



# Queen Anne High School

## Weekly E-Bulletin

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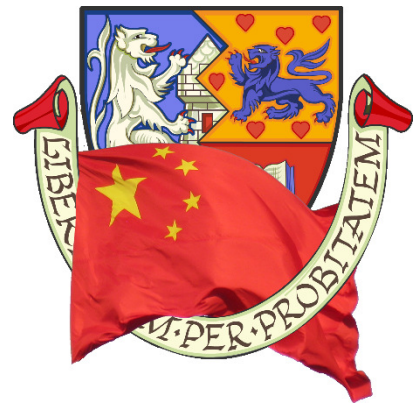
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## Opening of the Confucius Hub at Culross Primary School

A group of QAHS pupils and staff attended the opening of the Confucius Hub at Culross Primary School yesterday. The Hub is a fantastic learning and teaching resource for our cluster primary schools and we look forward to working collaboratively with the Culross Hub to deliver an engaging Chinese language and cultural curriculum.



S3 pupils Bethany McIntosh, Katherine Smith and Abbie Carrie gave an eloquent presentation, delivered in Mandarin, about their experiences of learning the language. After musical performances from Culross pupils, three of our senior pupils (Fiona McArthur, Erin Moyes and Matthew Godsell) demonstrated their skills on the Chinese drums to rapturous applause from the audience!



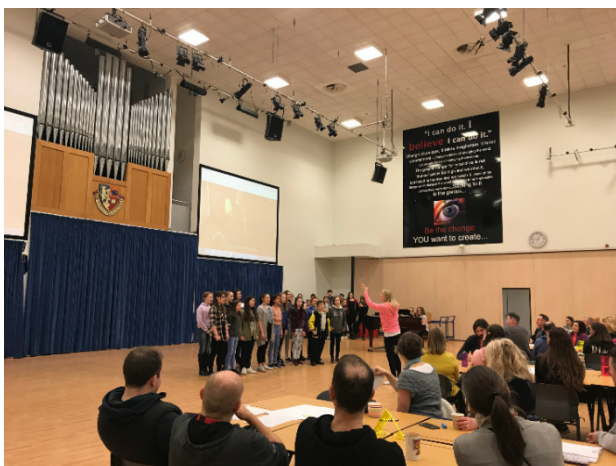
Kirsty Baxter, ex-QAHS pupil who is studying Mandarin at university in Tianjin, shared her experiences of learning and living in China and encouraged all pupils to stick with learning Mandarin at Queen Anne. Kirsty has been blogging with Culross pupils as part of their digital language learning and they were excited to meet her in real life for the first time!

Well done and thank you to Kirsty and all of our pupil performers for sharing their skills and experiences! Thanks also to Queen Anne teachers Mrs Harlow (Music) and Miss Lindsay (Mandarin) for supporting the event.



## Performing Arts Project and Junior Choir Performances at today's In-service Day

To kick-start our busy In-service day programme, a group of pupils gave wonderful performances to all staff in the assembly hall. S1-S6 pupils from the Performing Arts Project (PAP) performed "Good Morning Baltimore" from the musical Hairspray and the Junior Choir (S1-3) performed a medley of Disney classics.



Both performances were very well received - it was a great opportunity for staff to see the musical talents of our young people and for our performers to showcase their skills. Thank you to all pupils who took part (and who gave up the first long-lie in of their holidays to get to school early!) and to Mrs Grant and Miss Tanton for leading the groups.

At today's In-service, Principal Teachers Subject attended an "EQ Commando" session on emotional intelligence. Mr Surgey and Mrs Clark presented to all other staff on digital learning and literacy which was followed by group work sessions in the assembly hall. The focus of the afternoon is development and evaluation within departments.

## China Immersion Programme: 8-23 July 2018

**The deadline for applications has been extended to Friday 23 February!**

**This is a unique opportunity and funding may be available to cover the £600 cost.**



**Please see Mr Sinclair for more information.**

As a Confucius Hub, we have been given a fantastic opportunity for one teacher and ten pupils to participate in the Summer Culture and Language Immersion Programme in China (8-23 July 2018).

