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WELCOME



“ As the academic year draws to a close, it's time to look back and reflect on everything that has been achieved within our school community. Hopefully this newsletter will give you a little flavour of this and equally a sense as to just how diverse school life can be, particularly when you are open to new opportunities.

I am extremely proud of how many of our students go above and beyond every single day. We are very lucky to have such positive ambassadors who represent us in a whole array of activities, many of whom will be recognised in our annual Awards Evening this week.

As always at this time of year, we have some goodbyes to say to staff.

Leaving us this summer are Miss Ardolino, Ms Connan, Mrs McCormack, Mr Halstead, Mr Richardson, Miss Stanners and Mr Hunt.

Collectively they have given over 60 years of service to the school and for that we are incredibly grateful. We wish them every success in their next ventures in life, whatever they may be! Finally I would just like to thank you as parents and carers for your continued support for the school. I hope you have a lovely summer break (let's hope the sunshine continues) and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Wednesday 5th September.”

Miss Watterson, HEADTEACHER

MICHAEL ORD AWARD

Sixth Form student receives esteemed accolade

The Michael Ord Award is a particularly important and meaningful memorial trophy which is presented to one nominated student each year for their outstanding contribution to sport.

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Morgan Linfield, who received the prestigious award this academic year for his outstanding contribution to initiating and managing the sporting aspect of the house competition. Morgan's endeavours have provided students of all ages and abilities with the chance to represent their house and earn points towards the prestigious trophy, presented at the end of the year.

Morgan was presented with the memorial trophy by Stuart Ord, who set up the award in honour and memory of his son Michael. Michael, a former Queen's Park High School student and keen sportsman, died of meningitis in 1993, aged 14.

Morgan's name will be engraved onto the honours plaque which lists previous years' winners dating back to 1994.



“ We are very proud to present Morgan with this award. He is a student who has continually developed his leadership skills and now he is using his skills to inspire younger students to follow in his footsteps.”

Mr Taylor, Head of Grosvenor House



QPHS WIN AT CHESHIRE SCHOOLS AWARDS



QPHS announced as winner of the Communication Award



“We are absolutely thrilled to receive this prestigious accolade against such tough competition. Our achievement is very much down to the dedication, team spirit and support of all the staff, students and parents at QPHS who believe that we can make a difference to the young people we serve, by celebrating their success and sharing their good news in the wider community.”

Lynn Morris
Marketing & Community Liaison Officer

We are really excited to share the news that Queen's Park High School has once again been announced as a winner at this year's Trinity Mirror Cheshire Schools Awards, sponsored by Excell Supply Limited. This year the school was shortlisted as a finalist for the Communication Award category.

“ We are delighted to receive this recognition for the hard work of the team and their professionalism in sharing the wonderful journey of our school. ”

Mrs Scanlon, Assistant Headteacher/Primary Liaison at QPHS

Trinity Mirror received a high volume of entries, all of an exceptionally high standard, which made the judges' decisions extremely difficult.

The Trinity Mirror Cheshire Schools Awards are in celebration of the hard work, dedication and achievements of schools throughout the county, the children who attend them and the staff who inspire them. The celebratory event took place on 19th June 2018 and was opened by Michael Green, Executive Editor Trinity Mirror Cheshire, and hosted by TV presenter Dianne Oxberry.

Both staff and students from QPHS, including Mrs Scanlon, Miss Morris, Libby-Anne Parsonage (Y7), Rory Jones (Y9), Head Boy James Harrison (Y13) and Head Girl Eve Lawlor (Y13) were invited to the awards ceremony at The Queens Hotel where the winners of ten award categories were revealed. On announcing the winner of the Communication Award, 'Team QPHS' were called up on stage and presented with their award.

This is another fantastic achievement for the school, following the inspirational lead of Headteacher Miss Watterson, who was awarded the Secondary School Headteacher of the Year Award in 2017.

We aim to maintain our winning ways into 2019!



