Business (UCFB) - to design a new event or competition which would increase womens participation in football.

The students began by mind mapping what barriers women faced by taking part in this sport before developing their event. Their final concept was, 'The Dome', a giant inflatable pop up football containing football activities, an interactive element, information about local clubs and trade stands sponsored by local and national companies. The idea was for The Dome to travel around the country and 'pop up' at schools, colleges, hospitals, youth clubs etc to promote accessing sport and women's football in particular.

During the day, the students learnt about branding, marketing and costing and developed a range of transferrable skills such as teamwork, leadership, job delegation and time management.

At the end of the challenge, the students stepped out of their comfort zone to present their concept to the audience and a panel of judges.

DEVELOPING BUSINESS LINKS

QPHS join Young Chamber Programme

We are delighted to announce that Queen's Park High School have been welcomed by the Chamber of Commerce and have joined their Young Chamber Programme.

Since the programme launch in November 2017, Young Chamber have increased their cohort of schools to 12, and have almost 90 sponsors. Students can take part in a range of educational activity days and skills building exercises.



Young Chamber provides a range of different ways in which they can help students tap into the knowledge, skills and experience that local businesses can provide to help them succeed in the world of work. The programme also offers students the opportunity to take attend work placements that could potentially lead to future employment opportunities.

“It’s fantastic to welcome Queen’s Park High School to our Young Chamber programme. As we continue to welcome on board more sponsors to the programme, we couldn’t be better equipped with the skills needed to support the students partaking in the programme through our projects, interview days, careers fairs and much more!”

Debbie Bryce, Chief Executive Officer at the WCNW Chamber of Commerce

“We are incredibly lucky to be part of quite a unique setting here in Chester in terms of lifelong learning and employment. As we inspire and nurture the talents of our young people through this educational journey, it is also vitally important that we then open their eyes to the wealth of opportunities which equally exist around them in terms of their future employment. I would like to thank the WCNW Chamber of Commerce for their friendly welcome to the Young Chamber Programme and for all the benefits that this will bring for our students.”

Miss Watterson, Headteacher

“This opportunity will provide our students with access to the knowledge, skills and experiences that local businesses can provide for them to succeed in the world of work. We are looking forward to developing a strong partnership in order to plan and deliver a wide range of events and activities which will bridge the gap between the education sector and the business world.”

Mrs Watts, Careers Lead at QPHS



'GREASE' is the word!



School show is massive sell-out!

Grease the musical has been deemed by some audience members as our most incredible and successful production to date. Set in the 1950's, the story of high school love, trauma and friendship attracted our biggest audience to date with sell out shows and a demand to perform more!

Since October, over 20% of our school cohort have been actively involved in the production process in one way or another and have dedicated a huge amount of time each week during after school sessions, weekend masterclasses, countless rehearsals and fundraising activities in preparation for the live shows.

During the week 11th – 15th February students took to the stage to showcase their amazing talents to a packed hall of over 1000 people per night.

On Monday and Tuesday of production week we invited Year 5 children from 12 of our partner primary schools to come and watch the show. Feedback from the two matinee performances was extremely positive with many of the children leaving with the dream of performing in a Queen's Park High School production in the future.

“The talent on display was simply exceptional with an absolute commitment made by all members of the cast, crew and band to ensure that this show was the success it turned out to be.”

Mr Yeoman
Production Manager

The last time the school staged a production of Grease was in 2008 in which former student Calum Scott played the role of Danny. During this year's rehearsal process we were fortunate to have a visit from Calum, who was kind enough to talk to the cast and crew about his experience of playing a lead role in that show. Calum is now a professional actor working nationally in both theatre and television.





This year's production reached a national audience when our students were praised for their efforts on the Zoe Ball Radio 2 Breakfast Show! They even had a special good luck message recorded by Didi Conn who played 'Frenchie' in the original feature film and who starred as one of the celebrities in this year's 'Dancing on Ice'!



