



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

May 2019

Dear Parent/guardian,

Year 7 Wreath Laying - Friday 5th July 2019

Each year, on a Friday nearest to the School's foundation date, Year 7 attend a wreath laying ceremony at Westminster Abbey in London. This year the ceremony is on Friday 5th July.

The wreath laying trip has a long tradition within the school as an opportunity for the students to identify with the history and traditions of QMGS. However, the increased size of Year 7 has put pressure on the capacity of the chapel to host all students. Therefore, in a change to arrangements from previous years, we are inviting just 40 students. Your child has received this letter as he has impressed us with his achievement and so we would like to reward him by inviting him to be part of this long running tradition.

Here is a snap shot of our planned itinerary.

- **Meet at Walsall train station 6.40am**
- **Travel to Birmingham New Street Station, then to Euston Station in London**
- **Underground to Trafalgar Square**
- **Workshop at the National Art Gallery**
- **Walk past Downing street to Westminster Abbey**
- **Lunch**
- **Wreath Laying Service at Westminster Abbey 1.15pm followed by a guided tour of the Abbey**
- **Underground back to Euston (chance to get some food)**
- **Euston to Birmingham New Street and then from New Street back to Walsall approximately 7.20pm**

The service will include the 40 Year 7s and 5 sixth form members of the pupil senior leadership team, 5 members of staff along with past colleagues and Old Boys of the School. During the service, in a small side chapel, a wreath will be laid upon Queen Mary's tomb. Pupils are, of course, in uniform for this trip.

It is always a long day, made all the more tiring if the weather is warm, but it is always enjoyable, and the pupils get an idea of their history, and where the School began. Your child will need a packed lunch with plenty of drinks and snacks for the day.

Once we know who has accepted their invitations for this very special day, more detailed plans and exact times will be issued.

To secure your child a place, you will need to please make the payment of £30 on ParentPay by 31st May and return the reply slip overleaf. If you are unable to make this financial commitment but would like your child to attend, please contact the school as soon as you can.

Yours sincerely

Richard Langton
Headmaster

Mrs N Youngman
Head of Year 7

Please see overleaf for reply slip

London Wreath Laying Trip - Friday 5th July 2019

Pupil's Name Form

I agree to my child taking part in the Wreath Laying trip to London. I consent to the staff acting on my behalf in any emergency concerning my child if they are unable to contact me. I have made a payment of £30 on parent pay.

Signed Date
Parent/Guardian

COMPLETED FORM 3 IS RETURNED