JOLLY FOUL PLAY

Cheshire Schools Book Awards

Almost 200 students and school librarians from 14 schools celebrated the final of the Cheshire Schools Book Award 2018 at the Winsford Academy last month. Congratulations to Year 8 student, Amelia Hughes who was announced as one of three winners at the event. Amelia won a signed copy of a book by her favourite author, Robin Stevens', for her review of 'The Guggenheim Mystery'. Robin's book entitled 'Jolly Foul Play' is the latest in her 'Murder most unladylike mystery' series. The book was presented to Amelia in the school's LLC the following day by Library Assistant Mrs Irvine and Literacy Lead Mrs Domelow.

Students including Chloe Cuncliffe G7DOM, Georgia Deas E9OLI, Amelia Hughes G8BUD, Anna Kelsall G8LUF along with parents attended the event with Mrs Irvine from QPHS LLC. Well done Amelia what a great achievement!

“ What a marvellous opportunity this event is for students to meet and ask questions of established authors of young adult literature. ”

Mrs Kelsall (parent)

GINGERS FIGHT BACK!

Uncovering Hidden Talents

Mr Johnson might teach Maths as opposed to English but that has not stopped him stringing a few words together as he publishes his debut novel, *Red Sky at Night*. He describes the book as a thrilling, hilarious and unforgettable science-fiction story about the heroes least likely to stand in the way of catastrophe.....gingers! Mr Johnson has two 'ginger' children and the idea came to him when he was visiting a friend who was also ginger!

The story is set in Chester and features a number of familiar locations including Chester Zoo. *Red Sky at Night* is available now from lulu.com, before appearing on Amazon and other online retailers. You can check out the reviews and post one yourself on the Facebook page [@gingersfightback](https://www.facebook.com/gingersfightback)

“ Red heads often seem to get a lot of hassle for the colour of their hair. I thought it would be interesting to turn things around and have gingers as the heroes, the only ones who can save the world.”

Mr Johnson, Author



STORYHOUSE

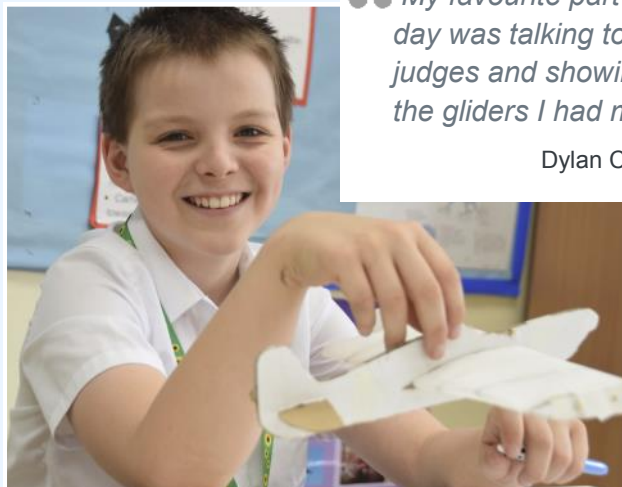
Current Year 10 and prospective Year 9 GCSE Drama students went to see 'The Crucible' by Arthur Miller at Storyhouse on Wednesday 27th June with Miss Prys-Owen, Mr Yeoman and Mrs Scanlon. As the play is a set text for the GCSE written paper, it was a great opportunity for students to see what they will be studying over the next year in Drama.

The play was performed on at thrust stage and a favourite character was Mary Warren, mainly due to the way the actor played her in a comedic fashion! A great evening was had by all, despite the soaring temperatures outside. To quote one student "Thank goodness they have air conditioning at Storyhouse" and with the play being performed over 3 hours the staff couldn't have agreed more!



