



# QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL



## *Sixth Form Prospectus*

*Inspiring Individuals • Empowering Minds • Defining Futures*

*"I really enjoy Sixth Form. The staff are very supportive, and the class sizes are beneficial. The teachers encourage us to better ourselves and help us reach our full potential."*

Olivia, Year 12 Student

*"QPHS was a good place for me to further my education, I built my friendships and relationships with teachers here so I felt confident and comfortable to continue learning at QPHS."*

Kaylum, Year 12 Student



# Welcome

**Welcome to Queen's Park High School Sixth Form. We are an academy within The Learning Trust, in the heart of Chester. We work in partnership with Christleton High School and Chester International School to serve young people, to educate, enlighten and give them the expertise and confidence to succeed.**

As a school and Sixth Form, we have ambitious outcomes for all our students. Our vision is founded upon the following principles:

- *Inspiring Individuals*
- *Empowering Minds*
- *Defining Futures*

If you are thinking about studying as part of our Sixth Form, you are giving yourself a wealth of opportunity to further your learning, your experiences and ultimately to be part of a very successful, caring and vibrant Sixth Form in a school led by Miss Lyndsay Watterson who was recently awarded Cheshire's Secondary School Headteacher of the Year.

We pride ourselves on being an inclusive Sixth Form which provides a wide range of courses suited to the needs of our learners and are proud of the

results they achieve, which consistently compete with other local schools and on a national level. Moreover, we ensure that throughout your time in the Sixth Form, you are given a wide range of experiences and opportunities to develop as an individual and to support you with taking the important next steps into higher education, training or employment.

This prospectus is a small part of the information you will require in order to make an informed decision about your future, but you will find a warm welcome and plenty of guidance and support available from our dedicated and experienced team in order to help you make these very important choices.

*Mrs V Prydden*

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Head of Sixth Form

*"We have such a welcoming and friendly atmosphere here. Everyone is always supported by staff and peers and we have all formed a bond that was never expected. It feels like a real family"*

Martha, Head Girl and Year 13 Student



# Inspiring Individuals

**We value the uniqueness of everyone in our school, and we have committed to make *excellence in teaching* the core value of our school, so that all members of our community are inspired to learn and achieve.**

We have high expectations of all our students, particularly those within our Sixth Form.

Our school works around three core values and expectations: be *“Prepared, Engaged and Respectful”*. Our students enjoy being members of a caring community where every individual is known and valued. The Sixth Form team work together to provide high levels of support and challenge to our students both day to day and as they prepare for examinations and life beyond school.

*“Positive relationships and strong subject knowledge are features of many lessons”*  
Ofsted June 2016

The academic outcomes for all of our students are excellent.

Students are set aspirational targets and are supported to meet them. Students are given regular feedback on progress and achievement so that they know how to improve. *“The new Head of Sixth Form is bringing greater rigour to the way that learners’ progress is checked and support is provided. More frequent*

*and accurate assessment is ensuring that learners and staff can be confident in predicting outcomes. The Head of Sixth Form is ambitious to bring about rapid improvement and the impact of this is seen already in stronger outcomes ...”*

Ofsted June 2016

Students who wish to make Oxbridge and Russell Group applications are supported and coached and this has consistently resulted in offers being made and students beginning degrees at leading universities.

*“We are immensely grateful to all at QPHS who have influenced our sons’ school careers. Our eldest has just achieved outstanding A-level grades and is proof of the very high standards of academic teaching provided. Other parents have asked us why we haven’t sent our academically able boys to a school with more focus on academic achievement. We are delighted to enlighten them: QPHS provides that academic education to the highest level, but it does so much more besides and it is that which makes this school really stand out from the rest.”*

Drs Dan and Nina Jones, Parents of Angus



*“We are over the moon with our results and can now fulfil our future aspirations to study medicine at Cardiff University and veterinary science at Bristol. Queen’s Park Sixth Form has been a great experience. We want to thank the whole team for their unwavering support. Throughout the years we have enjoyed an incredible relationship with the school and the staff. Thank you”*  
Rona and Felicity, Year 13 Students



