

Queen Mary's Grammar School



A message from the Headmaster, May 2019

Dear parents/guardians

As we head towards the half term break, we bid farewell to our A-level cohort of 2019. I wished them well in my final assembly with them last week, but made a plea that this should not be the end of the road. Our alumni are a valuable group and I hope the students this year will continue to play a part in school life. They have been a fantastic group of young men and women and it is exciting to see what they are heading off to do. Before that, there is some hard work ahead and I hope they are able to maintain a sense of balance in managing the stress which goes with exams.

Our Year 11 cohort have also started their exams and we wish them well. We hope to see them smiling in August and welcome them back into the sixth form. Please see below for the dates of the results days and for information on learning resources. Parents of Year 8 boys should receive a full written report this week and I hope this is a useful record of their progress.

It has been great to see the sun shining over the past couple of weeks and the cricket season is in full flow. The Year 8s have just returned from their tour to the Isle of Man and there have been lots of other fixtures. Details can be followed on twitter: <https://twitter.com/QMGSCRICKET>

The summer term has also seen the start of the Farchynys weeks for Year 7. 7D started is off last week and the photos looked stunning: <https://twitter.com/farchynys>

Finally, the CCF were very impressive in their turn out for their biannual formal parade, inspected by former student Commander Matthew Punch MBE. Colonel Law has updated his blog on the School's website, giving details of this and some other events in the life of the cadets: <http://qmcolonel.blogspot.com/>

QMA

We are moving closer to the summer ball and I hope you are thinking of buying tickets. The event (in conjunction with QMHS) takes place on **Saturday 29th June**. The remaining meetings of this take place on **Thursday 23rd May and Thursday 13th June**. If you are interested in being part of this, please contact Judy McCoy at enquiries@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk

Further information can be found on the School's website:

http://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019_summer_ball.pdf

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/>

Exam resources

We have uploaded some Seneca Learning resources for use by GCSE and A Level students onto the School's website:

<https://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/gcse-revision/>

<https://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/a-level-revision/>

It is best to use Chrome or other modern browsers as opposed to Internet Explorer to access these resources.

Sutton Road traffic

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I have received a number of complaints from residents and other road users over discourtesy and dangerous manoeuvres when dropping off/collecting children. Can I please remind parents of the need for courtesy and consideration to others whilst using the Sutton Road?

Key dates for the diary coming up

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

- **Friday 24th May** – finish for half term
- **Monday 3rd June** – return from half term (school starts at 8.45am)
- **Thursday 13th June** - Open Evening (school finishes at 2pm)
- **Thursday 13th June** - QMA Summer Ball Committee
- **W/B 24th June** – sports week
- **Friday 28th June** – CCF field day and Year 12 UCAS day
- **Saturday 29th June** - Joint QMGS/QMHS Summer Ball 7pm-Midnight
- **Tuesday 16th July** – school finishes for the summer at 2pm
- **Thursday 15th August** - A Level Results day
- **Thursday 22nd August** - GCSE Results day

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

http://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2018_calendar_of_events.pdf

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

Regards



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