THE CRUCIBLE

BIG BANG DUNKERS



“ My favourite part of the day was talking to the judges and showing them the gliders I had made. ”

Dylan Canty, Year 7

Students innovative invention WOWS judges

On 10th July 2018, thirteen Key Stage 3 students competed in the Big Bang North West Regional Finals. Students worked hard on their projects throughout the year and this was the time to present their ideas to the judges. This year's projects included cardboard gliders, flight time for planes, filtering water and biscuit dunking. All students showed great team work and presented their ideas with confidence.

During the awards ceremony it was announced that our team of Year 9 students, which included Beth Henderson Palmer, Kiara Parlevliet, Maddy Lewis, James Fawcett, Adam Thomas, Tyler Gordon and Rory Jones, had made it through to the National Finals. This group investigated the most effective biscuit to dunk into tea and made their own automatic biscuit dunking machine.

This is the second consecutive year that QPHS has been represented at the Big Bang National Finals and we are very proud of the students and their innovative idea.





What a year it has been for the choir at Queen's Park High School! They have gone from strength to strength and have had some wonderful performance experiences over the last few months, from Christmas dinner at M&S, numerous concerts, cathedral exhibitions and finishing off with a super performance at the Royal Cheshire Show (RCS) in Knutsford.

We had a glorious day at the RCS, the sun was shining and the audience was in full cheer as the choir graced the stage and performed four fantastic songs that they had been rehearsing over the past few months. The choir performed alongside several other primary and secondary schools from the Cheshire area and, despite being smaller in number than many other choirs, Queen's Park High School were commended for their ability to project their voices and maintain their harmonies. They had an amazing reception and it was clear from their performance that they are a very talented group of students.

As well as performing, the choir and staff enjoyed free time to look at everything the show has to offer, including animals, cars and, most importantly, the cheese marquee! Miss Stanners has loved her time working with the choir this year and can't thank them enough for their help. She is sure they will continue to thrive under the new baton of Miss Pugh from September!



WARHOL DIGITAL WORKSHOP

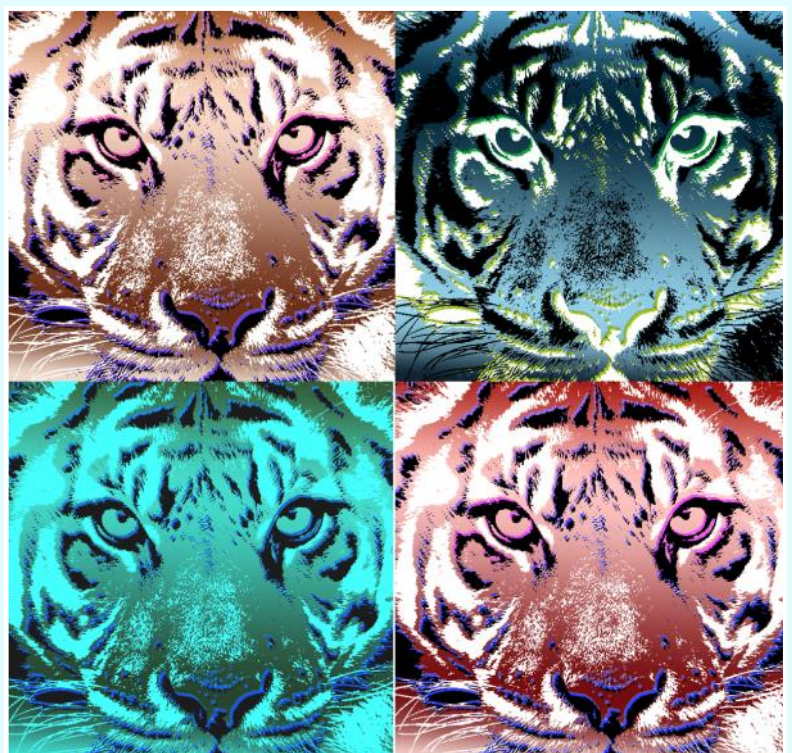
Year 5 Zoo Project

As part of an on-going project with Chester Zoo on the unsustainable production of palm oil, the children from Year 5 at Lache Primary School are exploring the critically endangered species of Borneo and Sumatra.