Following on from its success, Ioan (Stage Manager) Libby-Anne (Patty) and Liam (Danny) shared their experiences of what it is like to be involved in an outstanding school production to hundreds of Music and Drama teachers at the National Music and Drama expo in London on 6th March.



We look forward with excitement to producing our show next year. We already have ideas on what it may be and have set ourselves the challenge of raising the bar even higher in 2020!





ABOVE & BEYOND

Creativity reach new heights



VIDEO editing Green screen technology

This term Coding Club have been learning what it takes to be a video editor as part of the Curriculum Enrichment Programme. Over the course, they have mastered the art of cutting clips, adding sound effects and using transitions to create their videos. During one session the students learned how to add special green screen effects and even recorded themselves in front of a green screen to get an idea of how film studios and some of their favourite 'YouTubers' use this technology.



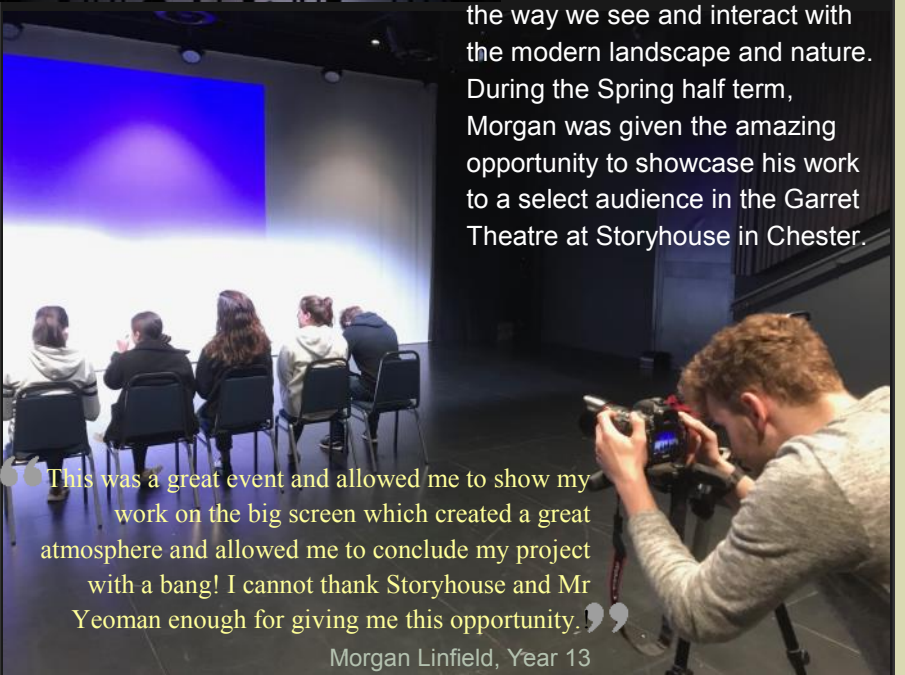
Mr Parker's Year 8 art class have been developing their ideas around the theme of landscapes. For their recent homework, they were asked to study a series of artists who viewed the landscape from an aerial perspective. Students selected their own resources, materials and techniques to use. The visual responses students presented showed their understanding and creativity to deliver the most outstanding work.

Well done Year 8, your excellent hard work has really impressed Mr Parker!

STORYHOUSE DEBUT Sixth former's artwork hits the big screen



Year 13 photography student, Morgan Linfield has been studying industrial and anthropocene landscapes as part of his personal investigation project. He has created an animation about the impact the digital world has on the way we see and interact with the modern landscape and nature. During the Spring half term, Morgan was given the amazing opportunity to showcase his work to a select audience in the Garret Theatre at Storyhouse in Chester.



This was a great event and allowed me to show my work on the big screen which created a great atmosphere and allowed me to conclude my project with a bang! I cannot thank Storyhouse and Mr Yeoman enough for giving me this opportunity.

