



## Queen Mary's Grammar School

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To prospective Sixth Form Entrants

Thank you for enquiring about entry to our Sixth Form in September 2017. I have pleasure in enclosing a Sixth Form booklet (which sets out the subjects available in the Sixth Form) and an application form.

You need to complete the Applicant's Section of the form (on the front page and page 2) and then pass it on to Head of Year 11 at your present school who will be able to complete the reference section on pages 3 and 4. **You should ask your school to send the completed form on to us** as soon as possible.

In completing your section of the Form, you will need to choose three A Level subjects and a reserve.

The basic entry requirement for the Sixth Form is a minimum of seven GCSE passes at A\* - B (or 9-6 for Maths and English). You are expected to secure at least an A/7 grade in subjects that you wish to study at A Level. If you wish to study biology, chemistry or physics, you are expected to achieve a minimum of grade A in separate science GCSEs or a double A grade for any form of double award science exam. If you have taken the first part of a double award exam at the end of Year 10 and gained a B grade, you will not be eligible to study science subjects here (unless you are planning to re-sit the examination to gain an A or A\* grade). You are also required to achieve an A\* in maths to study further maths. Whatever subjects you wish to study at A Level, you must secure at least grade B in GCSE maths and English.

Early application is encouraged. The deadline for the receipt of applications for admission in September 2016 is **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**. We will make a decision by mid-February and will notify applicants shortly afterwards. We will, however, be making early offers to exceptional candidates. There will be an opportunity for candidates who are made a conditional offer to meet current students and the Senior Leadership Team and to ask any questions they might have. The offer of a place will be conditional on the achievement of specified GCSE grades.

We are willing to consider applications received after the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. However, we expect that some subjects will be over-subscribed and it will be necessary to place later applicants on a late applicant waiting list. Any applicants who apply after the closing date will be considered after those made a conditional offer and those on the waiting list who applied within the 3<sup>rd</sup> February deadline.

We recognise that choosing to change schools after Year 11 is a big decision; if you have any queries you can contact Mr Matley, the Head of Sixth Form, at the school.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Timothy Swain  
Headmaster

**Please see overleaf for subject choices**

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## Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall

### Subjects offered at A Level

Students should select three from the following subject options

Art  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Computing  
Design & Technology  
Economics  
English Language & Literature  
English Literature  
Geography  
History  
Mandarin  
Mathematics  
Physics  
Philosophy  
Spanish

Students may choose to study one of their A levels at another of the schools in the Mercian MAT (please see booklet for details). These subjects are:

<b>Aldridge School</b>	<b>Shire Oak</b>	<b>Queen Mary's High School</b>
Politics	PE	French
Ancient History	Business	German
Music	Performing Arts	Psychology

In addition, it will be expected that students also undertake each of the following:

- **A further academic qualification** (this will include EPQ and further maths, but also a range of other opportunities as set out in the options booklet).
- **Mentoring/volunteering** - either within the School or with external partners (such as the Walsall Studio School and the Mali Jenkins home).
- **Teamwork/Enrichment** - taking part in the School's enrichment programme (this may be involvement in music, CCF, sport, travel, drama or another one of the many clubs and societies on offer)

### **Please note**

- In addition Games is compulsory