To further develop their art project work, the staff and children wanted to expand their ideas using Andy Warhol repeat silkscreen images as a starting point and asked if we at QPHS could help. Of course, we said yes and on 25th June, the students came to work with Mr Parker who led the workshop, ably supported by Miss Morris.

The workshop taught students the basic techniques of photoshop and gave them the opportunity to develop their creative skills, changing how the images of the endangered animals would look through the use of bright colours and different textures.

Students created a wide range of digital work during their visit and left with some fantastic finished pieces which will be showcased in an exhibition at their school.





'TO INFINITY & BEYOND'

Year 5 Curriculum Challenge Day

On Wednesday 13th June, we were thrilled to welcome 240 Year 5 children, from schools within the Dee Schools Partnership, to our second Curriculum Challenge Day of the year. The theme of 'No Limits' was chosen as we firmly believe that there are no limits for children of this age and the world is theirs to learn about and grow into. As always, our curriculum teams rose to the challenge of planning and delivering some exciting learning opportunities to engage and challenge the Year 5 students.

In Maths, students were taken, 'To Infinity and Beyond' as they pursued the theme of 'No Limits'. They investigated the symmetry properties of regular polygons before considering the symmetry of a circle (infinite lines of symmetry and order infinity rotational symmetry). Year 5 students then investigated and discovered the concept of Pi, which is approximately 3.14, but is actually a number that goes on into infinite decimal places with no repeating pattern.

In social studies, 'No limits to God's power' was the topic of conversation. Children explored the concept of miracles and discussed real life events, unpicking what makes an event miraculous and what is simply a chain of unusual events. Year 5 students worked in groups to examine reported religious miracles and used evaluative skills to

explore reasons why they may or may not be considered a miracle.

“ A miracle is a surprising thing that happened - something that is almost impossible or people think it's impossible but it happens anyway.”

Year 5 Student

The Visual Art department chose the theme of animals using the collaged animals of craft based artist Clare Young as inspiration. The concept of animals living in the wild, living with 'no limits' was the starting point for the animal designs. Working with a range of materials, students created patterned and highly decorative surfaces to adorn their animal bodies, all within an hour. What a feat!

“ Once again, the staff and students have done themselves proud. I would like to thank the QPHS staff for their creative planning and engaging learning, the Year 7 ambassadors for their guidance, the primary staff for their support and of course the Year 5 children for their enthusiasm, engagement and fantastic output. We look forward to continuing to work with the children and our partner primaries in 2018-19. ”

Mrs Scanlon, Assistant Headteacher





Whilst students in Years 10 and 12 were undertaking work experience during enrichment week, the week beginning 2nd July was a fun-filled extravaganza of new and exciting learning opportunities for students in Years 7-9.

Two of the days were led by one of our partner groups 'Enabling Enterprise' who work with schools to develop students' wider employability skills. On Monday, students worked on the 'Law in Action' challenge in their tutor groups. They learned about the work of solicitors and barristers and had to prepare for and take on a legal case. Mr Johnson got a bit carried away in his role as the judge; he made an origami wig and kept banging on his desk and shouting "ORDER"!

On Wednesday, students worked in mixed-year house groups on a 'Bid to Build' activity, trying to promote the fictional town of Bogsby-on-Sea. Students were asked to consider how the town could be redeveloped and had to consider a range of factors, such as transport, renewable energy, tourism and housing. Numerous models of this charming town can now be found all over the school!

On Thursday, it was the annual Sports Day and, whilst the result of this is still a closely guarded secret, we are proud of the students who supported and competed for their houses. Will Eaton retain the cup or will Grosvenor or Westminster be victorious? We will find out on the last day of term.