Morgan Linfield, Year 13



LIVE THEATRE

An insight into acting

Seeing live theatre is an integral part of the A-level drama course. As such, in January we took a group of Year 12 and 13 students to watch the touring performance of *'The Comedy About A Bank Robbery'* at Storyhouse.

The performance was fantastic and gave students a flavour of how physical performances can be created to engage and entertain an audience in a way that they had previously not been aware of.

As part of this experience Seán Carey and Julia Frith, who both play the leads in the show, came into school to talk to our students about the play and more specifically, about the acting profession and how the industry works.

Thanks to the parents of Simone Butler in Year 9 for helping to organise this unique and amazing opportunity.

Let your VOICE be heard



We are delighted for Year 12 student Chloe Roberts who has been selected to join the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) Youth Panel. The Panel discuss police conduct towards

young people and aims to give young people a voice, build trust and raise young people's confidence in the police complaints system.

With only ten places available in the country, Chloe has done incredibly well to have secured this opportunity. Congratulations Chloe!



V FACTOR 2019

Charity talent show competition

On Friday 22nd March, 35 talented students took to the stage to perform in front of a panel of judges and an audience of over 220 people in a bid to be crowned the V Factor champion of 2019! The evening was a brilliant success raising over £600 for our nominated charity, *'Comics Youth'*.

The panel of judges consisted of our former music teacher, Vikki Stanners, Student Council Charities Ambassador, Reece Lloyd, Dee 106.3 Sports Presenter (and former student), Rob Jeffries and Managing Director of Comics Youth, Rhiannon Griffiths. Despite the best efforts of the staff, their acts didn't come close to the talent displayed by all of the students, with four student acts acquiring the coveted winning positions.

Fourth place went to Faith Taylor in Year 11 with her performance of *'Every Time'* by Britney Spears, third place went to brothers Reuben and Jonah Wardle in Year 12 & Year 10 with their performance of The Proclaimers' *'I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)'*, second place went to Georgina Hayes in Year 9 with her performance of Amy Winehouse's *'Feelin' Good'*. First place went to Kaitlin Pryce in Year 8, who not only sang Sarah Bareilles' *'She Used To Be Mine'* with artistic flair but also accompanied her singing on the grand piano.

The evening was a real celebration of the talent we have at QPHS and served as a platform to show the world just what our incredible students are capable of!

“ QPHS was where I probably learnt more and gained experiences that will remain with me for a lifetime. It was a pleasure being back there and still seeing and hearing incredible talent being guided in the right directions! ”

Rob Jeffries, Alumni & Dee106.3 Presenter





CHARITY NEWS

House teams battle it out in aid of Comic Relief



It was a fun packed and competitive lunch time on Friday 15th March as students launched into a range of exciting fundraising activities for Red Nose Day.

Throughout the week, in a bid to win the Battle of the Houses, students from Westminster, Grosvenor and Eaton sold red nose merchandise whilst tutor groups thought of fundraising ideas to encourage students and staff to part with their pennies. The House that raised the most money would be crowned the winner!

As well as donating £1 to take part in non-uniform day, students managed to raise an awesome £656.55 through their creative and novel activities.

These included a fancy dress theme for sixth form students, sponsored silence, cake sales, guess the number of sweets in a jar and a big favourite amongst the students – 'pie in the face!' Thank you to Sam and Molly in Year 8 for taking a hit for their house team!

A huge thank you and well done to all of our students, student leaders and the house teams for their hard work in preparation for this day and congratulations to the winning house Eaton who raised a whopping £259.16!

'Let's GO GREEN'

For the second year running, QPHS turned 'Green for Cancer' as part of a fundraising drive to help transform cancer care in the region.

During the week 4th – 8th February, QPHS was awash with green as our main school sign was projected with a green glow and students used their initiative to devise an assortment of green themed fundraising activities to raise money during break and lunchtime.

