



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

STOP PRESS

Governors are pleased to announce that Miss Lyndsay Watterson has been appointed as the new Headteacher at Queen's Park High School from January 2015.

Miss Watterson comes from Tarporley High School (rated Outstanding by Ofsted 2014) where she has been Deputy Headteacher since 2009.

More information to follow in next newsletter...

Congratulations to James McDermott (former student at Queen's Park High School who has been awarded an ICE (Institute of Civil Engineers) Quest Scholarship sponsored by **Interserve**.



MacMillan Cancer Support

On 26 September hundreds of pounds were raised for MacMillan Cancer Support by staff at Queen's Park High School. Staff showed their Mary Berry skills and brought in delicious cakes and cookies to sell at break time. All were participating in the world's biggest coffee morning to raise awareness and funds for the charity. Macmillan would like to thank everyone for their generosity.



School Charity helps set up Library in Malawi

Last week, members of the Queen's Park High School council were delighted to welcome Shaun Williams one of the founders of the charity 3rd World Hope to present a cheque for £1384.08 which was the result of their fundraising for the charity in the academic year 2013-14. Mrs Scanlon, Director of Learning 14-19 who works with the school council explained "each year, the school council select a charity based on nominations by staff and students and last year, the excellent work that 3rd World Hope was doing in Malawi really struck a chord with the students who wanted to help other young people get support for their own education and really got behind the charity".



Shaun from 3rd World Hope said "Everyone involved in 3rd World Hope is greatly appreciative of the support from Queen's Park High School over the last year. Their dedication and passion for helping those less fortunate is inspirational. The huge amount raised will be used to help set up our new library in Malawi, Africa. The library will have solar power with access to computers with syllabuses installed. This will assist the students at our new school as well as making education accessible to the wider community in the area. Thank you all so much for the support!"

Schools Shakespeare Festival (SSF)

Building on the success of last year's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' performance at the Floral Pavilion, 15 students from Year 9 will be taking part in the national 'School's Shakespeare Festival'. The Festival allows participating schools the opportunity to perform their production on a professional theatre stage and experience an enhanced understanding of what Shakespeare's texts are all about. Leading the cast this year are Cain Noble (Hamlet), Cameron Neill (Claudius) and Jake Cross (Laertes).



On Tuesday 7 October students took part in a workshop at the theatre led by the SSF team and were praised for their talent! The premier of the performance will take place at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton on Tuesday 11 November at 7.00pm. Tickets are available from the theatre Box Office which can be contacted on 0151 666 0000. Once more unto the breach...

ParentMail & Parental Portal – What's the Difference?

You may have heard about ParentMail and Parental Portal and wonder what they are. To clarify, **ParentMail** is the system we use to send emails home about general events or letters specific to your child. It is also used to text when students arrive late into school or if they do not arrive into school. It means the message is sent directly to you and letters are not lost on the way home! And of course it saves paper and postage costs. **Parental Portal** is the system that allows you to view information about your child – behaviour credits and referrals, canteen expenditure, attendance and much more. It is also used to book Parents' Evening appointments on-line, ensuring you don't miss out on this important event. A form to register for Parental Portal can be found on the school website; to register with ParentMail, please contact school on 01244 981500 or email enquiries@gphs.cheshire.sch.uk. **Don't miss out on those important messages!**

Queenies Hair Salon at QPHS

By day, our school hair salon is used by BTEC Hairdressing Students. By evening we are pleased to announce it will be used by Faith Taylor a qualified hair stylist from Miss Molly's (previously at LA Fitness). Faith will be here from Tuesday 21 October, to discuss appointments and prices, please contact Faith directly on 07725464929. We hope you will support this use of school facilities.



Girls 7-a-side Football

On Thursday 2 October, the U14 Chester and District Girls seven-aside Football Tournament was held at Christleton High School. It was also the first time in a number of years that Queen's Park High School has attended and that is down to the commitment of the girls attending practice run by Miss Egan and Mr Rowlands and their motivation to be part of a successful team. The same commitment and motivation was demonstrated on the pitch throughout the nine games played.



Izzy Edmonds in goal showed great strength making some brilliant saves to keep a clean sheet in a number of games. Outstanding performances also came from Julia Neill and Kiera Burke who showed their experience and footballing brain despite only being in year 7 and 8 respectively.

The squad of 10 players all showed a great fighting spirit even when playing against academy players from older year groups.

FAMILY ISSUES

It's good to talk..... It's also good to listen, Gill Cutler, Family Support Worker, is here to listen to any concerns you might have about your child's wellbeing. Gill is available 9.00–10.00am Monday–Friday. Please ring 01244 981500

Burton on Trent Regatta

On a sunny and sweltering day, QPHSRC rowers along with rowers from the Grosvenor RC took part in the Burton on Trent Regatta. Rowers had to make a 5.30am start from Chester to make the early morning rowing events.



The junior crews from QPHS raced hard in the single and double sculls but were unable to get through the semi-finals. Emily Cox from QPHS in the WJ15X1 single sculls rowed three races winning the final. Emily was also part of the Grosvenor WJ15X4+ quad with Lucy Tilston, Frances Munro, Stella Dixon, Emily Cox and Carmen Lasok-Smith (cox) who rowed through to a thrilling close final.

Long Distant Sculls on the Dee

Under perfect conditions for rowing with very little stream and no wind and in a very crowded session rowers from Queen's Park Rowing Club took part in the junior course of 2600m.



Jack Davies and Morgan Whitley were winners in the J13 X doubles while the J15X4 quad with Charlie Birchall-Jones, Henry Dougherty, Aidan Farrelly, Harrison Kendall and cox Morgan Whitley finished a creditable fourth.

Fifth place in the WJ15 X quad were Eve Finlay, Rona Fishburn, Eve Lawlor, Zoe Theil and cox Amy Williamson whilst Lucy Clegg took fourth place in the full 5K course.

These students and the visiting rowers and supporters were able to refuel with an excellent array of homemade cakes, quality beef burgers and drinks at the QPHS rowing club site.

Many thanks Hamish Collin

PARENT'S EVENINGS 2014/2015 – Please register with Parental Portal to be able to make appointments on-line. Forms available on the website or from School Reception.

Year 11	Wednesday 12 November 2014
Years 12 & 13	Wednesday 10 December 2014
Year 9	Tuesday 13 January 2015
Year 7	Tuesday 3 March 2015
Year 10	Wednesday 29 April 2015
Year 8	Wednesday 17 June 2015