

# Queen Mary's Grammar School



## A message from the Headmaster, February 2019

Dear parents/guardians

I hope everyone had a restful half term break.

You may have seen about the photos on twitter from the two North American trips that ran at half term and involved 80 students from the school. I have spoken to the school about the amazing opportunities these trips provide and how grateful I am to the staff who were involved.

[https://twitter.com/QMGS\\_Snowsports](https://twitter.com/QMGS_Snowsports)

<https://twitter.com/QMGsFlorida>

February has also seen different events associated with mental health awareness. The PSHE and Well-Being twitter accounts give more of the story of this:

[https://twitter.com/qmgs\\_pshe](https://twitter.com/qmgs_pshe)

<https://twitter.com/QMGsWBG>

QM pupils were successful in the 2019 National HSBC/British Council Chinese Speaking Competition Finals. We won the group competition and finished second in the individual category. The group have won a trip to China as their prize!

<https://twitter.com/qmgs1554/status/1093429836587167745>

### Farchynys spring clean weekend

As I stated in my January email, we are planning a Spring cleaning/maintenance weekend at Farchynys from **Friday 15<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. I will be attending, along with Mr Hudson and various other staff/volunteers. If you would like to be part of this for all or part of the weekend, your help would be much appreciated. Whether you're an expert with a strimmer or drill, a dab hand with a paint brush or just want to get involved and have a laugh doing so, give us a call. Let Mr Hudson know via the school email at [enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk)

### QMA

The remaining QMA event for the year is the re-formed Summer ball (in conjunction with QMHS) on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. We are just putting the committee together and are looking for new members. The first meeting of this takes place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. If you are interested in being part of this, please contact Judy McCoy at [enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk)

Please also support the school through the **Easy Fundraising scheme** – a great way of raising money with very little effort. Make sure you register, if you haven't already, at:

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

### Careers education and support

Ahead of the National Careers week from 4<sup>th</sup> March, Mr Collins spoke to the school on Monday and drew attention to new resources on the School's website:

<http://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/careers/>

<https://nationalcareersweek.com/>

Year 11 students took part in careers interviews before half term and we look forward to welcoming a range of higher education and employer guests for our careers fair next week.

### Key dates for the diary coming up

The following are upcoming, which you may be interested in:

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- **QMA Summer Ball Committee:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm
- **Y7 Parents' Evening:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, 4.30-6.00pm
- **CCF Field Day:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- **Y12 Parents' Evening:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 4.30-6.00pm
- **MEP Hurdle test 1:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April
- **Easter Music Concert:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April
- **End of term:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm

All key school events for 2018-19 are listed at:

[http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/content/2018\\_sep\\_calendar\\_of\\_events.pdf](http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/content/2018_sep_calendar_of_events.pdf)

Thank you for your continued support for the school

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Langton'.



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