



QUEEN MARY'S
ASSOCIATION

QMA NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2019

At the Queen Mary's Association AGM in May 2019 Andrew Donaldson was thanked for his work as QMA chair and for his continued support for the school community, the responsibility of chair for 2019/20 passed to Adrian Roche. We also said goodbye and registered the school's thanks to Seema Sikkka who handed over the Burns Committee responsibilities to Jackie Lewis.

The Headmaster thanked all committee members and the school 6th Formers for their hard work and support to help making 2018/19 such a success and an enjoyable year.

The QMA and its sub committees, Fireworks, Burns, Summer Ball, Catering and Bar, delivered another successful year and raised the targeted £20,000, which went towards funding the new cricket covers.

In the Autumn Term the Fireworks Event continued to be a popular and financially successful event however opening the school to over 1000 visitors brings with it inherent risks and challenges that are being worked through.

Bagpipes accompanied the Spring Term with the Burns Night celebrations of music, haggis, poetry and dance in the tartan clad school hall. This event is now firmly established in the QMA annual social calendar and parents, friends of the school, old and new, should hold Saturday 25th January 2020 in their diaries for another great night's entertainment.

The Summer Term was marked by the first collaborative event organised with QMHS parents, The Summer Ball was held on a beautiful summer's evening where music, food and dance was enjoyed by all, with the Prosecco Bar proving to be very popular! We hope that you will support this new event next year as it settles into the QMA programme.

This year sees many of the sub committees losing long standing members and committees being held together by members whose children have long left the school. We would like to register our thanks for all of your hard work and selfless energy offered for the benefit of the school community. Your tremendous commitment embodies the school ethos of valuing "giving back" and appreciating the rewards of volunteering.

To attract new volunteers and find new and innovative ways of supporting the school we are holding a QMA parents evening on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We would like to encourage all parents to come and join us next year and through our example, in what ever small way, contribute to reinforcing the Queen Mary's community ethos.

Have a good summer and we look forward to meeting you and welcoming you on 19th September to launch another successful series of QMA Events.

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