



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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## WELCOME



As I sit typing this letter, dressed in an Elf jumper and Santa hat, with a Quidditch costume in a bag on one side of me and a bag full of food for our local food bank on the other – it reminds me of how diverse and extremely enriching school life can be! I have been so impressed this term with the enthusiasm, motivation and generosity of our 6th Form Leadership

team who are not only the driving force behind today's events but also so many other events and 'inter House' competitions which have taken place over the past weeks. They are an absolute credit to the school and epitomise the huge potential which lies within all our young people when provided with the right opportunities in which to thrive. Thank you for all your hard work!

This term has seen us focus and embed our three core values 'Prepared, Engaged, Respectful' around the school and in everything that we do. As staff we have challenged ourselves as well as the students to 'live' these values which are now also referenced in our newly designed interim reports which all our students will be receiving this week. I feel very proud to showcase the school to visitors and frequently receive feedback which recognises how polite and friendly our students are and how calm the school feels.

As we look ahead to a new year and a fresh start, I would like to encourage all our students to focus upon one of these values in particular and challenge themselves a little further. Some suggestions for an area of focus might be on punctuality (arriving to school on time), ensuring you have the right equipment for lessons, getting involved more in school life and joining a club/enrichment activity, answering more questions in class, respecting the school environment (ensuring you tidy up after yourself in classrooms or in the canteen). One small change can make a real difference, not just to yourself but to others as well!

### Site update:

Hopefully if you have been near school in the last couple of weeks, you will have seen some significant progress now with the CIS build. (CIS will be re-named from January and will become known as Chester International School). We are now all hoping for a completion date around March time with the opportunity for us to re-open our downstairs corridor and move into our new canteen around this time as well. I think we'll all be grateful when our 'short-cut' is restored and circulation becomes more fluid again around our site. Our much needed roof replacement works will also be continuing until February/March time.

Finally, I would just like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely festive break and a very happy new year!

**Miss Watterson**  
HEADTEACHER

## UK MATHS CHALLENGE

### Students in top 20% of the country

On Tuesday 6th November, ten of our A-level Maths students participated in the UK Maths Senior Challenge, along with over 800,000 other students across the UK. This long-running, national competition is exceptionally challenging and the best performers are usually from independent or grammar schools.

This is the first time that Queen's Park High School have entered this competition, so we did not quite know what to expect!

When the results came through, we were absolutely thrilled at how well the students had performed, being amongst the highest achievers and placed in the top 20% of the country!

Congratulations to Liv Halewood for winning 'Best in School'. She did amazingly well and achieved a silver certificate with only two marks short of gold! Shukrie Kemal was also awarded a silver certificate. with bronze certificates awarded to Harvey Jones, Tom Francis, Dan Kefford and Filip Fidler.

Mr Johnson also sat the paper at the same time as the students and had tremendous difficulty completing the test! It was suggested that both Liv and Shukrie beat his score, but this report cannot be substantiated as we go to press!

Well done to everyone who took part.



*“ This is the first time we have entered this higher stage of the UK Maths Challenge.*

*The results were amazing, next year we're aiming for gold. ”*

Ms Astill, Numeracy Specialist



# QUEEN'S PARK 'RIDING HIGH' SCHOOL

Official opening of newly transformed library space

*“I have loved working with the students and staff at QPHS. Together I think we have created a new and inspiring space where students can discover, be inspired and find a quiet place when needed.”*

Hannah Wehbeh,  
Interior Designer

On Thursday 29th November, we were delighted to welcome Gyles Brandreth to Queen's Park High School to officially open the recently transformed library learning space. Gyles delighted the audience with his passion and enthusiasm for the written word, leaving the audience inspired to explore language and rise above the power of the emoji!

The project began over twelve months ago thanks to the inspiration and support from Hannah Wehbeh Interior Design, the designer behind the beautiful, innovative interior design of Storyhouse in Chester. Hannah met with Headteacher, Lyndsay Watterson, following the school's Open Evening. Hannah expressed the desire to work with students from the school to produce a more creative and inspiring learning space within the library for the benefit of the students.