*"The centre has captured a truly comfortable and yet purposeful atmosphere. We are delighted that this is a lasting legacy and will benefit the students in a positive way for many years to come".*  
Mr Rogers

# Empowering Minds

**We believe that everyone has ideas to share, aspirations to realise, and opinions that matter. It is our mission to liberate young people to think freely, without constraint and beyond limits.**

We pride ourselves on our innovative and flexible curriculum which is designed to meet the needs of all our learners, from academic A Level courses through to vocational options.

providing a wide range of opportunities such as Head Boy/Girl, House Captains and Prefects.

## The Henry Rogers Sixth Form Centre

Henry was in the Sixth Form at Queen's Park when he tragically lost his life at the Hillsborough disaster.

Shortly after, his family set up the Henry Rogers Memorial Fund to support students at the school in memory of their son.

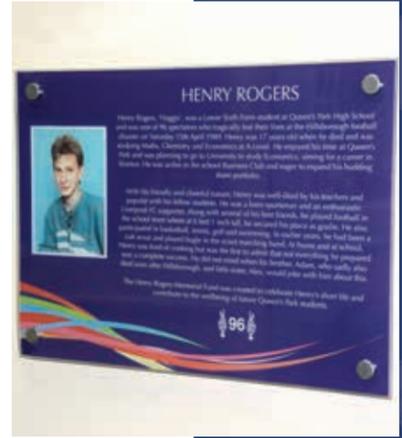
One project to benefit from this fund was the refurbishment of the Sixth Form Centre. Within the Henry Rogers Sixth Form Centre, there are facilities to enable students to revise, refresh and relax.

Additionally, Sixth Form students benefit from a designated study and conference room space, a computer suite within the Library Learning Centre and their own on site café, 'The Beach'.

*"Sixth form learners have opportunities for leadership and the chance to develop skills for life through the Development of the Individual Programme"* Ofsted June 2016.

Student leaders have a huge role to play and at QPHS we pride ourselves on

*"The school has broadened the range of subjects available ... New pathways are offered so that learners can choose academic or vocational options ... which will lead to successful qualifications".*  
Ofsted, June 2016





# Defining Futures

**In all that we do, we are guided by the knowledge that the foundations of every young person's tomorrow are laid today. By achieving excellence in all that we do, we aim to make today's young people tomorrow's era defining leaders, thinkers and pioneers.**

The school has an excellent reputation for providing a wide range of high quality extra-curricular activities. We encourage our Sixth Form students to get involved in the wider life of school as we feel that it helps our young people to become well rounded individuals with a great deal to offer universities and employers in life beyond Sixth Form.

Opportunities include drama, music, sport (including a very successful rowing team), STEM activities, charity events to name but a few. Our post sixteen students also have opportunities to take part in a wide range of extra-curricular visits in this country and abroad.

*"Queen's Park High School has expanded my views, beliefs and aspirations. A recent trip to Cambridge has motivated me to achieve my potential and inspired me to apply to university. The school has fuelled my ambitions and I believe this will enable me to reach my goals."*

Tom, Year 12 Student

All students will complete a one week work experience placement at the end of Year 12 and our links with businesses and providers such as Enabling Enterprise and Changing Educations mean that students develop employability skills alongside academic qualifications, making them truly prepared for their next steps in a competitive world.

*"The Sixth Form is consistently successful in ensuring that all learners go on to further education, training or employment."*

