



Juniors do Shakespeare!

The Year 6 boys at QEJ Juniors put on their end of year production of *Macbeth – The Musical* at the end of the Summer term.

A packed QEJ Theatre was enthralled by an intoxicatingly humorous, yet suitably bloodthirsty, interpretation of *The Scottish Play*.

Mr Richard Hall, the Year 6 teacher who produced the play, said: "As an introduction to Shakespeare, the Year 6 boys studied extracts of *Macbeth* in their literacy lessons this year and the play featured some of the boys' own creative writing. The Year 5 boys from QEJ Juniors provided a rousing chorus for many of the songs in the production".

425-years of history



This year QEJ celebrated the 425th anniversary of the Will of John Carr, our founder, at the traditional Charter Day service in Bristol Cathedral.

The service was attended by The Lord Mayor and dignitaries of the City.

QEJ Midsummer Festival

QEJ dramatists continued with their 'Shakespeare season', to hugely appreciative audiences.

It was a Glastonbury Festival inspired version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, re-named the 'Midsummer Festival'. They were joined by a handful of Red Maids' girls who added inspiration, wit and colour to this outstanding production.

"A very topical, funny, entertaining and magical play, styled with a modern festival twist."

Naomi Morgan, Director



Junior Music Showcase

Performances ranged from a *Beatles* Medley to a melodrama film which had the audience laughing at their silly antics on stage. The evening was rounded off with three pianists performing on our new Steinway grand piano, together with a trumpet solo.

For more information about these news stories or other activities the School is involved in, please visit our website on www.qehbristol.co.uk or call Carolyn Matthews, our Admissions Registrar, on 0117 930 3068.

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Secrets of Success



Record results for QEJ boys

QEJ boys achieved the best ever GCSE level results in the School's history this year.

An amazing 40% of grades gained were A*, beating all previous records. Over 92 per cent of all GCSE grades were at A* to B, with 74 per cent at A* or A grades. In Chemistry, Music and Religious Studies every single boy received either an A* or an A grade.

Twenty-three boys – 30 per cent of the QEJ cohort – achieved a straight set of A* or A grades with six boys each achieving a set of straight A*s.



A-level students Greg Horner, Scaef Berry, Alex Loveday, Ali Roweth and Tom Pearce who achieved at least three A*s each

“**These are superb results overall, putting QEJ easily amongst the top academic schools nationally. No one can doubt the quality of education at QEJ.**

Stephen Holliday, Headmaster

At A-level QEJ boys achieved a 100 per cent pass rate for the sixth year running, with 95 per cent of grades at A* to C and 80 per cent at A* to B grade.

Twenty-seven per cent of boys achieved straight A* or A grades in their three or four A-level subjects. In all, over 50 per cent of grades awarded to QEJ candidates were at A* or A grade and 18 per cent were awarded at the A* grade.

QEJ is ranked 77th nationally in *The Times A-Level Table* and 78th in *The Times GCSE Level Table*.



QEJ has won the coveted 2011 *Good Schools Guide Award* given for the best point score at an English Independent School for Boys taking Information and Communications Technology at AS-level.

These results are all the more remarkable because the boys at QEJ take their AS-levels in ICT, a year early, while they are still in Year 11.

QEJ Open Morning starts with The Headmaster's Address at 10:00am on Saturday, 8 October. For more information contact 0117 930 3068 or go to www.qehbristol.co.uk

Future Problem Solvers States visit

Half way through the summer term, 19 intrepid Future Problem Solvers set out to conquer the world at the Grand Final held at La Crosse University, Wisconsin, USA.



For some reason it proved cheaper (and a lot of fun!) to travel to Toronto, taking in Niagara Falls and the CN Tower before sampling small town America.

All involved competed well but didn't win, but they did come back armed with plenty of souvenirs from around the world, swapped, traded and begged from other delegates.

Mrs Kenchington, who heads our Gifted and Talented programme, was the inspiration for the trip to represent the UK and Europe in this prestigious competition.

WOW! Gorilla

QEH Junior School took part in Bristol Zoo's WOW! Gorilla project, to mark the zoo's 175th Birthday.

The aim of 'Wow! Gorillas' is to raise significant funds to support gorilla conservation projects and Bristol charity *Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal*.

Our Gorilla, Gustavo, currently appears in *The Bath Store* opposite the QEH Theatre. Painted in the QEH Junior School rugby kit, he is a welcome addition to our team!



Masterchef Finalists

The summer term saw the culmination of three rounds of *Masterchef*.



Nine boys from QEH competed in the Finals against girls from Redland High and The Red Maids', each preparing a two-course meal of their choice. Impressive dishes were assessed for taste, culinary difficulty and presentation.

Over a third of pupils in Years 7- 9 participated in the earlier rounds, and three from each year won a place in the Finals.

The three winners won a day working alongside Michelin star chefs Peter and Jonray Sanchez-Inglesias and a taster meal for two at their restaurant, *Casamia*, in Westbury-on-Trym. The runners-up won a Sunday lunch for two at *Brace and Brown's* and the other contestants won cookery books and wooden spoons!

Outdoor Adventure

"Boys' success in outdoor activities builds confidence and encourages them to feel good about themselves both outside and in the classroom."

QEH boys have recently returned from an adventure holiday in Slovenia, following successful trips over the last two years climbing the Matterhorn and reaching Base Camp on Everest.



Steve Cook, Head of Outdoor Pursuits, adds: "These are just some of the extensive holiday trips on offer. In term time boys also love to be active and regularly climb in the Avon Gorge, kayak or sail and we plan to extend water based opportunities and add caving and mountain biking to our list of regular activities. Outdoor Pursuits is a special strength of the School with Senior boys participating in the annual Ten Tors event, and over 150 boys involved in *Duke of Edinburgh's Award* with numerous weekends dedicated to expeditions".

Our own variant of the D of E scheme, 'The QEAward', extends to the younger boys in the Junior School and the lower part of the Senior School.

Trans-Antarctic ski trek attempt



Lewis Clarke, aged 13, has set his sights on a gruelling record-breaking attempt that most people twice his age would not dream of trying.

He has embarked on two years of training, with the goal being a 700-mile cross-country skiing trek across Antarctica. He will be 16 when he makes the attempt with two other adults – making him the youngest person ever to do it.

Lewis has already got one world record under his belt. Last year he and five other 12-year-olds from across Bristol became the youngest relay team to swim the English Channel.

"At Christmas I am hoping to go to Scotland with one of my teachers from school to practise cross-country skiing. I have never tried it before, although I have done downhill skiing," Lewis says.

Rugby Tour



During the summer holidays 23 rugby players flew to South Africa, visiting Cape Town and Johannesburg.

The boys, all from the top end of the School, enjoyed several adrenalin pumped matches against well-drilled South African opposition. Some matches were played to stands of thousands on floodlit pitches.

Apart from winning some of the matches, highlights were: Table Mountain and its legendary white cloud 'Tablecloth'; paddling in the Indian Ocean; the eateries where giant, half kilo steaks were devoured to the accompaniment of singing waiters; whale watching; visiting the Cango Wildlife ranch and being caged with the big cats; riding ostriches; quad biking and helicopter rides.

Added to these excitements was a game drive as well as a taste of the culture of South Africa at the market on Seal Island with its inevitable bartering, Langa township and, of course, Robben Island (where Nelson Mandela served 25 years imprisonment).