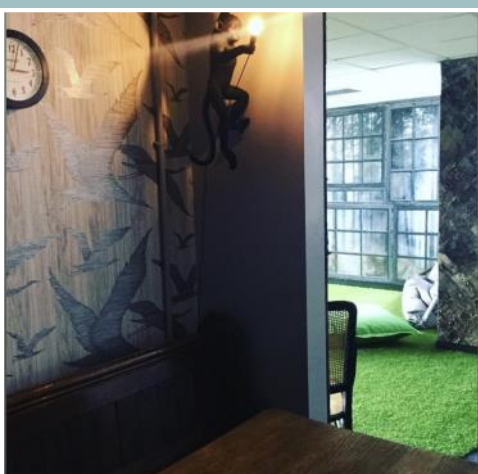
Hannah met with our 'Book Loving Tuesdays' enrichment students and, between them, they explored ideas, themes, colours and textures which Hannah then took away and turned into a reality with the support of some of her key suppliers.

The official opening gave Headteacher, Lyndsay Watterson the opportunity to thank Hannah for her creative skills and her generosity in terms of her time in particular. Lyndsay also went on to thank the School's Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for their outstanding support of the school through their fundraising, which enables such projects as this to take place, as well as acknowledging the support given to the school by their Academy Trust, The Learning Trust.

*“I have been coming to Queen's Park High School, off and on for nearly forty years, so I have seen some of the story of this school, its ups and its downs, and it is wonderful to arrive at a time when clearly it should be called Queen's Park 'Riding High' School, with this library epitomising the great things that are going on at the school.”*

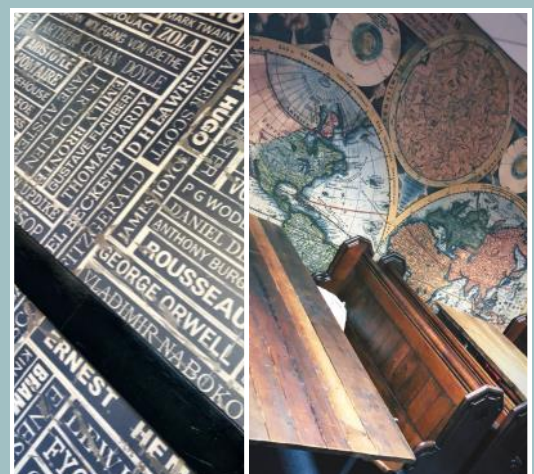
Gyles Brandreth, Writer & Broadcaster

In his entertaining speech Gyles unveiled a plaque to mark the opening of the library before chatting to students, staff and invited guests.



*“Our library learning space is now a unique, creative space which no longer has the feel of a 'school library'. As a school, we are very lucky to have such positive support from both within and outside of our community, enabling us to always seek to better ourselves for the benefit of our students.”*

Miss Watterson, Headteacher







# TO INFINITY & BEYOND

## Academic Excellence Programme

Year 7, 8 and 9 students on the Academic Excellence Programme participated in an after school fractals workshop with Mr Johnson.

They were introduced to the idea of a fractal as a repeating mathematical pattern that continues to infinity and worked in groups to draw part of a huge Koch snowflake.

Students then worked individually on a pop-up fractal Christmas card, before having their minds blown when they were introduced to the Mandelbrot set.



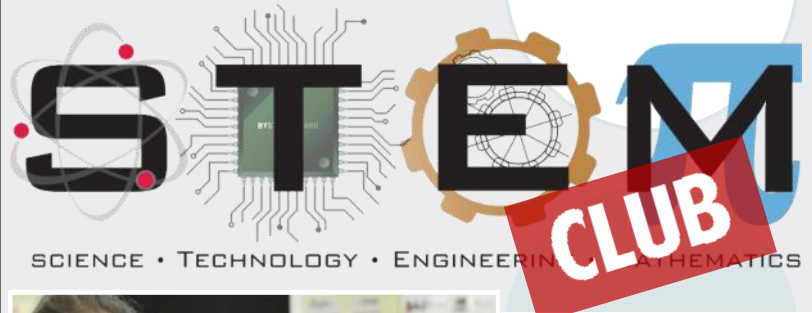
## 5..4..3..2..1...BLAST OFF! Coding is out of this world!



Last week QPHS students took part in a programming experiment 'out of this world', with the help of the European Space Agency (ESA) and

Astropi. Students worked hard during their coding club enrichment session to design a Python program which they 'beamed up' to the International Space Station (ISS). Astronauts aboard the space station then ran the code that is designed to take temperature readings from inside the station and display messages from students. We look forward to hearing back from the ESA in the new year- they will let us know exactly where the ISS was when the experiment ran.

Coding Club starts again in January every Tuesday after school and is open to all Year 7 & 8 students. Please ask at the TALS office for more information.