Instigated by Miss Britland, their 'Go Green' campaign included green cake bake sales, guess the number of peas in a jar, a raffle and green doughnut sales - which as predicted went down very well!

All proceeds raised were gratefully received by Clatterbridge Cancer Trust, a well deserving cancer charity based in the North West.

Thanks to everyone for their kind donations and efforts to support this worthy cause.

RED NOSE day





STAFF vs SIXTH FORM

It's a 'Starter for ten'!

Since our last update, we have been working really hard organising fundraising events for a number of charities. These have included, the first Sixth Form Charity Winter Ball which was held at the end of the Autumn Term at the new Blossoms Hotel. This was in aid of 'Chrohn's & Colitis UK'; a charity which has particular significance to the sixth form. This was an amazing social event for our peers and a great opportunity for them to let their hair down and share their interesting dance moves after a very stressful term! We have now set the bar and hope next year's leadership team will go one step further and create an even more exciting event in 2020.



Last term, we also hosted the second sixth form vs staff event - Quidditch, which again attracted over 100 students to watch the teachers and sixth form fly around the hall in a handball-dodgeball cross-sport also in aid of Chrohn's & Colitis UK. We are very proud to have raised over £350 between this event and the non school uniform day.

This term we have already hosted 'Wheely Chair' sports in which the staff had to wheel their way around the hall against the sixth form in a handful of crazy events and see if they could redeem themselves to win back the score from a 2-0 defeat.

We have also watched the sixth form and staff go head to head in a battle of general knowledge in what we called, 'Universally Challenged'. This was presented like the TV show itself in aid of the local charity Comics Youth. Finally for the more sporty members, we organised a lunch time hockey match where teams fought for victory in aid of the local charity 'ACTS'.

We end the term with the score of 3-2 to the sixth form and we hope to retain this lead to win the overall championship next term. Watch this space!

Written by the Student Leadership Team



YEAR 7 RUGBY TOURNAMENT

A touch of success

The newly formed Year 7 rugby team attended a mini tournament competing against Tarporley High School, The Catholic High School and Blacon High School. After only three weeks together, the nerves were showing but the weather was tropical and spirits were high. The whistle blew for the start of the first game and all nerves seemed to disappear into the sunny haze.

The boys got off to a great start with some fantastic passing and support play. They committed to every tackle and their discipline in defence was a credit to the hard work they had put in during their training sessions. They won their first game and this seemed to boost their confidence to go on to win all three of their games! A special mention is needed for Matthew Hunt who took a hit for the team by taking two of the biggest tackles of the day. He could have sat out but each time he dusted himself down and re-joined his team. Congratulations to all the boys and their coach, Mr Weir.



AIM HIGH Bounce Higher

Winners medal for Evie

Four Year 11 girls have been working incredibly hard to reach the required criteria for part of their practical element in their GCSE PE. This has involved them attending ten sessions of trampolining coaching where they have been put through their paces to create perfect shapes, rolls, twists and landings on the trampoline.

Part of the assessment requires them to demonstrate their skills in a competitive situation, so on Thursday 31st January, they very nervously participated in the Chester and District Trampolining Competition.

The girls did themselves and Queen's Park High School proud as they completed their routines without a hitch. Evie Dougherty displayed outstanding control and technical skills during her performance which secured her fourth place against a very strong field, some of whom were club trampolinists.

Well done to all four students including, Poppy Rosedale, Megan Pritchard, Kristine Tiskus and special congratulations to Evie for earning herself a winners medal.



Shoot FOR THE STARS



The Year 7 boys have had a victorious start to the year! They have been adding to their trophy cabinet since being crowned Chester and District Basketball Champions and remain undefeated in all of their games in the competition - an incredible achievement! Earlier this term, they also won the Chester and District Indoor Athletics Competition which meant the team qualified to represent Chester at the Cheshire and Warrington School Games.

The tournament took place at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village and the Queen's Park High School boys fearlessly competed in a number of events against the eight winning teams from the regional competitions.

