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### QMS HITS GOLD WITH TREASURE ISLAND

#### *Drama Performance Brings Literary Classic to Life*

**January 29, 2018 - Duncan, BC, Canada** – With pirates, sword fights, sea voyages, a deserted island, buried treasure and adventure, QMS' drama performance of *Treasure Island* is a hit for buccaneers of all ages.

Based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of young Jim Hawkins' search for treasure and his tempestuous relationship with infamous pirate Captain Long John Silver, the stage presentation incorporates a deeper element of narrative and storytelling. "This version of *Treasure Island* is unique as it is situated in a classroom and is the telling of a story within a story," explains Director Paul Totzke. "This allows the students to be themselves *and* someone else as they deliver the script. It is quite engaging and fun."

With a cast that includes students from Grades 7 through 12, Totzke is thrilled with their energy and ability to connect deeply as a team, regardless of their ages. "Lauren McLeod who portrays the hero Jim Hawkins is only in Grade 7, yet she plays strongly opposite Savannah Meadus in Grade 9 (Captain Long John Silver) and Kira Kier in Grade 12 (Pirate Israel Hands)," says Totzke. "This group is very special."

Through the narration of Robert Louis Stevenson (*Sierra Compton*, Grade 10) and his nephew Lloyd (*Denzy James*, Grade 7), theatregoers will be taken on an exciting swashbuckling adventure with Jim Hawkins, Captain Bill (*Lucy McAllister*, Grade 7), Doctor Livesey (*Annabelle Compton*, Grade 7), Squire Trelawney (*Kemre Rippon*, Grade 11) and a scurvy cast of pirates and sailors.

The curtain rises on *Treasure Island* **February 22-23, 2018** at **6:30pm**, with a matinee performance on **February 24** at **2:00pm** and the final show that same night at **6:30pm** in the Queen Margaret's School Fine Arts Hall. Tickets are \$10 in advance, or at the door (if available). Contact 250-746-4185 or email [reception@qms.bc.ca](mailto:reception@qms.bc.ca).

#### 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 Early Childhood Education program, co-ed Junior School (Kindergarten-Grade 7), university-preparatory high school for girls (Grades 8-12) and all girls boarding residence (Grades 6-12). Queen Margaret's School is home to Canada's *only* on-campus English riding and academic Equestrian Program. Our comprehensive scholastic and extra-curricular programs 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.

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**Photo:** Robert Louise Stevenson (*Sierra Compton*) weaves the tale of *Treasure Island* for his nephew Lloyd (*Denzy James*) while a crew of sailors and pirates look on. (Photo by: Paul Totzke)



**Photo:** Jim Hawkins (*Lauren McLeod*) confers with Captain Bill (*Lucy McAllister*) about the threat of pirates during their dangerous journey to *Treasure Island*. (Photo by: Paul Totzke)

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