



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

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Dear parent/guardian

Y11 End of Term Arrangements

After an intense period of hard work, study and assessment, we can confirm that Friday the 28th of May will be the last school day for year 11 in this academic year. It has been a tough time for this year group with a lot of learning time disrupted due to lockdowns and the uncertainty surrounding the cancellation of the exams nationally. Year 11 have worked extremely hard and I am sure their strong work ethic in school has been matched at home. They have taken all the changes to learning styles and assessment regime in their stride and you should feel proud of their conduct this year. The week after Friday the 28th of May will be the half term break for all members of the school community and I hope that students in year 11 take the opportunity to rest and relax.

On the 28th of May some students will have already finished their assessments. They will be expected in school from the end of break time at 11.20 AM onwards. Other classes will have some assessments ongoing on the 28th of May and will be in lessons up until that time. However, once students have completed their assessments we have organised sporting activities for them to take part in. Therefore, all students will be expected to attend school in their PE kit on the final day. The assessments taking place on the 28th of May are known to your child and will also be emailed out closer to the time to parental and student email addresses. Students will be dismissed sometime in the afternoon for their half term on that day.

Book return will take place on a lesson by lesson basis during the final assessment for that subject. So, if they have their final Biology assessment they should bring in all of their Biology textbooks and any other borrowed materials during that lesson.

Locker keys that have been issued included a £5 deposit. The keys can be returned to the student reception in the Student Welfare Hub at any point before the 28th of May for a £5 voucher given direct to the students. Please contact Mr Rendu if you would prefer £5 paid back to parents. Similarly, many students have library books outstanding and these should be returned before students leave school. Boxes for the return of books are located at several points around the school.

Looking ahead, it is important that students keep up with some study in order to prepare themselves for the next steps in their learning. The majority of students are staying on at 6th form here at Queen Mary's. Each subject publishes transition materials [HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code at the bottom. These links can only be accessed by QMGS students from a logged in device. The materials are a prerequisite for study at A level. It is very important that students complete this work as most departments expect this work to be done and it is assessed early on in the year. It is also important for students to keep up with the habit of learning during a much longer break from formal school than normal. All schools and colleges have their own materials and for those students leaving Queen Mary's we urge you to contact your new learning provider for information of their transition materials.

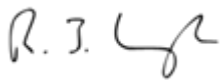
Staff from the School will be in regular contact with year 11 students during the remainder of the summer term and conducting safe and well calls. We look forward to speaking to you or your child during this term. In the meantime, if you do have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Rendu by email: mo-rendu@gmgs.walsall.sch.uk

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support during their years at Queen Mary's Grammar School, especially during the last two years of their GCSE studies?

QR code for transition materials:



Yours sincerely

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

Richard Langton
Headmaster

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M. O. Rendu
Head of Year 11