



Queen Mary's Grammar School

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Y7 Intake 2021 – FAQ

Topic	Question	Answer
Communication	<i>Will a welcome pack be emailed/sent to our home address prior to the Parents Evening Event?</i>	The welcome pack is provided as part of the application process on Applicaa. Further details regarding the Parents' Evening Event will follow
	<i>Form - When will we find out about what form class our child will be in ?</i>	You will be notified by 14th June 2021
	<i>Current school have advised they have not received anything for reference</i>	An automatic request forms part of the application process. If you are advised by your child's primary school that they have not received a reference request please notify us by email to Y7intake@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk
Curriculum	<i>When we will know which languages our son will be studying?</i>	This will be communicated once the form groups have been allocated in June
	<i>Recommended reads - will he be able to access the books from library or are we supposed to purchase them ?</i>	The reading list is reading for pleasure, it is not expected that your son reads all the books. Most can be accessed at your local library. Once your son starts school he will have access to the school library as well the Sora reading app
	<i>I wanted to know if they did swimming all throughout Y7?</i>	All students have one swimming lesson per fortnight in Years 7-9
	<i>How do we as parents find out more about the curriculum and structure of the day?</i>	This information is available in the Induction Booklet you have received on Applicaa as well as on our website. In addition to this there will be an opportunity to find out more and ask questions at the Parent Welcome Event on 8 th September (subject to Government Covid rules). If you have

any specific questions prior to that please submit to Y7intake@gmgs.walsall.sch.uk and a member of staff will respond

Will further information be sent for events?

You will receive further details confirming the date, time and arrangements for:

- **Sportswear Sales Event:** 28th June – 1st July 4:15pm – 8pm (appointment will be allocated by House)
- **Student Induction Afternoon:** Wednesday 30th June 1:30pm – 3:15pm (the format is changing due to lockdown extension)
- **Student Summer School:** Monday 23rd – Friday 27th August
- **Parent Welcome Evening:** Wednesday 8th September

Student Induction Afternoon:

Given latest government guidelines published on 14.06.2021 this is no longer a face to face event – communication ongoing

Events

Induction afternoon is this just for pupils or parents to attend with pupil too?

This is just for students

Please provide a letter to show current school to get time off for the Induction?

You will receive an invitation letter

Would I be correct in saying that they will need to wear their school uniform for the student induction?

Students will need to wear their primary school uniform

My son is away on a school residential on this date, is there an option to attend an induction on an alternative date?

Unfortunately it is not possible to replicate this event for a small number of students. Primary schools should not be doing residential trips the week of secondary school inductions. Hopefully any student who misses the Induction can attend the summer school which is an opportunity to meet staff and other new starters



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Parent Information Evening:

Is there going to be a virtual information evening for parents (via MS Teams or other) in the summer term to give us an overview and a chance to ask questions direct?

No, however there will be a Parent Welcome Evening 8th September 2021 (subject to lockdown . In the meantime the MS Form will remain open until 18th June should you have any further questions. After that you can email Y7intake@gmgs.walsall.sch.uk Additionally the [presentation](#) on our website may answer your questions

What time does the Parent welcome event start?

At approximately 7pm but this will be confirmed nearer the date

Summer School:

*Is this for all the student or student joining in September 2021
What uniform is worn for the summer school?*

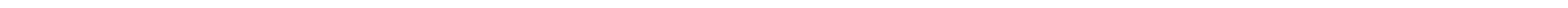
Summer school is for Y7 intake students starting September 2021
More information will follow regarding this

We are on holiday during the summer school week. How important is this event? What is included? and will my son miss out? Will another week be held? Can he attend for just a day?

The summer school is an opportunity to meet staff and other new starters. There will be a range of sports and other activities, we will also cover inductions matters. Most activities will be taster sessions for different subjects in order to aid transition. For those not present there will be an opportunity to obtain this information at a later date. There is not a cost implication

Are there any implications of not attending the summer school in August?

