



# Queen Mary's Grammar School

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## EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

There are a number of items that your child will require when joining Queen Mary's Grammar School. These are items that they will use almost daily at school and home.

These items can be purchased from a retailer of your choice, including most supermarkets or amazon.

### 1. COMBINATION PADLOCK

During the day students store their belongings in a locker. To secure the locker students need to supply a padlock. We strongly recommend combination padlocks, to reduce the chance of the key being lost or forgotten. In order to operate, the shank part of the lock needs to be between 4mm and 7mm diameter, most padlocks will therefore work however miniature luggage locks are unlikely to be sufficient.

### 2. PENCIL CASE

Every student needs to bring the following basic items of equipment to every lesson, every day.

- Pencil case (a clear case or bag is required during exams higher up the school)
- Ruler
- Pens (at least 1x black and 1x green)
- HB pencil
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Geometry set containing as a minimum a compass and 180-degree protractor.
- A selection of colouring pencils

### 3. CALCULATOR

Your child needs their own scientific calculator for use at school and home.

As a school we recommend the Casio FX-83 or FX-85 range for KS3 and 4.

This is the model your child's teacher will use to demonstrate and explain during lessons.

There is a new FX-83GTCW model which has recently been released – as a school we will be slowly transitioning to this newer model, but you should be aware the functionality is quite different to the older GTX range.

Alternatively, the more advanced Casio FX-991 range, whilst designed for A-level, is still appropriate from Year 7.

## **Voluntary Items**

### **DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY**

The School's DT Department has had huge successes with design projects, including a pupil who designed the new £1 coin. We would be unable to offer students the range of DT projects without voluntary contributions from parents towards the costs of materials.

As part of your child's Year 7 Design Technology course, they will be making products in a range of materials. We find that most pupils want to take their projects home after completion. School will provide the majority of materials for all of the projects, but in order to cover a proportion of the costs we are requesting a voluntary contribution to cover the academic year. This payment will enable your child to keep the products they produce once they have been assessed.

We find the nature and scope of the project work that your child can undertake is greatly enhanced as a result of this contribution, however, if you do not wish to keep your child's work we will recycle the materials as far as possible. This voluntary contribution can be made through the online payment system ParentMail, we will contact you once your account is set up.

### **ART PENCILS**

During year 7 art lessons, students will be taught to use tonal drawing pencils. These are widely available in sets (e.g. 6B – 4H) for approx £5. The minimum requirement is a 2B pencil.

### **Financial Assistance**

We are in the process of contacting parents/carers of pupils who are already registered for Pupil Premium with details of the support available to them.

For those students who are not currently eligible for Pupil Premium and who need financial assistance, please contact the school or complete the means tested [financial assistance](#) form available on our website.

Yours sincerely

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