*“I really enjoy STEM club as we are able to work on different projects and practicals we do not do in lesson times. This allows me to test and extend my knowledge of science.”*

Hannah Jones, Year 8

This term has seen a huge increase in the number of Key Stage 3 students attending STEM Club.

Since September, students have been completing fun and challenging investigations, such as creating the best bouncy custard ball, making polymer worms and studying the effect of temperature on the structure of chocolate! More recently, students have designed their own practical test to discover the best insulating material. These experiments have helped to develop students' investigative skills, vital for their science studies.

STEM Club meet every Thursday from 3-4pm. If anyone is interested in joining please speak to Miss Sutton.





# YEAR 5 ACTIVITY DAY

## Rising to the Challenge

QPHS was buzzing with a flurry of multi-coloured jumpers on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th November as we welcomed over 300 Year 5 children for the first of our Curriculum Challenge Days. The children, from ten primary schools across Chester, were eager to experience a taste of high school life and rise to challenge of the learning opportunities that lie ahead. Based on the theme 'The Digital Age', children worked in mixed school groups to take part in three curriculum based workshops. They were also joined by some familiar faces (our Year 7 and 8 students!), who were fantastic ambassadors throughout the days, helping to support and mentor their younger peers.

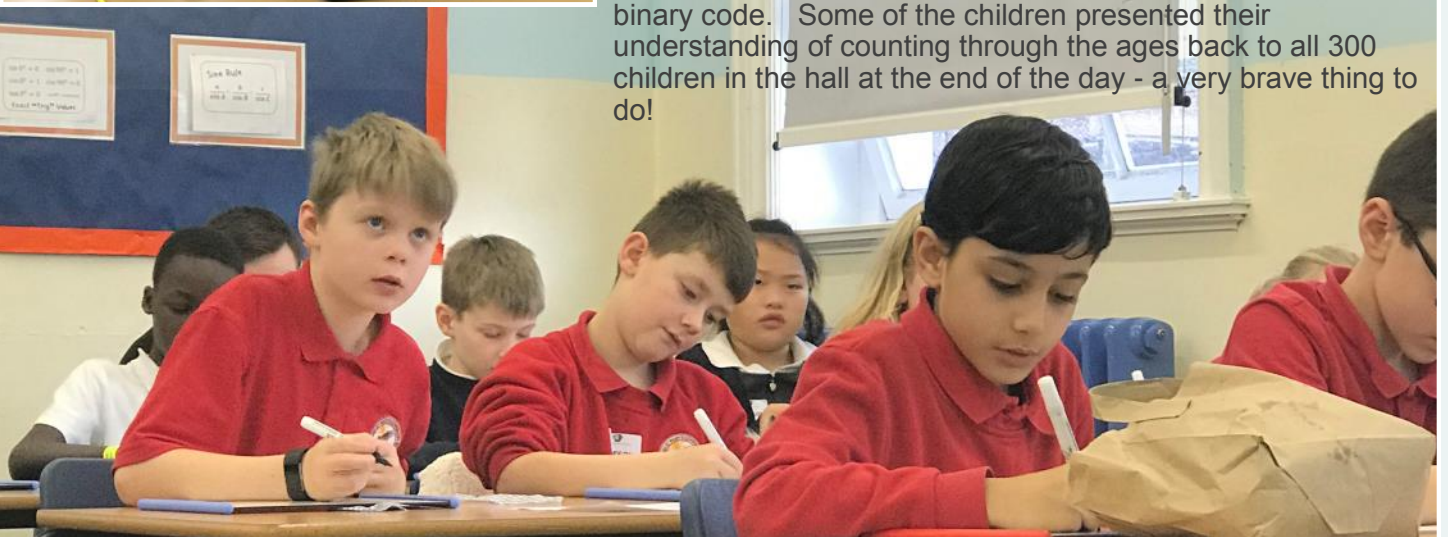
Within English, Year 5 investigated 'fake news'. They were challenged to identify fake news during a news quiz then become fake news detectives when analysing a fake news article. The children looked at spelling, punctuation and grammar and how these could be giveaways of 'fake' content. Finally, the children worked in pairs to create a script for a live news report, which they then presented to the class.

In visual art, children looked at artist Damien Hirst's butterfly series and how the kaleidoscope creates a magical world of colours and patterns. During the workshop, children mastered the basic techniques - tools and processes in Adobe Photoshop - to create rhythmic patterns to produce some stunning digital kaleidoscope images.

