



# Queen Mary's Grammar School

Academic in purpose - Generous in approach - Enterprising in spirit - International in outlook



QMGs new Year 7 parents' information presentation  
September 2023

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## Running order

**Mr Richard Langton (Headmaster)** - Welcome and introductions; Our core values; The QM experience; Engaging with the USPs; Future Sport@QMGs

**Mr Magee (Head of Year 7) and Mr Sepede (Assistant Head of Year)**

Life in Year 7; Pastoral care; Developing the whole person; How can you help and support the school? Welcoming the form tutors

**Meeting the SLT** - Mr Collins (Safeguarding and welfare); Miss Naguthney (Behaviour); Mrs Youngman (SEND and Pupil Premium); Mr Hudson (Co-Curricular & Operations)

**Queen Mary's Association** What is the QMA? Getting involved with the QMA. Events in 2023-24



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# The 4 pillars:

Academic in Purpose

International in Outlook

Enterprising in Spirit

Generous in Approach

# The QM experience



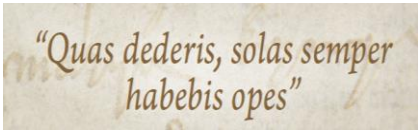
## Queen Mary's Grammar School Quality of Education Policy - March 2023

Section 1: Curriculum policy  
Section 2: Teaching & Learning policy  
Section 3: Assessment & Feedback policy  
Section 4: Homework policy  
Section 5: Legislative compliance and responsibilities

Section 1: Curriculum  
Principles:

"Academically-Ambitious and Accessible to All"

Queen Mary's Grammar School believes that the Quality of Education experienced by students is driven by a curriculum in its broadest sense: the entirety of a student's learning experience, in lessons and beyond. We have designed and embedded a curriculum that is planned and sequenced to develop in our highly academic students the knowledge and skills necessary for their future roles in society, while ensuring that the balanced curriculum offer is accessible to all.



### ATOMIC HABITS

The small seemingly insignificant things which when done on a consistent basis lead to our outcomes

**GIVE**  
to teacher and task

**100%**

**BE ON TIME**  
all the time

**ALWAYS BE EQUIPPED**  
and ready to learn

**DO YOUR BEST**  
to attend school  
all the time

**SHOW RESPECT**  
to staff and pupils  
Be courteous, considerate and cooperative

**Always wear the CORRECT UNIFORM**

**Tidy up after yourself and care for your surroundings**

★ Be a **CREDIT** to QMGS ★

### Core Values

QMGS

**Courage.**  
facing new challenges with determination & resilience

**Respect**  
for yourself & tolerance of others

**Equality**  
opportunities for all, whilst recognising & celebrating diversity

**Discipline**  
developing personal responsibility

**Integrity**  
to be honest, sincere, reliable & selfless

**Teamwork**  
stronger together

High Challenge, High Support pastoral approach

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## Engaging with the USPs

### Farchynys

Farchynys, the school's Welsh Centre, is located on the stunning Marston Estate in southern Snowdonia with views over to Cadair Idris. Purchased for the school in 1953 it has been a centre for adventure and learning in a contrasting setting for the past 50 years.

The centre provides basic self-catering accommodation for up to 24 pupils and accompanying staff in dormitory accommodation, together with classroom and dining room facilities. The school also owns 10 acres of the adjoining headland including its own access onto the estuary.



All over 7 pupils visit Farchynys in the summer of their first year in a series of trips with other members of their form group. These "Learning to Learn" weeks form an end to the year when pupils learn about learning in other contexts and about working with each other. Typical activities include visits to Harlech Castle, a local slate mine, the Centre for Alternative Technology and creating their own metal one evening.



### Combined Cadet Force



The Combined Cadet Force continues to gain in popularity at the school with well over 300 cadets, representing almost half of the school community. The contingent consists of Army and RAF sections of roughly equal size and is one of more than 200 such contingents based in schools throughout the country.

Membership of the contingent is entirely voluntary, with pupils choosing to join when they enter year 9. We also offer a fast-track scheme for new entrants to the sixth-form. Our best cadets are invited to continue their membership whilst in the sixth-form to act as cadet NCOs and undertake the majority of the instruction of other cadets.