There were some outstanding performances from Murphy Smyth & Finn Howard in the triple jump, Fletcher Pearson in the speed bounce, Matt Hunt in the shot put and Lewis Casey in the six lap individual.

The event came to a close with the widely anticipated relay race. Lewis Parsons, Harvey Hall-Jones, Kier Gordon and Murphy Smyth confidently eyed up their competition, and didn't disappoint! Each put in a dynamic sprint to leave their opponents in the distance and won first place!

The team put in some formidable performances finishing in third place overall and were presented with bronze medals.

During the indoor rowing finals, all three of our rowing crews returned triumphant with medals after beating seven other districts.

Congratulations to silver medallists Callum, Tom, Mate and James in Year 10, gold medallists Claudia, Emily, Erin, DD in Year 9 and Dylan, Joe, Iestyn and Josh in Year 10. Amazing results!



“ We have seen some fantastic results during these School Games. All our students were a credit to themselves and the school and should be very proud of their achievements! ”

Mr Taylor Curriculum Team Leader for RPA



'V' FOR *Victory* AT THE VELODROME

National Indoor Rowing Championships

It's hard to picture a rowing event at the national velodrome, but that's exactly what the QPHS rowing team were doing in February this year. Rowers representing QPHS from Years 7 through to sixth form were focused on showing off their indoor rowing prowess at the National Indoor Rowing Championships in Manchester.

Rowers competed in either furthest distance over a set time period or fastest time to compete a set distance in teams or as individuals.

It was a really intense day for all the team, with terrific efforts, personal bests and races rowed across the group.

Medal winners for the day were:

- **Women's Open Team:** Silver - Bethan Curtis (sixth form), Charlotte Carswell (sixth form), Grace Stark (Year 11) and Emily Cox (QPHS graduate)
- **Women's J14 Team:** Silver - Claudia Jackson, Lowri Jones, DD Smyth, Emily Keast (all Year 9)
- **J16 Team:** Gold - Dylan Howard (Year 10), James Cox (Year 10), Ben Baker (Year 11) and Joe Bamber (Year 10)
- **J18 Individual:** Gold - Harrison Kendall-Smith (Sixth Form)
- **J14 Individual:** Bronze - Luke Harris (Year 9)
- **WJ16 Individual:** Bronze - Grace Stark (Year 11)
- **WJ14 Individual:** Bronze - DD Smyth (Year 9)
- **J12 Individual:** Gold - Finn Howard (Year 7)

Well done to all the teams - you *smashed* it!



ROWING NEWS

CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Inaugural Awards Evening

On Friday 21st December Queen's Park High School Rowing Club hosted its first awards dinner at the Crown Plaza Hotel.

The award categories and winners were:

- **Most improved female rower:** Claudia Jackson (Year 9)
- **Most improved male rower:** Joe Bamber (Year 10)
- **Cox of the year:** Sam Baker (Year 9)
- **Most helpful rower:** James Cox (Year 10)
- **Best performing crew of the year:** Dylan Howard and Iestyn Burke (Year 10)
- **Bev Chuter - Rower of the year:** Dylan Howard (Year 10)
- **King capsizes award:** Tom Lawrence, for his perfect capsizes in front of the cameras and the judges at the Nationals!
- **'Future Proof' Leadership award:** Bethan Curtis (Sixth Form) - sponsored by *Future Proof*

Well done and congratulations to all the winners!