*“All the children engaged with the different sessions and showed real commitment and enthusiasm throughout the day to achieve some fantastic outcomes. They were well supported by their peers from QPHS and of course staff from their own schools. A big thank you to the English, maths and art teams for their work in planning and delivering such exciting and engaging workshops. I look forward to welcoming the children and staff back to QPHS in the summer term for our second challenge day.”*

Mrs Scanlon, Assistant Headteacher & Transition Lead

In maths, children were taken on a journey of discovery as they explored counting through the ages from 'abacus to Apple'. They were given the opportunity to build and use an abacus, read and write Egyptian hieroglyphics and understand the workings of binary code; the language of computers. They also had the chance to create some binary monsters of their own using a grid to create a pattern that could be converted into binary code. Some of the children presented their understanding of counting through the ages back to all 300 children in the hall at the end of the day - a very brave thing to do!







## New Year, New Skill

Learning a musical instrument brings so many benefits to a child's overall development as well as nurturing a skill and interest that a child can have for life. Music for Life is a non profit making music service working in partnership with schools which currently arranges lessons for more than 4,000 young people across our area. A course of lessons may be an ideal Christmas gift. The deadline for booking a new course to start after Christmas is 21st December. You can find out much more and book online here:

[www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now](http://www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now)

Payment for courses can be made by debit or credit card and can be spread over several months (typically £24.50 per month for a shared lesson or £37 per month for a one-to-one lesson) or paid in full in advance if you wish. Financial support with the cost of lessons may be available in cases of hardship; please contact Music for Life before booking if you would like to discuss this. All new courses enjoy a 12 week 'taster' period, so students are only committed to 12 lessons to see how things go. After that time, a report on progress will be sent and students can then decide to continue with lessons, cancel further lessons or change their course.

To discover more about the work of Music for Life, please visit:

- WEBSITE:** [musicforlife.org.uk](http://musicforlife.org.uk)
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### Music for Life in Schools



## PACKING THE POUNDS

### Students' handiwork raise funds for show



On Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th December, an army of keen and enthusiastic bag packing experts descended onto the Tesco store on Sealand Road with the objective of raising as much money as possible for the upcoming school production.

With a combined effort, they managed to work for 15 hours and made a staggering £1000. This money will go to support our school production of Grease which will run from Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th February 2019.

Tickets are priced at £6.50 and will be available early in the New Year from [www.yourboxoffice.co.uk](http://www.yourboxoffice.co.uk).

In the words of Johnny Casino, 'Be there, or be square!'





# STUDENTS SET FOR STARDOM



## New BBC drama series feature QPHS boys

It's not every day that our school is approached to see if we can provide young actors for a major, new BBC primetime drama. Working in partnership with the Chisleton International Studio, a group of 30 talented male students from Years 7-10 were selected to feature in a new BBC drama entitled, 'World on Fire'.



The drama, made by Mammoth Productions, stars a plethora of major TV and Film stars including Lesley Manville (*Mum, Maleficent, Romeo and Juliet*) and Oscar winning actress Helen Hunt (*As Good As It Gets, Twister, Castaway*). The series is set in the first year of World War II and explores the experiences of ordinary people caught up in one of the greatest tragedies in human history. Our students feature in the episode which tells the plight of a Polish boy who is sent to live with his guardian (Lesley Manville) and attend a new school in England.



Students were selected based on a range of criteria and, the week before filming started, visited the *Space Studios* in Manchester for their costume fittings, rehearsal workshop and haircuts! The filming itself took place on Monday 26th November and two of our school classrooms were converted into costume, hair and make-up rooms for the cast. Students were then taken to set (the old Overleigh nursery) to film three scenes, which took all day to shoot!



It was amazing to see a large scale production in action with so many TV and film industry experts working on set to turn our local area back in time to 1939. The building itself was transformed internally to look like a classroom of the period, with lighting used to give the depiction of day time, even when the sun had long set on Handbridge.

*“ Working with a production company was an amazing experience that I won't ever forget. It was amazing and I feel honoured to have been chosen to be a part of the cast. It was great to see how the cameras work and how much hard work goes into making a TV programme. I am really excited to see how it all comes together.”*

Finlay McGrath, Year 8

It was a fantastic, but exhausting (and cold!) day, however it was an incredible experience. The director of the episode will be coming to QPHS to

run a post-filming workshop for students interested in working in television and *World on Fire* will air on the BBC in the New Year.



# STAFF vs SIXTH FORM

Let the battles commence!

