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### GOLDEN WEEKEND FOR QMS ATHLETES

#### *Track gold and equestrian silver for QMS Royals at BC Summer Games*

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 - Duncan, BC, Canada** – Three Queen Margaret’s School athletes qualified to participate in the BC Summer Games this year and the weekend’s competition in Nanaimo was a great success for all.

QMS Equestrian Head Coach, Cheryl Keith, had two of her school team members qualify for the Zone 6 team. For Alice Young (Class of '14) and Grade 9 student Emma Edwardson, it was their first time taking part in the games. “The girls worked incredibly hard throughout the year to qualify for the Zone 6 team,” says Keith. “That hard work continued during the games, with fantastic results.”

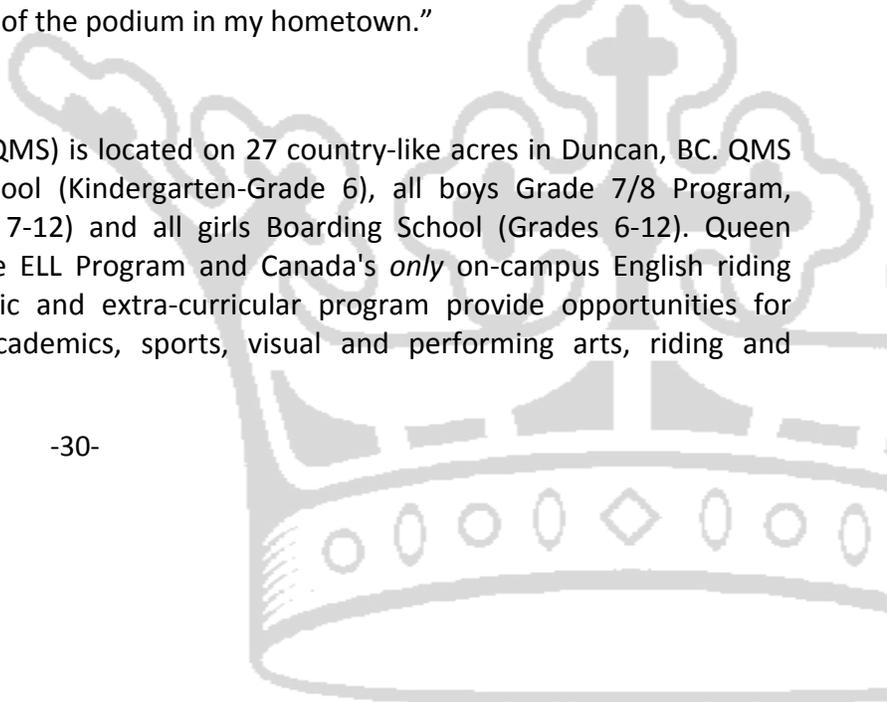
Throughout the scorching conditions at Beban Park, Emma Edwardson was strong on her horse *Josh*, earning a silver medal in the individual jumping event. Then both athletes earned silver as the team point total took Zone 6 to the podium. “I feel so lucky to have spent a week at the BC Summer Games,” says Alice Young. “Congratulations to all my fellow Zone 6 equestrian athletes on winning silver and to everyone who took home individual medals. As always, thank you to Cheryl Keith for your amazing coaching.” During the closing ceremonies, Alice was also awarded one of 16 athletic bursaries from Coast Capital Savings, which she will put towards her tuition for St. Andrew’s University in Scotland this September.

On the track, Grade 9 QMS student Madison Heisterman competed at speeds no one could catch. On Day One, she competed in the 4x400m relay with members of the Zone 6 team and earned gold. She continued on her winning streak, setting a new BC Summer Games record in the 1200m with a time of 3:37.35 and easily taking gold in the 800m in her final race. “Madison was very focused during her races,” says her coach and father Tyler Heisterman. “She knew just when to accelerate and when to pace herself. We’re really proud of her.”

Madison will compete next at the Hershey’s Track & Field Games in PA, USA and then the National Youth Track & Field Championships in Langley this August. “I’m really happy to have won gold at the BC Summer Games,” says Madison. “It felt amazing to stand at the top of the podium in my hometown.”

#### About Queen Margaret’s School

Established in 1921, **Queen Margaret's School (QMS)** is located on 27 country-like acres in Duncan, BC. QMS offers a co-ed ECE Program, co-ed Junior School (Kindergarten-Grade 6), all boys Grade 7/8 Program, University-Preparatory School for girls (Grades 7-12) and all girls Boarding School (Grades 6-12). Queen Margaret’s School is home to a small, intensive ELL Program and Canada’s *only* on-campus English riding program. The school's comprehensive scholastic and extra-curricular program provide opportunities for achievement and personal growth through academics, sports, visual and performing arts, riding and community service.



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**Photo by Jennifer Edwardson:** QMS grad Alice Young and Grade 9 student Emma Edwardson won silver as members of the Zone 6 Equestrian Team during the BC Summer Games. Edwardson also earned silver in the individual jumping competition on her horse, Josh.



**Photo courtesy of Brenda Redman:** QMS' Madison Heisterman was a frequent visitor to the top of the podium during the BC Summer Games. She won an incredible three gold medals and set a new Games speed record in the 1200m.

