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QMS MAINTAINS TOP SCHOLAR TITLE

Sixth Time in Eight Years QMS Student Earns Top Spot

June 21, 2018 - Duncan, BC, Canada – For the fourth year in a row a Queen Margaret's School Grade 6 student has earned first place in the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League (CSAL) Scholastic Challenge. *Kieran Denny's* win increases the School's record to six provincial championships in eight years.

CSAL's Scholastic Challenge is an online academic competition open to all Canadian Grade 6 students. The contest is a one hour multiple choice test containing 100 questions in six categories: general knowledge, language and literature, social studies, science and mathematics. This year's provincial champion thought the format and content of the test was a thought-provoking challenge on his personal knowledge. "I was interested and surprised by how deep the quiz got into each subject," explains Denny. "It required a deep understanding of logic, deductive reasoning, geography and literature."

Grade 6 teacher Fiona Morrison's reaction to the win was humble. "Of course I am pleasantly surprised by our student's success. Some students find this academic challenge very difficult to maintain complete focus for the entire timed hour," states Morrison. "I'm delighted three-quarters of our class scored above the Canadian national average and that Kieran has been recognized."

Kieran feels honoured by the attention. "At first I was excited and surprised," he says. "Now I am pleased and 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 an Early Childhood Education program, Junior School (Kindergarten-Grade 7), University-Preparatory High School (Grades 8-12) and boarding residence (Grades 6-12). Queen Margaret's School is home to Canada's *only* on-campus school English riding Equestrian 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. **New world. New challenges. New learning.**

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Photo (by *Hayley Picard*): QMS Grade 6 student *Kieran Denny* is awarded the 2018 Canadian Scholastic Achievement League Scholastic Challenge provincial championship trophy by his teacher *Fiona Morrison*.