As a Student Leadership Team, we are very focused on making school life a little more fun and giving back to the community. Our first steps towards achieving this is to host a teachers versus sixth form event each half term which allows the school to raise money for a chosen charity and also for everyone to have a good time. Last half term we hosted the first event – ‘speed eating’! This was a huge success, drawing in over 100 students to come and watch their teachers stuff their faces with weird and interesting food in a race against the sixth form! This event was very kindly sponsored by Cheshire Ice Cream Farm, who donated four tubs of ice cream for the teams to devour in the surprise final round.

We had tough time thinking of what we could do this term but, after a few coffees and a brainstorming session, we landed on Quidditch! Over the past month, we have had the amazing support of the University of Chester’s Quidditch Team, who have helped us to learn the rules and master the sport in time for the main event on Monday 17th December. We hope that the students enjoy this as much as they enjoyed the previous event and we look forward to seeing the sixth form students and teachers flying round on their brooms!

Written by Morgan Linfield, Head Boy



“...An inclusive Sixth Form”  
Ofsted



Sixth Form

# OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 30th January 2019  
6.30pm-8.00pm



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# ART COMMISSION

## Students set to paint VIP portrait

The art department were approached recently by the former Lord Mayor of Chester Councillor Razia Daniels to discuss the possibility of painting her portrait which will be showcased in Chester Town Hall. The painting will form part of the permanent collection and sit alongside all the previous Lord Mayors of Chester. Councillor Daniels came into school and met with two willing Year 13 art and design students, Harrison Kendall-Smith and Daniela Seixas.

The students shared an hour of conversation, looking through official photographs of the former Mayor, taking their own photographs and completing preliminary sketches.

The students are now embarking on large scale oil paintings on canvas and we look forward to the visual responses by both Harrison and Daniela over the coming months. Watch this space!



“How do you believe the world was made?”

Year 6 pupil  
Overleigh St Marys

## A UNITED KINGDOM?

### Sixth formers lead debate for Year 6 pupils

During their inter-faith week, Overleigh St Mary's Primary School invited QPHS sixth form RE students to take part in their debate and Q & A session, themed 'A United Kingdom'.

Over 60 zealous Year 6 children were keen and ready to ask our RE students some profound religious questions, from 'How do you believe the world was made' to 'Do you think there is a right faith?'

Our students responded from different religious faiths and perspectives. It was an enjoyable carousel of various religious view points and a good learning experience was had by all.

At the end of the session, our students presented Overleigh St Mary's Primary School with a piece of art work they had designed and created, entitled for 'A United Kingdom'. Overleigh will present their Year 6 children's artwork to us in the new year.

“Do you think there is a right faith?”

Year 6 pupil  
Overleigh St Marys





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“ We went to Moorcroft Solicitors who rent a space from Bruntwood within the cotton exchange building. It was good to see how a company like Bruntwood use their buildings creatively.”

Craig Duggan, Year 8

## BOGSBY BRIDGE CHALLENGE

### Year 9 test their 'essential skills' at Bruntwood

As part of the schools commitment to CEIG (Careers Education, Information & Guidance), Key Stage 3 students are given the opportunity to go on employer engagement trips. These trips are designed to inspire and motivate students as they learn about the workplace, the sector and employees roles. This enables them to apply their understanding of the 'essential skills' they have gained in lesson time projects and challenge days in a real life professional setting.

On 8th November 2018, Miss Maier's Year 9 tutor group went to Bruntwood Liverpool and took part in the 'building bridges' challenge, with a focus on the construction industry.

“ I learnt a lot about Bruntwood, they are a family owned property company offering office space, retail space and virtual offices. They have 116 properties and the business is worth £950 million. They own five buildings in Liverpool, including the Cotton Exchange which is where our challenge day was.”

Dharma Northman, Year 9

From the moment they arrived, the students were putting their problem solving and teamwork skills into action. After a tour of the workplace, students were split into teams and their challenge was set - to design a new bridge for the fictional town of Bogsby. They set about researching possible locations, considering community concerns and building a scale model of their proposed scheme.

After all this, they took their proposal to a panel of volunteers representing a planning committee, who scrutinised not only their design but also how effectively they had used their 'essential skills' across the day.