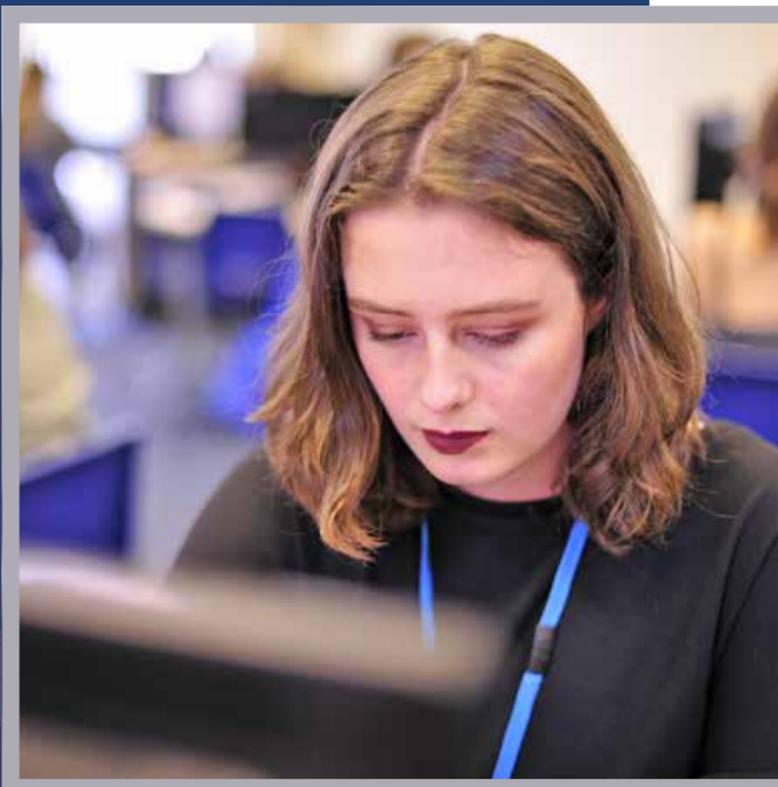
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During their time in the Sixth Form, students will have access to the Unifrog programme which supports students with decisions about, and applications to university and higher level apprenticeships. Through Citizenship Days, students will work closely with local and Russell Group Universities to develop their understanding of and how to make successful applications to competitive courses.



*"I stayed at QPHS because of the relationships I had built with my teachers and the positive community here. The rowing club is also a positive for me."*

Bethan, Year 12 Student



*“QPHS Sixth Form is alive with friendship and synergy, the house system and leadership roles means there is always a possibility to give your input and a long list of people to go to for help and guidance.”*

Rosie, Year 13 Student

# Advice and Guidance

**We offer support to all applicants throughout the decision making process whether they be current students or applicants who are currently studying elsewhere.**

Our well informed Pastoral Team will advise students on appropriate pathways for study in our inclusive Sixth Form. Careers advice from an independent Level 6 qualified careers adviser is also available to all students during the decision making process and as part of their on-going IAG during their time in the Sixth Form. This service is provided through our links with Changing Education.

*“Learners are very positive about the Sixth Form. They feel the range of choices is good; the support they receive is helpful and they have confidence that they will reach their targets. They praise the quality of careers advice and feel very well informed about choices before they entered the Sixth Form and what options are available to them when they leave.”*

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## Minimum Entry Requirements

### Full A-Level Package (3-4\* A Level courses)

- 5+ GCSEs at grades 9-4 including a strong pass (grade 5) in English and Maths
- Grade 6 entry requirement for Maths A level
- Grade 5 entry requirement for Sciences A levels
- \* The option to take four A Level courses will be made only in exceptional circumstances

### Level 3 Package (mix of A Level and vocational Level 3 courses)

- 5+ GCSEs at grades 9-4
- Grade 6 entry requirement for Maths A level
- Grade 5 entry requirement for Sciences A levels

### Level 3 Foundation Year

- 5 GCSEs grades 9-3
- Advice on minimum grades to access courses will be given at interview. Options in this package will be subject to availability.

*“The limitless amounts of effort, understanding and passion displayed by the tutors at this school inspired me to further my learning at university and ultimately pursue a career in the Dramatic Arts.”*

Actor/Former Student



*“Standing on this school’s stage aged 14, learning how to project myself to an audience through the help and dedication of the teaching staff, would one day play a massive part in me having the confidence to speak aloud in press conferences, questioning global superstars in the NBA and NFL, presenting videos for sports companies and engaging with listeners live in radio sports debates.”*

Rob Jeffries, Sports Journalist/Former Student

# How to Find and Contact Us

*"... an inclusive Sixth Form"*

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