On Tuesday and Friday students engaged in their choice of options for their activity days. Every student was lucky enough to have a wide range of choices and to be able to experience many different things. There were too many activities to list, but they included gardening, a river experience, a cycle ride to Parkgate, a trip to Storyhouse, Native American Arts, sports camp, origami, chess, a Duke of Edinburgh taster session and an enormous football competition. Students really enjoyed trying something different and all were engaged and challenged during the sessions. A huge thanks from Mrs Blears-Chalmers to all the staff who led and contributed to these activities. We are looking forward to next year already!



A group of twenty Key Stage 3 students had the opportunity to engage in a drama workshop with trainee teachers from the University of Chester.

The workshop was based on the development of awareness around cyber-security and the importance of keeping ourselves safe on the internet. Students developed their own understanding of the dangers of the internet and considered how important it is to stay safe online. It was a great learning experience for all involved and led brilliantly onto a practical workshop in the afternoon, which looked at identity and tolerance.

Through the Camera's Eye

“ For activity day I went on a walk around the meadows with Mr Parker, Mr Corker and a few other students, taking photographs as we went, to record and explore the different environments on the river bank. The teachers encouraged us to look for interesting lines, shapes and patterns in the environment, as well as teaching us the more technical aspects of the camera, such as how to manually adjust focus and play around with depth of field. We travelled through several contrasting areas in Chester and it was almost shocking how different they all were once you become hyper-aware of the shapes and patterns that create them. We experimented with macro and wide angled photography, different compositions, framing, symmetry and the rule of thirds. When we got back to school, we downloaded our images and then used photoshop tools to edit the light, colour and saturation and almost completely transformed the photos. It was a fantastic experience – I learnt a lot and really enjoyed myself. ”

Juliette E Gilchrist G9WHI



Students get Cyber Savvy





At Queen's Park High School, students in Year 10 are encouraged to train for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. This is a scheme offered in over 140 countries and aims to introduce young people to exciting, positive, challenging and enjoyable experiences.

A Duke of Edinburgh Award programme is a real adventure from beginning to end. It doesn't matter who you are, or where you are from, you just need to be aged between 14 and 24 and realise there's more to life than sitting on a sofa watching life pass you by!

You can achieve an award by completing a personal programme of activities in four sections (five for the gold award):

- Volunteering
- Physical
- Skills
- Expedition

You'll find yourself helping individuals or the community, getting fitter, developing new skills, going on an expedition, and taking part in a residential activity. But, here's the best bit - you get to choose what you do!

Your programme can be full of activities and projects that get you buzzing and, along the way, you'll pick up experiences, skills and friends that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has been very popular since we began to run it three years ago and is a great opportunity for students.

For more information on Duke of Edinburgh please contact Mr J Budgen:

J.budgen@qphs.co.uk



Bronze Award Expedition



A big 'well done' to the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award participants who successfully completed their expedition training earlier this year.

Fifteen Year 10 students enjoyed their first training hike/camp on 5th and 6th June this year. The training started with map reading and route planning before students set off on a hike across the amazing local countryside. The expedition enabled the students to develop teamwork, navigation skills and interpersonal skills within their groups.

The weather was kind and the sun shone brightly which added to the students' positive and cheerful approach. During the practice expedition, students planned and walked a route from Delamere Visitor centre to the camp site in Brassy Green where they set up camp overnight. The next day students navigated to Kelsall carrying all their belongings in their HUGE rucksacks!



During the two days, students were both mentally and physically challenged to work as a team and achieve a set aim. Students navigated through forestry, fields, footpaths and towns to show their understanding of map reading and their developing orienteering skills. During the overnight camp, students were challenged to set up tents and to cook an evening meal and breakfast the following morning.

We wish them all the best of luck for their qualifying expedition on 16th and 17th July.

CELEBRATION BALL

End of an Era

Once again, we have had the pleasure of celebrating the end of the formal education of our Year 11 and 13 students at their proms over the past few weeks. The Year 13 prom took place at the Blossoms Hotel in June, followed by the Year 11 prom at the Double Tree Hotel in July.

