

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **QMS STUDENT TOP IN BC**

*Third Time in Five Years A QMS Student Claims First Place in BC*

**April 29, 2015 - Duncan, BC, Canada** – William Gibbs of Queen Margaret's School has won first place in British Columbia for the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League (CSAL) Scholastic Challenge. The award makes him the third QMS student in five years to place first in the province for this scholastic test.

CSAL's Scholastic Challenge is a contest for Grade 6 students from across Canada. The exam 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 have enjoyed taking part in this scholastic contest for the last five years," explains Ms. Fiona Morrison, Grade 6 teacher at QMS. "They engage with the on-line nature of the exam and genuinely enjoy the challenge. I was even more excited when I learned that it was William who had won," explains Ms. Morrison. "His older sister Hannah was the provincial champion in 2012!"

The Grade 6's at Queen Margaret's School had results that placed three quarters of the class participants above the national average. Gibbs received a trophy for his efforts, along with recognition from his class. He will be formally recognized by the whole school during a ceremony in June. "It's exciting for our school community," says Mrs. Wilma Jamieson, Head of School. "His hard work, and that of his classmates, is a testament to the enriched educational experience offered by our entire junior school faculty."

#### **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](http://www.qms.bc.ca).

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Photo (by Hayley Picard): QMS Grade 6 teacher *Ms. Fiona Morrison* proudly congratulates her student *William Gibbs* on winning the Canadian Scholastic Achievement League 2015's Provincial Championship, Grade 6 level.