The Combined Cadet Force is a youth organisation which is sponsored by the Ministry of Defence. Its purpose is summarised by the CCF charter, but in essence is about developing our pupils to be full citizens in the future.



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Initial project plans

FutureSport@  
QMGs  
A Community  
Legacy Project

Pavilion and viewing gallery





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## HOW YOU CAN HELP?



## FutureSport@QMGs A Community Legacy Project

**We are looking for a team of committed supporters who will consider supporting the campaign:**

By giving a thoughtful and proportionate cash gift or pledge over time

By volunteering their time to help the School reach its goal

By making introductions to individuals or families who might be interested in supporting the project

By hosting a or home/work event/dinner for a select group of prospective supporters

By making introductions to funding bodies such as grant-making trusts and foundations

By creating opportunities with potential corporate sponsors or partners



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home course news volunteer results photos shop more...

## Walsall Arboretum parkrun

### What is Walsall Arboretum parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you!



### Future Sport @ QMGs: Walsall Arboretum Park Run takeover Sat 23 Sep

As part of the [Future Sport @ QMGs campaign](#) we are looking to carry out a Walsall Arboretum takeover on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. We are looking to raise the profile of the campaign within the Walsall community.

We are looking for staff, students and parents to take part in the race and as stewards. If you are interested in being part of the event, please complete this MS Form, giving an indication of whether you would like to steward or to run. The different stewarding roles can be viewed [here](#).





- Mr Magee
- Head of Year 7
- Teacher of Biology
- Member of staff for 8 years

### Year 7 Leadership



- Mr Sepede
- Assistant Head of Year 7
- Teacher of Physics
- Member of staff for 9 years



### The School Day

<b>Registration</b>	<b>08.45</b>
Assembly/Form Time	08.55 - 09.15
Period 1	09.15 - 10.05
Period 2	10.05 - 10.55
Break	10.55 - 11.20
Period 3	11.20 - 12.10
Period 4	12.10 - 13.00
Lunch	13.00 - 14.00
Period 5 (pm registration)	14.00 - 14.50
Period 6	14.50 - 15.40
<b>Dismissal</b>	<b>15.40</b>



## Activities and Events

Year 7 are encouraged to use the long lunch breaks to eat lunch and then attend a club or society.

- Chess
- Hockey
- Basketball
- D&T Enrichment
- Board Game Club
- Library
- What if? Club
- History Society
- Maths Club
- Wellbeing Group

Lots more as the term continues...

Visit: [www.qmgs.org](http://www.qmgs.org) > About Us > Enrichment > Co-Curricular Programmes

Link: <https://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/sporting-fixtures-extra-curricular/>

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## Rewards and Sanctions

**Making a Positive Contribution**

At Queen Mary's Grammar School it is very important that our students succeed both academically and personally and gain recognition for all of their achievements.

In working through the four levels of the award during your time at QMG it is hoped that you will become a more pro-active and independent member of the school and local community.

Students in KS3 & 4 should start by working towards the Bronze Award. KS5 may start by working towards the Silver Award. Moving on in time to the next award.

You may only work towards one award at a time.

How you and your House benefit:

Bronze Award = 10 points for your House  
Silver Award = 25 points for your House  
Gold = 50 points for your House  
Platinum = 75 points for your House

You will receive an Award Badge to wear on your blazer and a certificate of recognition.

**QMGs Community Award 2016/2017**

Quas dederis, solas semper habebis opes

It is what you give that you will keep as eternal riches

**BRONZE AWARD**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Form: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Stage 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Form tutor informed</li><li>• Stage 1 letter sent to parents by HOY</li><li>• After school detention issued by Mrs M Hayden/HOY</li><li>• Student placed on a 1 week Form tutor report</li></ul>
Stage 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stage 2 letter sent to parents by HOY</li><li>• After school detention issued by Mrs M Hayden/HOY</li><li>• Student placed on a 2-week HOY report</li><li>• Removal of privileges and other sanctions in line with performance whilst on HOY report.</li></ul>
Stage 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stage 3 letter sent to parents by Mr T Brown</li><li>• Saturday Detention issued by Mr T Brown</li><li>• Student placed on a 2 week SLT report</li><li>• Parents contacted to discuss concerns</li></ul>
Stage 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents to be called in for a meeting with HOY and Mr T Brown</li><li>• Saturday Detention issued by Mr T Brown</li><li>• Behaviour support strategies to be identified and implemented</li></ul>
Stage 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parents to be informed by Mr T Brown</li><li>• Meeting with HOY, Mr T Brown and Headmaster</li><li>• Behaviour contractor to be established</li></ul>

