



# 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 13 Student

*"Queen's Park High School 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 this school."*

Kaylum, Year 13 Student



# Welcome

**Welcome to Queen's Park High School Sixth Form. We are an academy within The Learning Trust, situated 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, confidence and qualifications to succeed.**

As a school and Sixth Form we have ambitious outcomes for all our students. Our vision and practice are underpinned by the following principles:

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

Our Sixth Form provides a wealth of opportunity to further your learning, 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 that 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. 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"*

Charlotte, Head Girl and Year 13 Student







# Inspiring Individuals

**We value the uniqueness of everyone in our school and we are committed to *excellence in teaching* as a core value across the curriculum, 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 in which every individual is known and valued. The Sixth Form team work together to provide high levels of support and challenge to our students 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 Queen's Park High School 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: Queen's Park High School 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, Former 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; we offer a range of academic A Levels and vocational courses.

Our curriculum is reviewed annually and tailored according to the interests and needs of each cohort. Students are taught by experienced subject specialists who have a strong track record in supporting them to achieve their best. Wider opportunities underpin our academic success with an expectation for students to be involved in school and community life.

*"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 Queen's Park High School we pride

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

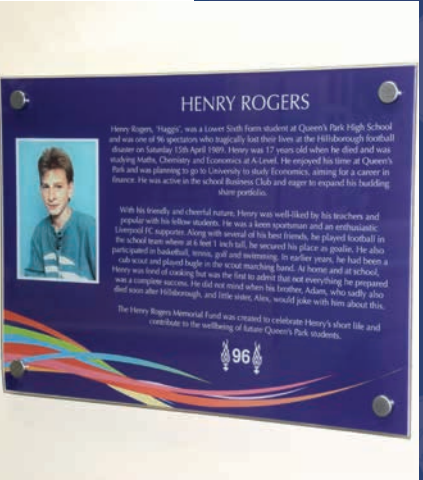
## The Henry Rogers Sixth Form Centre

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

Shortly after, in memory of their son, his family set up the Henry Rogers Memorial Fund to support students at the school. 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 socialise. Additionally, Sixth Form students benefit from designated study and conference room spaces, a computer suite within the Library Learning Centre and their own on site café, 'The Beach'.

*"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

**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."*

Ofsted June 2016

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 our PSHE and Citizenship programme, students work closely with local and Russell Group Universities to develop their understanding of how to make successful applications to competitive courses.



*"I stayed at Queen's Park High School 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 13 Student





*"Queen's Park High School 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."*  
 Dan, 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 experienced Pastoral Team will advise students on appropriate pathways for study in our inclusive Sixth Form. IAG interviews are offered to all students by senior members of staff and can be organised for external students at a convenient time. 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

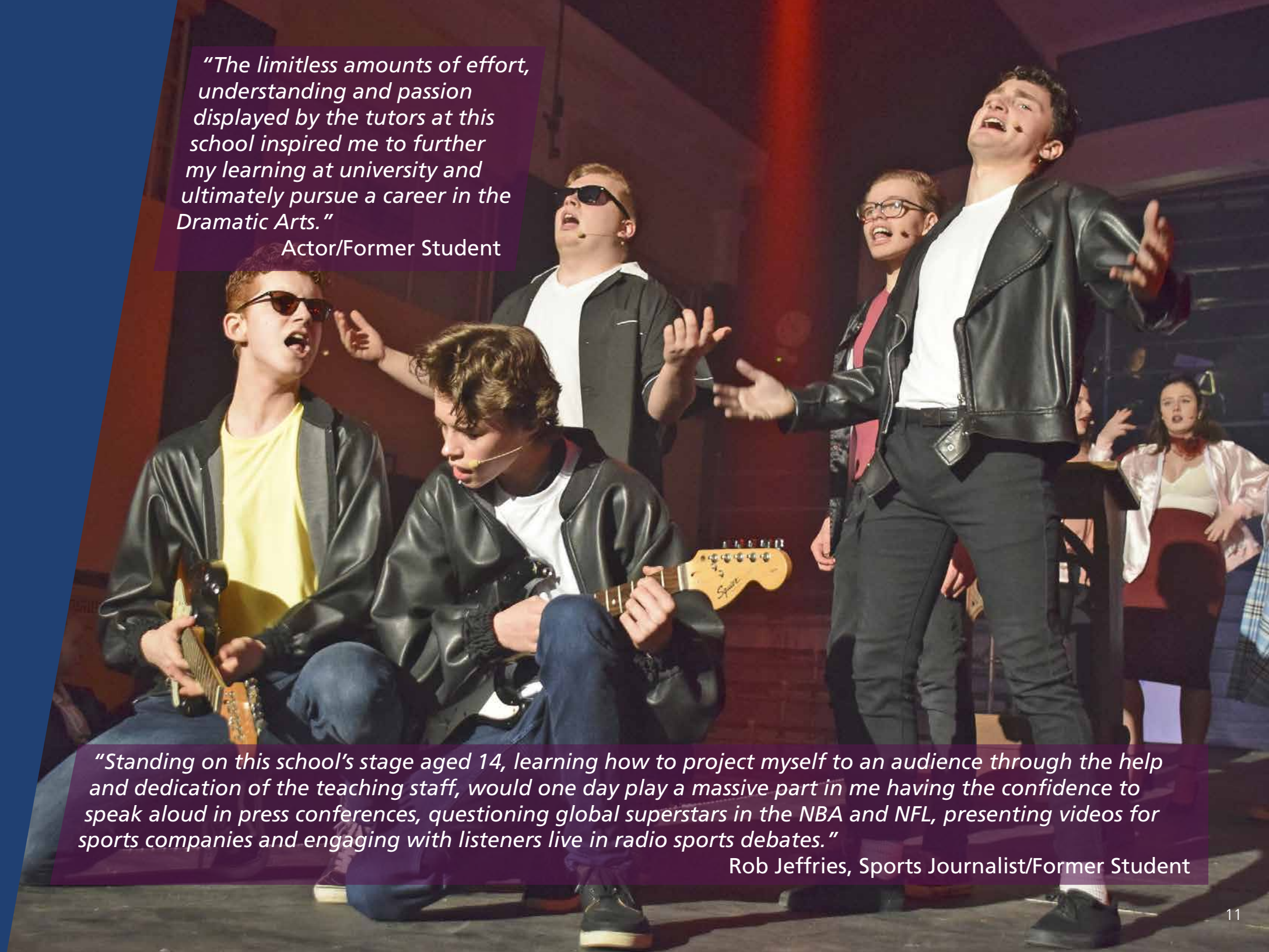
### Level 3 Package (mix of A Level and vocational Level 3 courses)

- 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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