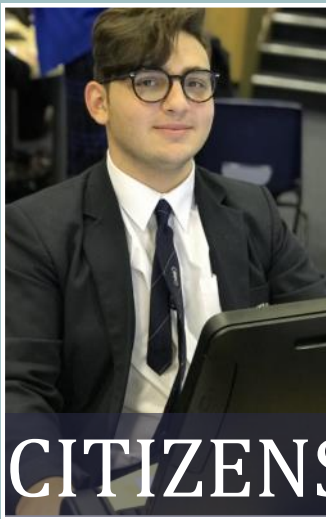
“ My favourite part of the day was to use my problem solving skills to construct a model bridge. We had to work in teams which was challenging but also fun.”

Jorja Jevams, Year 8



 enabling  
enterprise





# CITIZENSHIP DAY

Citizenship day got off to a fantastic start this term with students from all years actively engaged in a range of activities.

## Year 7 & 8

### UK Parliament Week

The aim of the day was for students to develop an understanding of democracy, government and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in the UK. Students learned about the role and work of Parliament, including the House of Lords and the House of Commons, the Monarchy, the difference between the role of the Government and Parliament, why we need laws and how they affect them and the election and voting system.

## Year 9

### Chocolate anyone?

Year 9 students took part in an Enabling Enterprise Challenge day where they worked in teams as product developers for a chocolate company. They were set the challenge of developing a new box of chocolates to appeal to the teenage market. They learned

about a number of business approaches, such as profit, opportunity, cost and marketing strategies. At the end of the day, they presented their ideas back to their peers and teachers. This helped students to develop skills such as teamwork, leadership, problem solving, creativity and to aim high!

## Year 10

### Into Film Festival

Year 10 students took part in the 'Into Film Festival'. They watched the film, 'Searching' at the Vue Cinema, Cheshire Oaks to help to develop their understanding about cyber safety and mental health.

## Year 11

### Unifrog, CEIG & Bank of England EconoMe

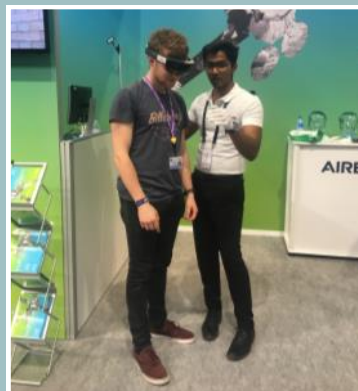
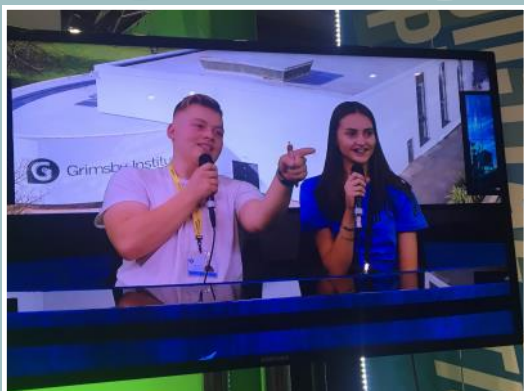
In keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, Year 11 students used Unifrog (an award-winning, online careers platform), which makes it easy for students to compare and choose the best

university courses, apprenticeships or further education courses for themselves. Additionally, the platform helps students to write their personal statement, application forms and CVs by guiding them through the process. They also took part in the Bank of England 'EconoMe' programme. Students learnt how their decisions are affected by, and influence, the economy.

## Year 12 and 13

### Work Skills Live

*Careers? Pathways? Futures? Aiming High!* Year 12 and 13 students attended National Work Skills Live, the UK's largest skills, apprenticeships and careers event where they had the chance to find out more about the types of careers and industries that exist. They were given the opportunity to meet with employers and create some contacts that might just kick-start their future. They were able to get an idea of what their future could look like and understand what they need to do to get there!





# SANTA DASH

Cash donated to the dash



On Sunday 2nd December QPHS marked the launch of the Christmas opening of its car park by welcoming all manner of 'Santas', taking part in Chester's eighth annual Santa Dash. All funds raised from the day's car parking were donated to two very worthy charities, The Countess of Chester Baby Grow Appeal and The Hospice of The Good Shepherd. Just over £100 will be split equally between the two charities.

The QPHS car park is operated by the school's PTA and offers a cheap alternative to city centre parking.

The car park will be open every Saturday from 9am - 7pm and Sunday from 10am - 7pm between 1st December to 5th January. It will also be open weekdays from 10am - 7pm during the school holidays (except on bank holidays).