At both events, students were dressed to impress and all those present were in a superb mood as they toasted the end of an era. Hopefully all the years of hard work and determination will pay off on the results days in



“ The prom has been a lovely occasion and we look forward to seeing the students again in August when we can celebrate their results and achievements. It is an honour to be part of these young people’s lives and we wish them the very best for the future. ”

Heads of House



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

KS3 get a taste for the outdoors

During Enrichment Week, we ran a Duke of Edinburgh taster session for Key Stage 3 students. This gave our students the exciting opportunity to see what the Duke of Edinburgh award was like, should they choose to participate when they get to Year 10.

The day started with a navigational task and students were taught how to use the compass before swiftly moving on to pitching tents. A team tent race followed and students raced to see who put up a tent the fastest. It was a very close call and all teams were successful.

Next on the itinerary was a camp craft and cooking skills session, bacon sandwiches for lunch! Students learnt how to use a cooking stove and cooked lunch for the group and even cooked for some students on other activities. The smell of bacon sandwiches certainly attracted a lot of attention! We finished off the very hot day with a navigation task along the meadows and a team building exercise.

Well done to all of KS3 who took part and hope to see you on DofE in Year 10.





In what has become an annual sporting event, the time was nigh and temperatures were at an all-time high for the Queen's Park High School staff to face their nemeses on the water for the 2018 PTA Parents versus Staff Dragon Boat race grudge match!

Last year, the staff's winning streak abruptly ended after the parents stormed to victory, beating them in two out of three races.

This year, the staff were unshakable and determined not to be intimidated by the goading chants of the warrior dressed 'River Rats' (aka the parents).

The team spirit evident in both sides was formidable and the scene was set for a fierce and competitive match.

In the first heat, it was clear that the staff needed to unify as a team as the River Rats' synchronised rowing glided them through the water at speed and they surged to the finish line, in front of the on-looking aghast staff!

Faced with the challenge of winning the next two races to regain their dignity and trophy, the staff needed to improve their technique to "paddle not splash!" Showing pure grit, mettle and resilience, they found their rhythm thanks to their student drummer and Mr Nixon's numeracy skills to win the second match. The contest was back on and it was dragon nose to dragon nose (neck to neck!) all the way in the third and final race, as both boats stormed to the finish line. Both teams were celebrating as they each believed they would be crowned the champions. After a photo finish it was declared a dead heat!

The teams retired to the QPHS Boat House for a well-earned BBQ courtesy of the PTA and, although the staff felt they had been 'robbed', they graciously accepted the draw and shared the trophy and title with their rivals the River Rats!



“ *The event is a testament to sportsmanship and comradery, and it epitomises the community spirit amongst the QPHS staff, students, and parents alike. We look forward to winning next year's race!* ”

Miss Watterson Headteacher



YEAR 8 DAREDEVILS

Conway Activity Weekend

Our very own daredevil Year 8 students took on an adventurous weekend in Anglesey this term.

The weekend started off with a rather competitive game of rounders, which continued until the sunset. On the first morning both students and staff challenged themselves with a day of sea level traversing.



“ It was a great weekend, where we were always busy and never bored. We learned a lot about working together in teams and challenging ourselves to do things we didn't always think we could.”

Kieran Scanlon, Year 8

“ The students were a real credit to themselves and to school and should be very proud of everything they achieved over the weekend.”

Mr Taylor , Head of Grosvenor House

The students were fearless in their approach as they coastered across the open water and proceeded to navigate through caves, before attempting a dizzy seven metre cliff dive! All students demonstrated their resilience and determination throughout the day. After the team had refuelled, they went for a walk down the Menai Straits, before contemplating what they had achieved in front of an open fire. The following day the group were challenged to navigate through the jellyfish infested waters using paddle boards and canoes. What started as a tranquil paddle around the island of Anglesey soon became a competitive game as the urge to get splashed became too much! The weekend was finished off in style as the group cheered on England to their 6-1 victory over Panama in the World Cup.





