

# Queen Mary's Grammar School



## A message from the Headmaster, November 2019

Dear parents/guardians

I was really pleased with how Speech Day went in October, with our guest speakers being of particularly high quality. It was certainly a day to reflect on and celebrate achievement and it was great to see so many students involved.

As ever, the CCF played a central role in Walsall's remembrance Sunday parade and were also represented at our own assembly on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. It is a privilege that we can come together as a school community in such a respectful way.

In the same week, we were fortunate enough to have a visit from an illustrious former student of the school. His eminence, Michael Fitzgerald (who attended QM in the 1940s), was made a cardinal by the pope in October (only one of two in the UK) and accepted our offer of an invite into school. I interviewed him in front of the school in assembly and he took part in a seminar with GCSE pupils. He also had a tour of the school and practising his Mandarin with a Year 7 class! He wrote to me afterwards to say how much he had enjoyed the visit.

The weather has proven difficult in delivering both curriculum PE, as well as the fixture programme, but there has been lots of individual and team success on the sports field. Have a look on the PE department's twitter account for a flavour of this:

<https://twitter.com/qmgssport?lang=en>

Finally, can I promote the joint music concert (with QMHS), which takes place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November? It promises to be a fantastic evening and tickets are available from the school.

<https://www.qmmusic.info/>

### QMA

Thank you to everyone who has supported the non-school uniform day, in aid of the raffle ticket return for the QMA's Taste of the World Event, due to take place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. We are looking to celebrate our diverse community in a family evening of food and entertainment. Flyers came out a couple of weeks ago and are on the website. Tickets are available from the school reception:

[https://qmg.walsall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019\\_taste\\_of\\_the\\_world.pdf](https://qmg.walsall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2019_taste_of_the_world.pdf)

The full list of events for 2019-20 are:

Sat 7 Dec 2019	Tastes of the World
Sat 25 Jan 2020	Burns Night
Sat 27 Jun 2020	Summer Ball

If you are interested in being part of the QMA in 2019-20, please contact Judy McCoy at [enquiries@qmg.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@qmg.walsall.sch.uk)

With the Christmas shopping season in full flow, the QMA are also promoting the **Easy Fundraising scheme** – a great way of raising money for the school with very little effort. Make sure you register, if you haven't already, at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/queenmarysgrammar/>

### Road safety and courteous driving

I have written to you several times about road safety and consideration for others. We have received a number of complaints from residents recently, in terms of inconsiderate parking over driveways and,

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specifically, the use of the service road at the bottom of the Sutton Road as a cut through. Both of these matters are unacceptable and I urge you to not do this. Please help us keep the local area safe and civil.

## Key dates for the diary coming up

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

Thu 5 Dec	Y12 parents' evening
Sat 7 Dec	QMA Tastes of the World Event
Mon 16 Dec	Y13 leavers' event
Tue 17 Dec	Christmas music concert
Fri 20 Dec	End of term
Mon 6 Jan	Teacher training day (no students in)
Tue 7 Jan	First day of term; 10.45am start
8-10 Jan	Y11 academic reviews
Sat 25 Jan	QMA Burns night

**The live calendar and term dates for 2019-20 and 2020-21 are available on the School's website:**

<https://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/school-live-calendar/>

<https://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/term-dates/>

Thank you for your continued support

Regards



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