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## Behaviour

- Support the School where you can – a behaviour point is not the end of the world. Instead, it's a prompt for action
- Sometimes your child will disagree with the School's perspective
- We want every student in our year to be happy, but bad days can happen and are natural

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## Phones and other devices

- MS Teams is now an important part of our school life
- A phone can be a valuable tool in accessing Teams but is not required
- Pupils may bring a phone to school, and can use it with a teacher's permission in class
- It is however their responsibility and will be confiscated if misused



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## Social Media

- Year 7 are not old enough to use most social media sites according to the terms and conditions – this includes gaming platforms
- The School cannot take responsibility for managing social media use
- Improper use can lead to sanctions

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## Progress

- Attainment Grades and Attitude to Learning (ATL) Grades are sent home termly
- Parents' Evening for Year 7 occurs in March
- Parent App is now in use
- Homework is set via MS Teams
- Weekly emails can be sent to provide an update on homework assignments

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## How can you help?

### During the first term, help them...

- ... get into good habits early
- ... get organised
- ... manage their time
- Let them do it themselves where possible
- If things go wrong, get them to take responsibility and ask for help if they can
- Encourage them to get involved in extracurricular activities, clubs and societies
- This is a transition for you as well! Please support the School where possible

Keep up to date with the QMGS community...

Website: [www.qmgs.org](http://www.qmgs.org) X (Twitter): @qmgs1554

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

Year 7 Twitter: @QMGS\_Year\_7

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## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (Mrs Youngman)

The SEND Team is based in the Welfare Hub with the SEMH team.

Mrs Youngman – SENDCo  
Mrs Swain – Ass. SENDCo  
Mrs Dooley – LSA  
Miss Mierczynska – LSA  
Mrs Kang – SEND Admin

A pupil may come under the umbrella of support from the SEND team if they have difficulties in any of the following areas...

Communication and Interaction	Cognition and Learning	Social, emotional and mental health difficulties	Sensory and/or physical needs
ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder)	Dyspraxia (co-ordination)	Anxiety	Hearing Impairment
Speech and Language	Dyscalculia	Bipolar disorder	Visual Impairment
Receptive Skills	Dyslexia	Depression	Multi-sensory impairment
	Dysgraphia (writing)	Attachment Disorders	Physical Impairment due to illness
	Literacy and numeracy difficulties	OCD	Hyperflexibility/Hypermobility
	Memory Problems	ADHD/ADD (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder)	
		Withdrawn/disruptive behaviour	

At Queen Mary's our vision is that  
**"SEND students and families at QMGS know they are accepted, included, understood and supported."**

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**Pupil Premium & Free school meals (Mrs Youngman)**

Our aim is for all pupils to reach their potential and participate fully as valued members of our community irrespective of background or family circumstance



If you believe your child is eligible for FSM, you apply via the link (on our website) for Free School Meals to Walsall Borough Council.

Applications can be made online or by downloading the application form and returning it to the Free School Meals Department at Walsall Council.

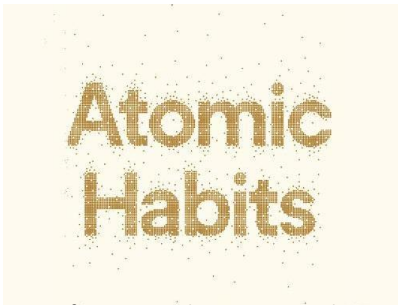
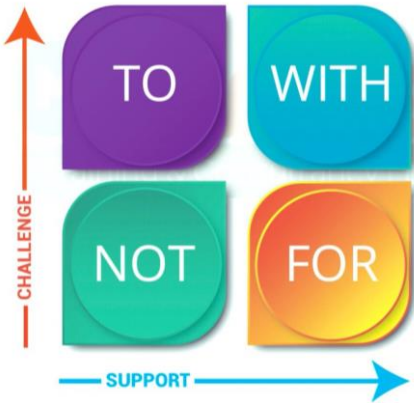
It is important that this is done regardless of whether the pupil has been receiving Free School Meals in their Primary School as this information does not transfer automatically to Queen Mary's Grammar School when the pupil joins us.