*“ We were very pleased and grateful to Queens Park High School for their kind offer to support the Chester Santa Dash once again and give our Dashers a chance to park nice and close to the route as well. The funds raised from the car parking will be split between the 2 charities – The Countess Charity and The Hospice of the Good Shepherd – which will help enormously in supporting our patients, visitors and staff. ”*

*Kathy Kenney, Community and Events Fundraiser from the Countess Charity*

This term, Year 8 student Libby-Anne Parsonage impressed staff and students by presenting assemblies in front of the whole school to promote the 'Christmas boxes' inter-house competition.

A fantastic effort was made by tutor groups across the school, as they donated a grand total of 44 boxes! Congratulations to Eaton House who, having been the reigning champions for the past three years, regained their winning title again this year.

A special well done to Mrs Tonon's Year 8 tutor group who donated the most boxes out of all the groups. Thanks to all the students for their efforts and enthusiasm. The festive packages they have provided will help children who would otherwise not receive presents this Christmas.

*“ Being able to spread the message about helping children in need this Christmas is one of the best feelings ever. Presenting assemblies is nerve-racking but having this opportunity has boosted my confidence and has made me want to do more public speaking to get my point across. ”*

*Libby-Anne Parsonage, Year 8*

## SHARING THE JOY

### Christmas Boxes







# NEW SEASON, NEW KIT

Shooting hoops with sponsorship



*“ We are thrilled with the support we’ve received from HL Financial, it has given the students a real sense of pride and ambition. The sixth form managers - Reuben Wardle and Kaylan Morris - have been integral in inspiring our already talented squad who have managed to secure a place in the Chester Schools Basketball final ”*

Mr Taylor, PPA Curriculum Team Leader

Earlier this year, Handbridge based independent financial advice company, HL Financial took the opportunity to support Queen’s Park High School by sponsoring a new dynamic kit for the school’s up and coming basketball team.

After approaching a local uniform supplier, HL Financial worked with the PE department to design a personalised and professional sports kit for the team to wear during their matches.

The new kit has certainly been a massive hit with the formidable team and injected a new energy and confidence in their play. So far they’ve been victorious in every game and we hope their winning streak will continue throughout the season.

HL Financial has been operating since 2003, and moved to it’s office in Handbridge in 2014. Since relocating, the team at HL Financial have enjoyed being an active part of the community, getting involved in annual events and regularly seeking new ways to work closer with other members of the community.

## IN IT TO WIN IT!

### Girls PE News

The focus for the girls within their extra-curricular programme for this half term has been *participation, participation, participation*. Boy, have we been successful!! We have regularly had over 20 girls attending netball practice on Mondays after school, not to mention participating in a number of competitions this term. Football, netball, basketball, cross country and gymnastics have all been on the agenda, successfully competing against other schools in the district (some sports more than others!). The girls are committed, enthusiastic and above all, are enjoying being involved in sport. Practices will continue after Christmas with details of fixtures available on the girls PE notice board. You’ve got to be in it to win it!

*“ As a small business we are happy to be able to help QPHS with some new kits for the basketball team. We know that they had a great season last year and wish them every success for the season ahead. ”*

Rob Hopkins, Director of HL Financial





# HEADED FOR PREMIERSHIP

Jake selected for City



“ This is a really exciting opportunity and I love being part of the academy where I have made lots of good friends and have access to the best support and coaching.”

Jake Spaven, Year 7



Congratulations to Year 7 student, Jake Spaven who has been selected to represent Manchester City Football Club in two tournaments next year. The first will be in Holland and the second, the Calvia Cup in Santa Ponsa, Mallorca. Jake trains at the academy four times each week and has to make sure that he keeps up with all his school work as well as managing the high sporting expectations of a club at this level. Jake is certainly impressing us all, both here and at the academy. The academy staff at Manchester City believe the experience of competing at this level will play a significant role in a young player's education. As a school, we are delighted for Jake and his family and wish him every success at these tournaments and with his future promising football career. Good luck Jake!

# NORTHWICH AUTUMN HEAD

Lots of water, both on and off the river!

QPHS Rowers and support crews were met with much rain during the Northwich Autumn Head on Sunday 11th November. Nevertheless, spirits weren't dampened, and the day proved to be a successful one, with both improvement in race times and some medals for our team throughout the day.

Headteacher Miss Watterson was on the bank of the Weaver River to encourage our crews, and cheered on our girls WJ14 quad (comprising Emily McDermott, Claudia Jackson, Lowri Jones, Darcy Smyth and Cox, James Parlevliet) and Luke Harris in the boys J14 single to victory!



