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QMS STUDENT TOP IN BC

Fourth Time in Six Years A QMS Student Claims First Place in BC

May 12, 2016 - Duncan, BC, Canada – Grace Lavigne of Queen Margaret's School has won first place in British Columbia for the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League (CSAL) Scholastic Challenge. The award makes her the fourth QMS student in six years to place first in the province for this scholastic test.

CSAL's Scholastic Challenge is an academic competition for Grade 6 students from across Canada. The contest is one hour in length and tests students with 100 questions in six categories: general knowledge, language and literature, social studies, science and mathematics. "Our students always enjoy taking part in this scholastic challenge," explains Ms. Fiona Morrison, Grade 6 teacher at QMS. "They cannot study for the exam, so they genuinely have fun completing the online challenge." It was even more of a shock to Ms. Morrison when another one of her students took top prize in BC... again.

"I was really surprised when I found out," says QMS student Grace Lavigne. "Some questions on the test were hard, while others were easy but I had no idea that I would win first place." The Grade 6 class at Queen Margaret's School had results which placed three quarters of the class participants above the national average. Lavigne received a trophy for her efforts, along with recognition from her class.

"This academic opportunity enabled Grace to show her breadth of knowledge," adds Susan Cruikshank, QMS Junior School Principal. "She's an avid reader and wonderful all-around student. It was lovely for her to receive this award and be honoured by her classmates. We are very proud."

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 coed Early Childhood Education program, coed Junior School (Kindergarten-Grade 7), University-Preparatory High School for girls (Grades 8-12) and all girls Boarding School (Grades 6-12). Queen Margaret's School is home to Canada's *only* on-campus school English Equestrian Program and an intensive ELL 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. We prepare students for university, for higher education, for life.

For more details about Queen Margaret's School, please visit the school's website at www.qms.bc.ca.

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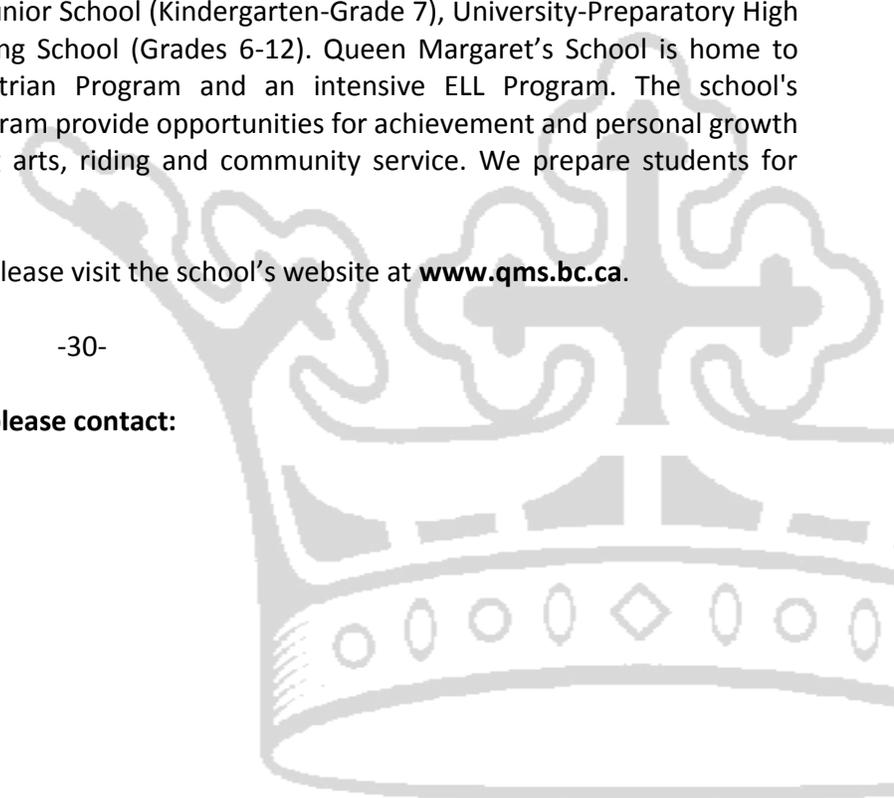




Photo (by Hayley Picard): QMS Grade 6 student *Grace Lavigne* proudly displays her trophy from winning the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League 2016's Provincial Championship, Grade 6 level.

