



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

To Parents of Pupils in Y7-13

September 2026

Dear Parents

The QM Experience Fund

I hope you have enjoyed a restful summer and that both you and your child are looking ahead to the new academic year with confidence, purpose and optimism. At QMGS, our ambition is that every pupil leaves us not only with a strong academic profile, but also with the wider experiences, confidence and character that help shape their future. Examination results matter, of course, but so too do the opportunities beyond the classroom: the moments that broaden horizons, build resilience and open doors. It is this wider 'QM experience' that makes our school such a distinctive and rewarding community in which to learn and grow.

The School has many fine traditions stretching back 470 years, including the spirit captured in our School motto, *Quas dederis, solas semper habebis opes*, which translates as 'It is what you give that you will keep as eternal riches'. That sentiment feels especially important today. The QM Experience Fund is rooted in the idea of giving back: parents supporting the School so that current and future pupils can enjoy the same richness of opportunity that has long been part of a QMGS education. Whether through sport, CCF, music, drama, language learning, outdoor education, clubs, societies or the many other extra-curricular activities available, we want every pupil to make the most of their time with us and to benefit from opportunities that stay with them well beyond school.

We work hard to provide these opportunities through the school budget, or at the lowest possible cost to families. However, our aspirations for the pupils often go beyond what core funding alone can provide. A regular contribution to the QM Experience Fund helps us plan with confidence and continue to offer a breadth of activities that enrich school life. When we launched the Fund last year, parents responded with great generosity, contributing almost £10,000. Together with just under £20,000 raised through QMA events, this represented a tremendous collective investment by our parent and student community, and it has already made a genuine difference to what we can offer.



Queen Mary's Grammar School, Sutton Road, Walsall, West Midlands, WS1 2PG

01922 720696 www.qmgs.org · enquiries@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk  @qmgs1554

Part of the Mercian Trust, a charitable company, limited by guarantee.

Registered in England and Wales No 07611347

Registered Office: Mercian House, Sutton Road, Walsall, WS1 2PG

As I have written to you about previously, over the past four years we have been fundraising towards the [Future Sport @ QMGS project](#): an ambitious initiative to transform our facilities for the benefit of our students and the wider community. Donations to the QM Experience Fund will continue to support this project, before helping us extend and sustain a wide range of other opportunities once it is complete. Work was finished on the all-weather pitch in April and the drainage/levelling has been completed for the natural turf pitches. We are now waiting for the grass to grow! We have raised over £1 million so far and are close to paying off the amount for the pitches. We will then begin the challenge to raise another £900,000 for the pavilion extension and refurbishment.

I hope you will consider making a regular payment to the QM Experience Fund. Regular giving is especially valuable because it allows us to plan carefully and direct support where it will have the greatest impact for our young people. Please follow this [link](#) for details of how to set up a standing order to the donations account and complete a Gift Aid declaration, which, if you are a UK taxpayer, allows us to claim an additional 25% on top of your donations.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to make a one-off annual payment (£75) or termly payments (£25 per term), you can do this via Parent Mail by selecting the 'QM Experience' option.

I am very grateful for the support parents give to the School. Your generosity helps us provide additional opportunities that are not covered by Government funding and ensures that the benefits of the QM experience continue to be shared as widely as possible. If you have any questions about the Fund, please contact me at the School via enquiries@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk.

I hope you will join me in supporting the QM Experience Fund and in helping us continue to offer pupils the opportunities, experiences and memories that make Queen Mary's such a special place. *Thank you.*

Yours sincerely

Richard Langton, Headmaster