

Queen Mary's Grammar School



A message from the Headmaster, April 2019

Dear parents/guardians

As we reach the end of a long term, I hope the students have a clear focus on the challenges ahead. Some are spending the week enriching their education with participation in various camps and trips, but many will be turning their attention to the academic challenges ahead.

You should receive a set of grades (full reports for Year 13) this week, which should give sharp focus for areas to work on ahead of the summer exams/assessments.

You will also receive a return slip and Lift Fund letters with these grades. The important information sheet has been updated and is on the school's website.

We finish for the holiday at **2pm on Thursday 11th April**, so please be aware of this for early transport arrangements. The Green Bus will do any early pick up on this day, but the homework club will not run.

After their performance in the whole-school assembly on Monday, I am looking forward to the spring concert at the Forest Arts Centre on **Wednesday evening this week**.

I am due to present prizes and medals in a range of sporting, academic and enrichment activities on Thursday and the term has certainly been a busy one.

The new-look QM Observer is attached to this email and gives a fuller flavour of the term. It is unsurprising, with so much going on, that we have welcomed record numbers to our Year 12 welcome events this half term: the school continues to be a vibrant place.

Exams

Arrangements for study leave are:

- *Year 11* – lessons finish Friday 10th May, revision programme runs in school until Friday 24th May; all students are expected in school at all times during this period. They will be in revision sessions or timetabled exams. Study leave begins on Monday 3rd June (after the half-term holiday).
- *Year 12* – study leave from Monday 13th May through to Friday 24th May during Year 12 exam period. Students are expected to attend school for timetabled exams only.
- *Year 13* – lessons finish Friday 17th May

For years 9, 10 and 12, there are links on the website (under the exams tab) to timetables.

QMA

You will find attached to this email the termly QMA newsletter.

The remaining QMA event for the year is the re-formed Summer ball (in conjunction with QMHS) on **Saturday 29th June**. The next meeting of this takes place on **Thursday 2nd May**. If you are interested in being part of this, please contact Judy McCoy at 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/>

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Key dates for the diary coming up

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

- **Easter Music Concert:** Wednesday 10th April
- **End of term:** Thursday 11th April, 2pm
- **Summer Term begins:** Monday 29th April at 9.45am
- **QMA Summer Ball Committee:** Thursday 2nd May, 7.30pm
- **Bank holiday:** Monday 6th May

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

http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/content/2018_sep_calendar_of_events.pdf

I hope you have a restful Easter break; thank you for your support

Regards

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



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