



The Forbidden Planet

QEH and The Red Maids' were proud to present *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, a hilarious, intergalactic romp which left you wanting to dance in the aisles – certainly one of the liveliest tributes to the Bard you will ever see.

The audience revelled in a whole host of uplifting, touching and side-splittingly funny songs, including the rock'n'roll classic *Great Balls of Fire* and Miranda's pop lament *Why Must I Be A Teenager In Love?*

The very talented cast of forty Year 9 and 10 students perfected the many songs and dance routines, to ensure that the audience was treated to a stellar evening of entertainment.



The Rock Project

Both the QEH Junior and Senior schools were treated to a highly successful day with the renowned 'Rock Project' which brings contemporary music into schools.

The QEH Music Department was so impressed that it is introducing weekly Rock workshops, open to all Junior and Senior school pupils every Wednesday this term.

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.

VARIETY IS THE SPICE...



QEH Juniors have been active across a huge variety of events.

1. Along with a visit to the Gower peninsular, Juniors headed off to Kilve Court for their activities days
2. A visit to the City Museum did not fail to absorb young minds
3. The Juniors summer play captured the imagination of ecstatic audiences
4. The quality of music in the Junior School is unparalleled – as witnessed at their 'May Music Evening'



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Secrets of Success

TOP GCSE and A-LEVEL RESULTS

QEH boys continue their run of outstanding A-level, AS-level and GCSE results this year.

“In addition to 10% of our leavers being offered places at Oxford and Cambridge, I am delighted to see QEH's consistent position as the leading school teaching boys in Bristol, 12th in the country for all boys' schools and in the 'Top 100' schools nationally.”

Stephen Holliday, Headmaster



At A-level boys achieved a 100 per cent pass rate for the seventh year running, with 97 per cent of grades at A* to C grade and 85 per cent at A* to B. Over 60 per cent of grades awarded to QEH candidates were at A* or A grade.

Twenty boys – 29 per cent of the QEH cohort - achieved a straight set of A* and A grades. Four boys achieved a set of straight A*s.

QEH is ranked 58th amongst schools nationally in the *Times A-Level Table* (Friday 17 August 2012).

Open Morning Saturday 6 October

QEH Open Morning starts with The Headmaster's Address at 10.00am – we recommend that visitors are seated in the QEH Theatre by 9.45am. Parking is available in the multi-storey car park opposite.

For more information contact our Admissions Registrar on 0117 930 3068 or go to www.qehbristol.co.uk



World Class Thinkers

Returning home this summer from the USA, nineteen gifted boys from QEH can proudly boast both second and eighth place in the World Finals of *Future Problem Solving*.



This international programme involves research, team work and the application of the problem solving process to an unseen scenario; this year on global pharmaceutical dilemmas. Teams from Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Korea, and most states of America (66 teams in all) came head to head in Bloomington, Indiana.

The boys also represented Great Britain in the World Finals of Community Problem Solving (CmPS). They had to immerse themselves in a particular community issue and produce an action plan. Theirs included despatching 'Trevor the Tortoise' to the Bristol Children's Hospital to give out postcards and activity books designed by Year 9s and 10s; the aim being to combat the effects of boredom faced by hospitalized children and for them to feel "at home".

QEH FPS leader, Mrs Bronnie Kenchington said: "Team GB was the only nation to have two teams in the top ten, one of them from QEH taking prestigious second place".

Trevor entertaining at the Bristol Children's Hospital



CARNEGIE SHADOWING

Our QEH Carnegie Shadowing book group has been meeting with the Red Maids' group to share views and ideas on the shortlisted books – it has been a fun and fruitful event. The prestigious Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to the writer of an outstanding book for young adults.

As in previous years, the Library and English Department invited a group of predominately Year 9 boys to form a Book Group to shadow the shortlisted titles. Our book group met every week to read, discuss and judge the books. Schools all over the country took part in the Shadowing process, forming their own book groups.



Right: 2012 saw a QEH 55-, 45- and two 35-mile teams taking to Dartmoor where every boy finished the event with some coming in ahead of the field.

Pyrenees Adventure

Twenty-eight boys and four staff arrived in the Pyrenees this summer holidays faced with forecasts of rain, high winds and snow over 2500 metres! Thankfully they met with blue skies and hot sun.

The expedition started at the Port de Espagne and did not disappoint, with spectacular views over the full Pyrenees range. It finished with rafting, canoeing, canyoning, via ferrata and a tree top acrobatic adventure park.

Steve Cook, Head of Outdoor Pursuits, says: "Outdoor Pursuits is a special strength of the school with this being just one of many extensive trips on offer at QEH. Next year we plan to take on the Cuillins of Skye and then over to the Isle of Harris in Scotland's Outer Hebrides".



ROYAL VISIT

QEH boys attended a Jubilee Lunch 'in the presence' of their Royal patron and her family.

There was a variety of celebratory and fun activities including the creation of a giant human 'ER60' (see photograph below).



Olympic surprise

Recent Old Boy, James Bailey, having completed his run through Backwell with the Olympic Torch, arrived in school to the surprise and amazement of the boys bringing lessons to a standstill!

Sports Dreams Come True

QEH boasts a strong sporting pedigree with current and recent Old Boys starring prominently in football, rugby, athletics, tennis, sailing and motorsport, in addition to BBC Olympic football commentator Jonathan Pearce!

In Rugby, former student Jack Cuthbert became our first full Senior Rugby International as he was awarded his cap for Scotland against Ireland. Whilst Alex Davies played for the England Under-16 squad while at school, Kristian Cook, who left QEH in 2007, realised a boyhood dream when he played in the centre for Cambridge against Oxford in the Varsity Match at Twickenham. Sam Rees (Year 11) is in the Bath Under-18 development squad and Esher Pegrum (Year 11) is in the Bristol Under-16 Academy.

In Football, recent leaver Joe Bryan is a promising left-sided player with a professional contract with Bristol City Football Club and has already appeared for the 1st team. Boys are playing to a significant standard, including Theo Llewellyn (Year 8) who plays midfield or centre back at BCFC and has also represented Wales.

In Athletics Zak Tobias (Upper Sixth) reached the Finals of the English Schools Athletics Championships in July.



SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

From September 2013 QEH is offering Sports Scholarships for those with exceptional ability in at least two of the main school sports (Rugby, Football, Cricket). For further details contact Mrs Carolyn Matthews on 0117 9303068.