“ I am truly one proud PE Teacher. We’ve never had so many students selected in one go! This has been an amazing year for us in this competition. Well done to all the students who pushed themselves beyond their limits to achieve such exceptional results. ”
Mrs Cutler, Head of Westminster House

GRACE SPRINGS TO SUCCESS

Selected for Cheshire Athletics

Students in years 7 to 10 took part in the two day Junior and Senior Cheshire Schools Athletics Competition held at The Deeside Stadium early last month.

Although the sun was blazing down, the students kept their cool and competed amazingly well to produce some spectacular results. Year 7 students including Grace Nugent (long jump), Ineta Marcinkeviciute (discus), Cameron Cooke (shotput) and Year 9 student Eirinn McGuire (high jump) were all selected to compete as part of the Chester team in the Cheshire Athletics Championships at Victoria Park in Warrington at the end of June.

At the championships, both Grace and Cameron competed incredibly well managing to secure third and fifth place respectively in their individual events.

Huge congratulations to Grace Nugent in Year 7 whose success at the Championships in Warrington has led to her being selected to represent Cheshire in the long jump as part of the Cheshire Athletics Team at the beginning of July. Year 9 student Rhea Yalarakis also deserves credit, gaining first place in the shot put at the Senior Chester and District Athletics event and will represent Chester in next year's competition.



“ Super proud of all the girls who played brilliantly throughout. ”
Mrs Cutler, Head of Westminster House



ROUNDERS TRIUMPH Chester & District Tournament

On a particularly hot summer's evening in June a group of Year 8 and 9 students ventured off to Bishops' High School to represent QPHS in the Under 14s Chester and District Rounders Tournament. Mrs Cutler was secretly confident that the team would perform well and do themselves proud. The girls however were not so convinced, aware of the fact that many King's and Queen's students play tennis - we all know how far tennis players can hit a rounders ball!

The girls played Bishop Heber, Bishops and Queen's in the league rounds and confidently came top of the group. Secure fielding and sensible batting was the order of the day. This took them through to the semi-finals against the Catholic High School which brought about another convincing win. In a battle for victory against the Queen's School (whom QPHS had previously beaten in the league) the QPHS team competed extremely well in the soaring hot temperatures to qualify as runners up in the tournament – a fantastic achievement for them all. Well done girls!

ROWING CLUB NEWS

R'OAR'ing success at Ironbridge

QPHS Rowing Club travelled in force to Ironbridge Regatta for their annual two day event, where racing is held over 1000m on the Saturday and a 500m sprint course on the Sunday.

After a Saturday morning of tough close racing for our other crews, victory finally came from Year 9 students Dylan Howard and Iestyn Burke in the B1 J14 double, Year 9s Josh Halewood and Tom Lawrence in the B2 J14 double and Year 10s Ben Baker and Dan Williams taking the win in the J15 double category.

Our Year 8 rowers joined on day two, where the J13 quad of Emily McDermott, Erin Kendall, Claudia Jackson and Lowri Jones won their first race, but sadly lost to City of Bristol in the final.

A big 'well done' must go to Sam Baker who competed in a single sculling boat for the very first time.

The Year 11 girls, Bethan Curtis, Kiera Burke and Zara Gautier Price were joined by Fenella Cowdell from Royal Chester Rowing club to compete in the J16 quad in a very close final race, winning by a foot. Other wins came from Year 9 students Dylan Howard and Tyler Gordon in the J14 double.

The final races of the day were rowed by our Year 10 boys quad with Ben Baker, Dan Williams, Charlie Doyle, Joe Bamber (Year 9) and cox Kiera Burke rowing two races almost back to back to win the final against a very polished and highly accomplished crew from the City of Bristol.



