



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

21st September 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to **visit Venice**. The group will depart on **Tuesday 9th February 2027 and return on Friday 12th February 2027**. The visit to Venice will provide Art and DT students with valuable first-hand experience of art, architecture, design and engineering outside the classroom. Students will gather primary research through sketching, photography and observation, which can be used to develop and strengthen their coursework. Experiencing Venice's unique visual and built environment will broaden students' understanding of how art, design, engineering and architecture work together, inspiring new ideas and demonstrating how creative problem-solving can respond to challenging environments.

The cost of the visit will be **£850**, with an initial non-refundable **deposit of £150 to be paid by 1st October 2026** via ParentMail. Payment for this will be open on Tuesday 29th September. We appreciate this is an expensive trip. If we do not have enough participants, we will unfortunately have to cancel this trip. In the event of the trip being oversubscribed, we will allocate places on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that there are only 30 places for this visit. The final non-refundable payment of £700 will then be required on or before the 1st December 2026.

What is included in the cost:

- ATOL protected return British Airways flights from Birmingham to Venice, with 10kgs carry-on luggage allowance.
- Transfers to/from Marco Polo airport
- Accommodation for 3 nights, Half Board (breakfast & evening meal)
- Entry to St Marks Basilica
- Entry to Peggy Guggenheim Museum
- Entry to Doge Palace
- Entry to Museo Correr
- Visit to Islands of Murano and Burano
- Comprehensive Travel and Medical Insurance

What is not included in the cost:

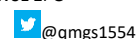
- Spending money for lunch and extras.
- Passports with 6 months remaining
- Transport to and from Birmingham airport

Students eligible for Pupil Premium may receive funding for 50% of the cost of an activity up to a maximum of £100. For this trip, this would be £100. The school will consider applications from families in need of financial support on a case-by-case basis. If your child is eligible for pupil premium or you are a family who are seeking financial support, please complete this [form](#), which will indicate your request for support. Please ensure that this form is completed by 23rd September. If you have any further enquiries, please contact financial.assistance@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk



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A follow up letter containing further details will be sent out once deposits have been collected.

If you have any questions regarding this trip, please contact me at k.gray@gmgs.merciantrust.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs Gray
Head of Art