## WANTED!

### Female Rower

Are you female? Are you interested in joining our highly successful rowing team? Queen's Park High School Rowing Club are seeking a Year 8 student who would like to learn to row, with a view to joining our Year 8 girls' quad.

This is a very rare and exciting opportunity so if it sounds like something you would like to get involved with and would like to find out more, please get in touch with Richard Cox, QPHSRC coach, via email at [Richardcox54@talktalk.net](mailto:Richardcox54@talktalk.net)



Our Year 8 boys - Callum Lewis, Tom Bamber, Mate Kovacs, James Parlevliet & cox Nathan Fawcett



## HEAD OF THE FLOAT

### A wavy, windy first competition for Year 8

It's a real case of David and Goliath any time the rowing club take a crew to Liverpool Victoria Head for a competition!

The imposing ship is a magnificent backdrop for all our rowers to admire during the event.

Saturday 1st December saw another wild and windy day where our crews battled it out across 2 x 1200m legs at Liverpool Victoria Rowing Club.

A first competition for our Year 8 quads saw them row determined races, and get a feel for rowing under pressure.

All rowers showed tenacity, team spirit and true drive in the very rough conditions, with our WJ14 girls quad adding another win to their medal cabinet.

Congratulations to the winners, Claudia Jackson, Lowri Jones, Emily McDermott and Darcy Smyth with cox Josh Williamson.



First competition for our Year 8 crew - Sienna Taylor, Freya Cossons, Grace Nugent & Erin Kendall (Year 9)

## CHESTER LONG DISTANCE SCULLS

### Home win for Joe & Tom



It was terrific to have the Chester Long Distance Sculls rescheduled for the end of November, as this is a key fundraiser for the club, and it gives our rowers the opportunity to row on their river.

With only one division racing for the day, our crews were in either doubles or quads across the morning.

Joe Bamber and Tom Lawrence (J15 doubles) were our only medal winners for the day, however the whole club had a success day of fundraising, selling hundreds of sausage and bacon baps, cups of tea and coffee and homemade cakes.



# JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in becoming an Exam Invigilator?

QPHS are looking to recruit reliable and enthusiastic exam invigilators to work within our existing team to assist with the running of all internal and public examinations.

The role would suit applicants who prefer to work flexible daytime hours during term time. No experience is required as full training will be provided.

For more information please email [k.gresty@qphs.co.uk](mailto:k.gresty@qphs.co.uk)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Time
16 December	Rowing Club bag packing event at Waitrose	
18 December	Christmas Concert	7.00-9.00pm
21 December	School closes for students	12.20pm
24 December - 4 January	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	
7 January 2019	School re-opens for all students	8.40am
16 January	Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening	4.30-7.00pm
18-20 January	School production rehearsal residential weekend	
23 January	Citizenship Day 2	All day
23 January	Awards Evening	6.30-8.00pm
24 January	A level drama exam performance evening	6.30pm-9.30pm
30 January	<b>Sixth Form Open Evening</b>	<b>6.30-8.00pm</b>
2 February	Rowing event: Hampton/Wycliffe Head	
7 February	Year 9 & 10 Intermediate Maths Challenge	
10 February	Rowing event: Warrington Head	
11-15 February	School production - Grease	Doors open 6.45pm
18-22 February	<b>SPRING HALF TERM</b>	
23 February	Rowing event: Trafford Head	
25 February	School re-opens for all students	8.40am
25 February - 5 March	Year 11 core mock exams Year 13 mock exams	All day
3 March	Rowing event: NW Junior Time Trial Northwich	
6 March	Year 7 Parents' Evening	4.30-7.00pm
11 March	Citizenship Day 3	All day
13 March	KS3 Options Evening	6.00pm
14 March	Rowing event: Sculling Head Dorney London	
22 March	School production - V Factor	7pm
23 March	Rowing event: North of England Head Chester	
27 March	Year 10 Parents' Evening	4.30-7.00pm
29 March	<b>INSET DAY</b> School closed to students	All day
1 - 12 April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
15 April	School re-opens for all students	8.40am
19 April	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> School closed	
22 April	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b> School closed	
23 April	School re-opens for all students	8.40am



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**CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES**  
1st December 2018 - 5th January 2019

**OPEN**  
SATURDAYS: 9am - 7pm  
SUNDAYS: 10am - 7pm (up to Christmas)  
MON - FRI: 10am - 7pm (during school holidays)

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**PTA** PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION  
We wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2019

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Merry Christmas from QPHS



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