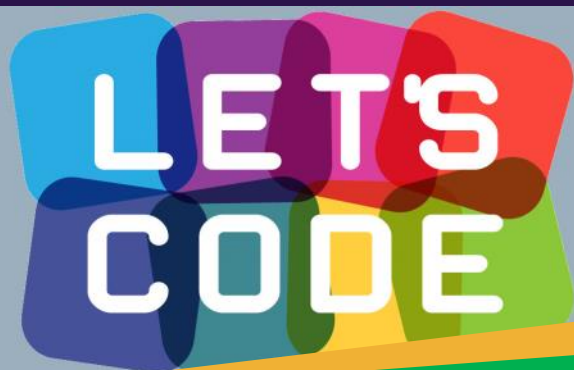
NORTH WEST TIME TRIALS

Dylan & Luke to represent the North West

We are incredibly proud that both Dylan and Luke have been selected to represent the North West Rowing in the upcoming Junior Inter Regional Regatta. Both Dylan and Luke performed exceptionally well at the Time Trials held at Northwich in early March winning their categories and will be representing the NW Rowing in J15 single and J14 single on 27th April in Peterborough.

All our other crews who represented QPHS Rowing Club at the time trials performed very well with all of them improving their individual times. This highlights the dedication and hard work that they put in during the lead up to the event. Keep it up everyone!





FREE WORKSHOP

LEARN TO CODE

FREE Coding workshop

FOR: Year 5 & 6 children

DATE: Friday 31st May

TIME: 10 am till 12 noon

WHERE: Queen's Park High School

Would you like to get to grips with code?
Do you want to learn the basics of how computer games are made?

On Friday 31st May, Queen's Park High School will be running a **FREE** coding workshop for Year 5 and Year 6 children in the new library space.

Activities include programming, micro:bit games, coding your own animations & designing computer generated art!

As spaces are limited they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

To secure a place for your child, please contact:
Lynn Morris email: L.morris@qphs.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Time
1 - 12 April	SPRING BREAK	
7 April	Rowing Event: Northwich	
15 April	School re-opens for all students	8.40am
19 April	GOOD FRIDAY	School closed
22 April	EASTER MONDAY	School closed
23 April	School re-opens for all students	8.40am
26 April	'Flesh' drama performance at HOME Theatre Manchester	7pm
23 April	Year 12 & 13 Equus theatre trip; The Lowry, Salford Quays	6pm - 11.45pm
24 April	Year 8 Parents' Evening	4.30 - 7.00pm
27 April	Rowing Event: Birmingham	
29 April	Musical performance featuring primary schools & QPHS	5pm - 6.00pm
30 April	UKMT Junior Maths Challenge (Years 7 & 8)	All day
6 May	MAY DAY	School closed
7 May	School re-opens for all students	8.40am
9 May	Year 9 Immunisations	9.00am
11/12 May	Rowing Event: Shrewsbury	
13 May - 26 June	Year 11 & 13 Exams	
22 May	Year 6 Induction Evening	6pm - 7.30pm
23-26 May	Rowing Event: National Schools Dorney London	
27 May	Rowing Event: Northwich Regatta	
24 May	Year 11 Leavers' Assembly	11.35 - 12pm
24 - 31 May	Year 7-9 PGL Watersports Trip to Mimosa, France	
31 May	Coding workshop for Year 5 & 6	10 - 12 noon
27 - 31 May	SUMMER HALF TERM	
3 June	School re-opens for all students	8.40am
5 June	Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day (Group 1)	All day
6 June	Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day (Group 2)	All day
8 June	Rowing Event: Chester	
17 - 28 June	KS3 Assessment	All day
17 June	OPEN MORNING for Year 4 & 5 parents/carers	9.15 - 12noon
19 June	OPEN MORNING for Year 4 & 5 parents/carers	9.15 - 12noon
20 - 28 June	Year 10 & 12 mock exams	All day
24 & 25 June	OPEN MORNING for Year 4 & 5 parents/carers	9.15 - 12noon
25 June	Year 13 Prom at Abode	7.30pm
27 June	Year 9 Citizenship trip - Bank of America	All day
27 June	Year 11 Prom at Cheshire View	7.30pm
29/30 June	Rowing Event: Ironbridge	

OPEN MORNINGS

For Year 4 & 5 Parents/Carers
9.15am - 12noon

Mon 17 June

Wed 19 June

Mon 24 June

Tues 25 June



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