*What happen during the summer school, does parents need to pay for it and what will be the cost for year 7 if that is the case?
What actually is this, but we assume these details will be sent through at a later date*



	<i>Can you come for part of the school summer camp, as we are away for part of the week?</i>	Yes. If you initially answered 'no' for the whole week when registering interest on the MS Form please let the Head of Year know your availability by emailing y7intake@gmgs.walsall.sch.uk
	<i>When will we get details of the QMGS Student Summer</i>	By the end of July term
Finance	<i>Still unclear how to register for the lunch payment system - will details be sent out?</i>	The Mercian Trust Finance Team will write to you in July with information about our online payment system and instructions on how to register
	<i>Do children get help with uniform if they are on Pupil Premium?</i>	Yes financial assistance is available to parents of children on Pupil Premium, The Mercian Trust Finance Team will contact parents to arrange this
Uniform and Sportswear	<i>Uniform - When will we have information on where to buy the school uniform and what is needed regarding child's school equipment eg: stationary, sports</i>	This information, including the price list, is already provided in the Induction Booklet and also on our website. Uniform can be purchased from Clive Marks and is available now. Year 7 – Year 11 wear the lower school tie across all houses. As stated in the Induction Booklet we suggest uniform is purchased in person at Clive Mark rather than online for the first year to ensure sizing is correctly selected
	<i>Where can I buy uniform?/ When and where will we be able to get my child's uniform?</i>	
	<i>Please notify me when uniform is available for purchase?</i>	
	<i>Is it a possibility to get a uniform list with prices before the event please?</i>	
	<i>If uncertain of sizes as my child is tall and thick how do we get around that in terms of ordering online?</i>	Sportswear will be available from the Sportswear Sales Event week commencing 28 th June for which you will be sent an appointment letter. Resources can be purchased from the school, the letter dated 25.05.2021 outlines items available from school and requests that you submit an expression of interest. Once we have established quantities required for the optional items we will confirm pricing and set the items up ready for ordering, you will be able to pay online once your online account has been created at the start of the new academic year. Your son will receive the resources from his Form Tutor during the first term
	<i>What school tie will he need to purchase as I assume different houses have different ties?</i>	
	<i>Will there be a fitting area during the sportswear sale?</i>	There are two large changing rooms divided in two. There will be a pop up changing room in each area for those boys who prefer further privacy.



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	<i>Is the coat to be black only?</i>	Yes, it must be plain black, single colour no stripes or logos and of sufficient length to cover blazer
Resources	<i>Reading List - Please advise which books, from the recommended reads, are best to choose as a priority for the first academic term?</i>	These recommendations are 'reading for pleasure' so any reading ability suited books on the list are recommended. We do not provide a list of academic reads
	<i>Is there a school bus from Wolverhampton as we are worried about his travelling?</i>	The school does not operate a school bus. Depending on where they live some pupils use the Green Bus (route 851)
	<i>I am unsure which mode of transport would be best. Green bus? Public? More details and advice required.</i>	The school is serviced by local bus and train routes, our postcode is WS1 2PG. We also encourage local pupils to travel in on their bicycles ensuring that they wear a bike helmet and visible outer clothing
General		National Express currently have a special offer of £5 off your first direct debit, along with some handy travel tips for your child. Details can be found at https://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/intake-2021 or on our website under Y6-Y7 Transitions along with details on all the above
	<i>I have an older son at QMGS, will my younger son be put in the same house as his older brother?</i>	Yes family members are put in the same house
	<i>How do I register my son for extra-curricular activities please?</i>	Once your son starts school teaching staff who run extra-curricular clubs will provide information and registration details to your son
	<i>My son's best friend is attending QM, can they be together in the same class so he has a familiar face?</i>	Our policy is to put boys from same primary schools, twins, friends in separate classes to promote interaction, social skills and new friendships. Your son will still have an opportunity to see his friend during before/after school, during break/lunch time and during extra-curricular activities. He

will also have an opportunity to meet members of his class at the Induction Afternoon and Summer School before classes start.

Does the school make the provision for Muslim boys to read prayers during school time?

We have a multi-faith prayer room in the sports block, with washing facilities, which is available for use at break and lunch

What is the charge for Homework Club?

Homework Club runs 3:40pm – 4:40pm, the charge is £2 per session. You need to book in advance and make the payment via the online payment system, you will be set up on this in July and can book in September. Homework Club will run subject to Government Covid guidelines

If my son is catching the Green Bus at 16:10pm where can he wait safely until it arrives?

Pupils are dismissed at 3:40pm and are expected to wait at the bus stop, members of the Senior Leadership Team conduct Road Duty until the Green Bus arrives