



### 'A' Level Results

Sixth form students at Queen's Park High School have fantastic reasons to celebrate, after gaining excellent results in their "A" Level examinations. Hard work, excellent teaching and support from parents have paid off once again maintaining the school's exceptionally strong track record at "A" level. The 2014 results show an increase in the average points score per entry for the fifth year running. Almost 60% of all grades were A\*-B and 25% were A\*-A.



Exceptional individual results were achieved by a number of students including James McDermott achieved A\*s in Physics and Maths and an A in Further Maths, gaining him a place at Manchester University to study Civil Engineering. Struan Fishburn is going on to study Chemical Engineering at Leeds University after attaining an A\* in Physics and As in Maths and Chemistry. Anna Houghton achieved A\*s in Art and English Literature and a B in English Language to secure a place at Liverpool John Moore's university to undertake a degree in Fine Art. Hope Slater gained an A\* in English Literature, an A in Art and two starred Distinctions in Music allowing her to gain a place to study Fine Art at Oxford University's Balliol College.

### GCSE Results

Once again Queen's Park High School students celebrated the fact that they achieved some outstanding results as they collected their examination envelopes. Many students gained excellent results and as a year group they managed to achieve the target of 5 A\* to Cs including English and Maths that was set for the cohort at the start of their GCSE courses.



A number of students achieved exceptional results and gained a string of high grades including those in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science. These include Danielle Buckley (9A\*s, 2As and 2Bs), Arien Cartwright (8A\*s, 6As and 1B), Hannah Dixon (6A\*s, 7As), Eleanor Finlay (4A\*s, 7As and 1B), Alex Goldsmith (5A\*s, 9As), James Houghton (3A\*s, 7As and 1B), Catrin Jones (7A\*s 3As and 2Bs), Cian Salisbury (5A\*s 5As and 1B), Harry Williams (5A\*s, 5As and 1B) and Jim Williams (3A\*s, 9As)

### Summer School

From 28 July – 1 August 2014 we hosted our first ever Summer School for incoming Year 7 students. The focus of the week was 'Building Confidence' with students from a number of different primary schools taking part in a wide range of activities. This included treasure hunts, rounders matches, quizzes, numeracy and literacy challenges, art activities, cookery and a mini Olympics. Miss Davies hosted an orientation event and the week ended with the students taking part in an awards ceremony attended by their families and school staff. All the students who took part had a fantastic week and said that they felt more confident about starting secondary school, had made new friends and felt like they knew their way around the school building.



We would like to thank the Year 7 families who supported our first Summer School – we are delighted you all had such a good time and found it a valuable experience. We are looking forward to Summer School 2014-2015!

### Travel and Tourism Guest Speaker Workshop

Year 12 Level 3 BTEC Travel and Tourism students attended a 'working in travel and tourism' workshop run by Penny Macpherson who is the parent of a current student at QPHS and has worked in the industry for a number of years. Penny is currently a Travel Counsellor, and was able to talk to students about her background and vast travel experiences.



The group explored the range of career opportunities available both nationally and within the local area. Students also learnt the importance of providing excellent customer service within this customer driven industry. All students enjoyed the workshop and took away some valuable guidance and advice that will support them with their current studies as well as preparing them for their future careers in travel.

Special thanks to Penny for giving up her time to speak to our students. For more information on Travel Counsellors please contact Penny direct on 01244 459550 or visit her website. <http://www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/penny.macpherson>

Miss Shaw

Teacher of Leisure, Travel & Tourism and Business Education

### **Could you help?**

*We are currently looking to develop further business links within the local community. Examples of business support and engagement could include providing opportunities for school visits or guest speakers, providing information and resources and careers information. If you have a contact or could help please contact Miss Shaw ([ssw@qphs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:ssw@qphs.cheshire.sch.uk)).*

## **Open Evening**

During our successful Open Evening on 18 September, we had many youngsters from Year 5 and 6 involved in our Curriculum Treasure Hunt. This involved them visiting all our Faculty areas and finding answers to a series of curriculum-based questions. Everyone was very keen to win the coveted prize of a brand new Kindle – a lovely new way to enjoy reading.

By the end of the evening we had a brimming bucketful of entries which had been deposited by lots of tired but happy primary school children.



On 1 October I was delighted to visit Belgrave Primary School to present the winner, Sofie Gittins, with her prize in Assembly. It was lovely to see all the pupils of Belgrave so proud and pleased for Sofie as she received her Kindle

Mrs Logan

## **Holidays taken during term time.**

Please note that, from September 2014, parents will be fined by the Local Authority for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

As a school, we fully appreciate the financial difficulties that some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during school holidays. However, there is an expectation that all schools in Cheshire West and Chester introduce firm policies and stringent checks to ensure that there is a significant reduction in the number of absences during term time.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the school to thank you for your full support in this matter by not taking your child out of school during term time.

This new legislation will bring about increased attendance and improving standards in our borough's schools.

Further information can be obtained from [www.dfe.gov.uk](http://www.dfe.gov.uk).

## **Success in GCSE English**

### **An information evening and workshop for parents of Year 11 students - Monday 20 October 2014 (6:30-7:30pm)**

As the mock examinations approach, it is clear that students in Year 11 are beginning to think about the most effective ways to prepare. We recognise that parents play a vital part in the exam preparation of their children. In turn, the English Department, would like to invite the parents of Year 11 students to an evening intended to demonstrate exactly how parents can most effectively support revision and exam preparation for GCSE English.

You will leave the evening:

- *Understanding the requirements of the GCSE English examination.*
- *Having tried a range of revision techniques that ensure success for students.*
- *With a pack of ready to use revision activities to help you support your son/daughter's revision.*

We are confident that you will find the evening informative and rewarding.

If you would like to attend please email [successinenglish@qphs.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:successinenglish@qphs.cheshire.sch.uk), by Wednesday 15 October, to book your place. Alternatively, please contact the school by telephone on 01244 981500.

## **Warrington Regatta**

At a crowded session at the Warrington Regatta a large contingent of students from Queen's Park High School took part in rowing which was often punctuated by periods of torrential rain.



The J13X4 quad with Cameron Neil, Charlie Birchall-Jones, Harrison Kendall, Will Davies and cox Emily Cox fought a close final but lost out to a Warrington crew. Despite great efforts by other rowers, the only winner in the club was Cameron Neil and Harrison Kendall in the J13 X2 doubles who collected gold.

Many thanks Hamish

## **Photographs**

During your child's school life at Queen's Park High School there may be occasions when we have an opportunity to take their photograph (both individual and group shots) for promotional material for the school. If you do not wish to give your consent to your child's image being used in this way please contact the school and ensure your child is made aware of your decision