The programme is organised jointly by the Confucius Institute for Scotland's Schools and Hanban. Pupils from schools across Scotland will enjoy a 2 week trip to Beijing and Tianjin. The programme

includes Mandarin and cultural lessons at the Tianjin Foreign Studies University and sightseeing in both Beijing and Tianjin.

The trip is heavily subsidised by the Confucius Institute and Hanban (and at zero cost to QAHS) and participants are asked to pay £600 towards costs. All flights, accommodation, visas, food/drinks, entry fees to visitor attractions and all other in-country costs are included in the cost of the trip. Spending money is not included. Pupils will receive SQA accreditation on successful completion of the language course. Pupils must complete 10 hours of Mandarin study in Scotland before going to China and the school will support pupils with this. Further information about this amazing opportunity, including previous trips, can be found at:

[www.strath.ac.uk/humanities/confuciusinstitutehorscotlandsschools/events/eventsinchina/](http://www.strath.ac.uk/humanities/confuciusinstitutehorscotlandsschools/events/eventsinchina/)

### **Essential Criteria for Pupils**

The following criteria has been set by the Confucius Institute and Hanban and applicants must meet these requirements:

- You must have an interest in studying Mandarin or already be studying Mandarin and be able to continue your language learning on your return.\*
- You should understand that the purpose of this programme is to learn about Chinese language and culture and much of your time will be spent in class engaging in learning activities.
- You must be willing to be flexible and understand that many customs and experiences will be different from the UK, including the food.
- You will need to be open to experiencing other cultures as you will be taking part in a short home visit to a carefully selected family, unaccompanied by your teacher.
- You should be able to cope with a physically demanding programme.
- You should currently be in S4 or S5.
- You must be no younger than 15 at the time of the trip.
- You should be in possession of a passport which is valid for 6 months after the date of travel and has 2 free passport pages\*\*

\*The course is aimed at beginner level Mandarin learners. If your level is higher than this, please be aware that classes cannot be catered to your level.

\*\* If you do not currently have a valid passport then this should not stop you from applying for a place. Under certain circumstances, we can assist with securing a passport.

### **Pupil Applications**

Pupils who wish to be considered for this programme must submit a competitive application as below:

In no more than 300 words, outline how your participation in the programme will contribute towards your personal development and the school's three key concepts of personal best, human aspect and self-worth. Applications must be delivered to Mr Sinclair by 3.40pm on Friday 9 February 2018.

All applications will be considered by a panel of QAHS staff and shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend an interview for final selection. Interviews will take place after the mid-term February break.

Pupils should speak with Miss Lindsay (Modern Languages) or Mr Sinclair (Depute Rector) if they have any questions. Parents/carers should contact Mr Sinclair in the first instance.

### **Bringing Parental Involvement Alive in Fife: Re-arranged date due to adverse weather conditions**

The Bringing Parental Involvement Alive in Fife event will be held on Saturday 17 March 2018 (10:00am – 12:30pm) at Rothes Halls, Glenrothes.

This new event, which will bring together parents/carers from across the whole of Fife, will share information relating to parental engagement and provide opportunities to discuss:

- recent developments in education nationally
- the Parental Involvement Strategy for Fife
- ways that parents/carers can be more involved

Anyone interested in attending should email [donna.cessford@fife.gov.uk](mailto:donna.cessford@fife.gov.uk) by Friday 2 March 2018.

### **Dates for the Diary**

14 February – Inservice Day (school closed to pupils)

15/16 February – Mid-Term Holiday

19 February – School returns

19 February – S1 Personal Best Awards and S6 Excellence Awards (A-K) 1.30pm start

21 February – S1 Personal Best Awards and S6 Excellence Awards (L-Z) 1.30pm start

22 February – S2 Personal Best Awards, 1.30pm start

23 February – S3 Personal Best Awards, 1.30pm start

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable long weekend.

**Ruth McFarlane**  
**Rector**