

Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

Y7 Intake – FAQs

Topic	Question	Answer
Communication	Will a welcome pack be emailed/sent to our home address prior to the Parents Evening Event?	The welcome pack is provided as part of the application process on Applicaa. Further details regarding the Parents' Evening Event will follow
	Form - When will we find out about what form class our child will be in?	You will be notified by June
	Current school have advised they have not received anything for reference	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	When we will know which languages our son will be studying?	This will be communicated once the form groups have been allocated in June
	Recommended reads - will he be able to access the books from library or are we supposed to purchase them ?	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 wanted to know if they did swimming all throughout Y7?	All students have one swimming lesson per fortnight in Years 7-9
	How do we as parents find out more about the curriculum and structure of the day?	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 in September. If you have any specific questions prior to that please

		submit to Y7intake@qmgs.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:
		Sportwear Sales Event
Events		Student Induction Afternoon
		Parent Welcome Evening
	Still unclear how to register for the lunch payment system - will details be sent out?	The Mercian Trust Finance Team will write to you in July with information about our online payment system and instructions on how to register
Finance	Do children get help with uniform if they are on Pupil Premium?	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	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 Where can I buy uniform?/ When and where will we be able to get my child's uniform? Please notify me when uniform is available for purchase? Is it a possibility to get a uniform list with prices before the event please? If uncertain of sizes as my child is tall and thick how do we get around that in terms of ordering online? What school tie will he need to purchase as I assume different houses have different ties?	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 Sportwear will be available from the Sportwear Sales Event at the end of June/early July for which you will be sent an appointment letter.
	Will there be a fitting area during the sportswear sale?	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.



Queen Mary's Grammar School

	Is the coat to be black only?	Yes, it must be plain black, single colour no stripes or logos and of sufficient length to cover blazer
Resources	Reading List - Please advise which books, from the recommended reads on the website, are best to choose as a priority for the first academic term?	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
	Is there a school bus from Wolverhampton as we are worried about his travelling?	The school does not operate a school bus. Depending on where they live some pupils use the <u>Green Bus</u> (route 851)
	I am unsure which mode of transport would be best. Green bus? Public? More details and advice required.	The school is serviced by <u>local bus</u> 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
	I have an older son at QMGS, will my younger son be put in the same house as his older brother?	Yes family members are put in the same house
General	How do I register my son for extra-curricular activities please?	Once your son starts school teaching staff who run extra-curricular clubs will provide information and registration details to your son
	My son's best friend is attending QM, can they be together in the same class so he has a familiar face?	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 Inductio Afternoon 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