“ *The weekend was a great triumph for the club as historically we don't normally do that well at Ironbridge. I believe this is the outcome of all the hard work, commitment and training that all our students have put in throughout the year. Our focus now turns towards competing at Runcorn Regatta and The British Junior Championships in July.* ”

Richard Cox QPHSRC Chairman

FUNDRAISING DRIVE

Students Pack for Charity

It was another bumper day for the second bag pack at Morrisons, Liverpool Road last month as part of the 'Run for Cancer' campaign in aid of Clatterbridge Cancer Charity. Mr Johnson, Mrs Cutler, and Ms Britland manned the ends of the tills and looked on whilst student volunteers, brimming with enthusiasm, eagerly assisted customers who generously donated to the worthy cause. Over the morning, the students managed to raise the fantastic sum of £360 and received medals from Clatterbridge to commend them for their efforts. The money they raised has been added to the balance so far on the 'Run for Cancer' Just Giving page to make the running total £660.00! A big thank you and well done to all the students who gave up their time, Nick Perfect, Chantelle Molyneux, Lydia Kelly, Libby-Anne Parsonage, Sienna Taylor, Lowri Brook, Paige Griffith, Chloe Read and Matthew Read.

Staff are now busy training for the Equinox24



“ *Along with the current soaring temperatures, our exercise regime has been hotting up and we have been running along the river banks in Chester hoping to improve our fitness levels, endurance and stamina, ready for our challenge in September. Further events will be advertised in due course, but if you'd like to add your support please donate to our Just Giving page 'queensparkhighrunforcancer'.* ”

Ms Britland

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MUSIC FOR *Life*

Learn to play a musical instrument at QPHS

If your child is interested in trying a course of instrumental lessons at school, please visit www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now where you will find lots of information and be able to book a "taster" course online ready to start in September. Instrument lessons at Queen's Park High School are provided by Music for Life - a not-for-profit music education service working in partnership with 130 schools to teach around 4,500 pupils every week across Cheshire, Wirral and North Staffordshire. To discover more about the work of Music for Life, please visit:

WEBSITE: musicforlife.org.uk

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/Musicforlife1234

TWITTER: twitter.com/MusicforLifeSCH

VIDEOS: musicforlife.org.uk/videos

Music for Life can accommodate almost any child who books a course before the summer because it designs a new timetable from scratch every year. Additional places may become available during the year but they tend to be more limited. It is important to note that anyone wishing to try a course of lessons from September needs to book before the end of this term (certainly before August) to be sure of a place when school reopens. The cost of lessons can be spread over 12 months if required to help make things much more affordable, typically around £25 per month or less for most instruments for beginners (piano around £37 per month) and payment can be made by almost any debit, credit or pre-paid card.

Further details about Music For Life and their work at Queen's Park High School and beyond can be found on their website www.musicforlife.org.uk

Music for Life in Schools



Date	Event	Time
15 July	Rowing Event - Runcorn Regatta	
16 - 17 July	D of E Qualifying Expedition	All Day
17 July	Rewards Trips	All day
18 July	Awards Evening & Arts Exhibition	6.30-7.30pm 6.00-8.00pm
25 July - 31 August	SUMMER HOLIDAYS School closes for students	12.20pm
20 - 22 July	Rowing Event - National Junior Rowing Championship	
23 - 24 July	INSET Days	
16 August	A Level Results	9.00am
20 - 22 August	Summer Sports Camp for Year 4 & 5 children	10.00-3.00pm
20 - 22 August	Summer School for QPHS new Year 7	10.00-3.00pm
23 August	GCSE Results	9.30am
5 September	BACK TO SCHOOL Welcome back to all our students old and new	8.40am
25 - 27 August	Rowing Event - Ross on Wye Regatta & camping weekend	
10 - 12 September	New Year 7 Residential at the Conway Centre, Anglesey	
14 September	Music Quiz in the Main Hall for Equinox Challenge Cancer Charity	7.00pm
20 September	OPEN EVENING	6.00- 9.00pm
21 September	Open Mornings For Year 5/6 parents	9.15-12.00pm
22 - 23 September	QPHS Staff Run for Cancer - Equinox Challenge	
24 September	Open Mornings For Year 5/6 parents	9.15-12.00pm

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