

Queen Mary's Grammar School



A message from the Headmaster, June 2018

Dear parents/guardians

The past month

This week saw the exam desks come down and the school taken over by sporting and house activity. What a breath of fresh air it has been to enjoy the warm weather and I hope those who have taken exams enjoy the next couple of months before we see them in August for results.

All of the Year 7s have now been to Farchynys and I am very grateful to the twenty members of staff who made this possible. The History department also spent much of the May half-term holiday in Belgium and the CCF have been very active in Wales, in the skies above RAF Cosford and in preparation for the field day and army camp. As students head to foreign shores (in Spain, Mexico and China), as well as to various parts of the UK, over the next few weeks we should never take for granted the good will of the staff who make this possible.

The cricketers have been very active and Mr Gibbons has masterminded an amazing range of fixtures and tournaments for the students to take part in. They are developing into some fine players and the results speak for themselves. See the full details on twitter:

<https://twitter.com/QMGSCRICKET>

Finally, four members of Year 9 have made it through to the final of the national, annual Childnet film competition with their film about internet safety. They will travel down to the British Film Institute in London on 3rd July, where representatives from the BBC, BFI, BBFC and BAFTA will decide whether their film is the overall winner. We look forward to hearing how they get on.

Building work

As I said in my May email, contractors are now on site to begin a project to add an additional floor onto the science block and to extend some classrooms in Moss Close. The top floor of science goes out of bounds from July 2nd and the community car park will soon be out of bounds. Most of the invasive work will take place over the summer holiday and I will write to you in the near future with more exact arrangements.

QMA

It was disappointing to have to cancel the summer BBQ and I hope we can arrive at a solution for a successful event at this time of year. As I said in a separate email, the raffle raised £1700 and the QMA has managed to reach £21,500 in profit this year for projects in the school.

If you are interested in being part of the QMA, please contact Judy McCoy at postbox@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk

Please also follow the QMA twitter page [@qmgs154qma](https://twitter.com/qmgs154qma)

The QMA are also promoting the **Easy Fundraising scheme** – a great way of raising money for the school with very little effort. Make sure you register, if you haven't already, at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/queenmarysgrammar/>

School day changes

I wrote to you separately about changes to the school day and the letter confirming the times is on the website:

http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/content/letters/2018_confirmation_new_school.pdf

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SSEF consultation

I sent you a letter from Mr Swain with reference to the Selective Schools Expansion Fund. If you would like to contribute to the consultation, the link is below:

http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=205

Exam results

Separate information has been sent out with regards to the GCSE and A-level results days. Please see the links below for more information:

GCSE http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/content/letters/2018_june_gsce_publication.pdf

A-level http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/content/letters/2018_book_return_results_day.pdf

Could I also remind students/parents that we are still missing a number of books that have not been returned by Year 11 and Year 13 students and that this costs the school a significant amount of money? Please do make arrangements for this to happen as soon as possible.

Upcoming events in June

- **QMA new parents' evening** – Tuesday 3rd July, 7pm
- **Year 12 results day** – Wednesday 4th July
- **Finish for summer** – Wednesday 18th July, 2pm
- **A-level results** – Thursday 16th August
- **GCSE results** – Thursday 23rd August
- **Year 12 induction** – Tuesday 4th September
- **Start of autumn term** – Wednesday 5th September at 9.45am

Warm regards



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