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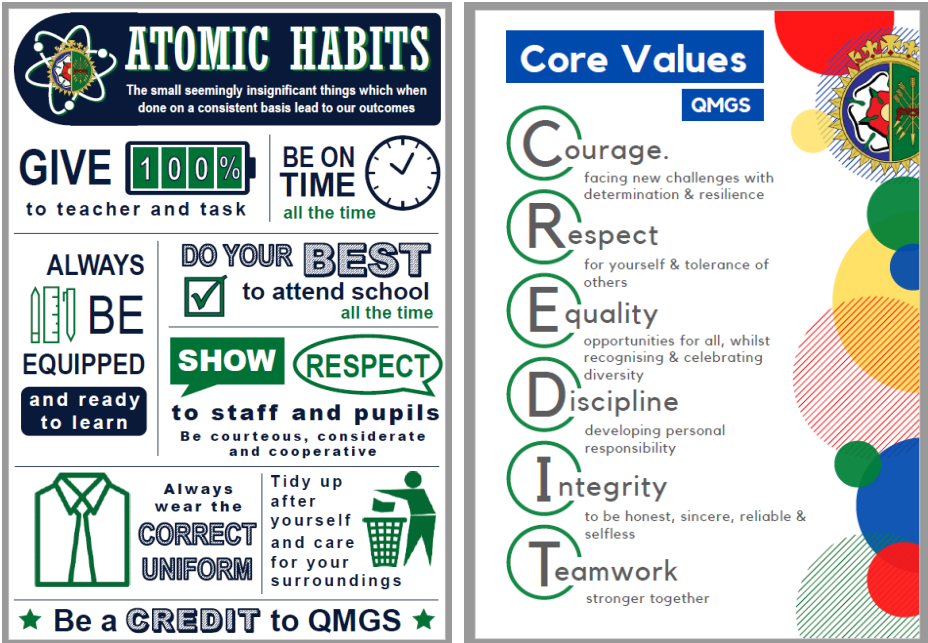
**Student behaviour (Miss Naguthney)**

High challenge, high support model for changing behaviour.  
Focussing on the small, seemingly insignificant things that lead to our outcomes.



Uniform, Attendance, Punctuality,  
Equipment, Participation, Meeting  
Deadlines, Courtesy, Cooperation,  
Consideration

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High Challenge, High Support pastoral approach

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## Staff with Key Safeguarding responsibilities

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| • Headmaster:                                       | Mr Langton                 |
| • Designated Safeguarding Lead/SPOC/Designated LAC: | Mr Collins                 |
| • Safeguarding and Welfare Officer:                 | Mr Farnell                 |
| • Deputy DSLs:                                      | Mr Farnell, Miss Naguthney |
| • SEMH:   | TBC                        |
| • Student services manager:                         | Mrs Hill                   |
| • 6 <sup>th</sup> form welfare:                     | Mrs Mohan                  |

Also:

- |                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| • E-Safety:                   | Mr Lally    |
| • Safer Recruitment/SCR:      | Miss Sahota |
| • Chair of governors:         | Mr Moseley  |
| • Safeguarding link governor: | Mr Picken   |

**Safeguarding and welfare (Mr Collins)**

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## Support Mechanisms at QMGS

- Welfare Hub
- Peer – Peer Support
- Prefects
- Pastoral system (Heads of Year, Assistant Heads of Year, Form Tutors)
- Supportive staff

**Safeguarding and welfare (Mr Collins)**

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## How do you get to school?

- Walk
- Cycle
- Bus
- Park & Stride
- Car share
- Car

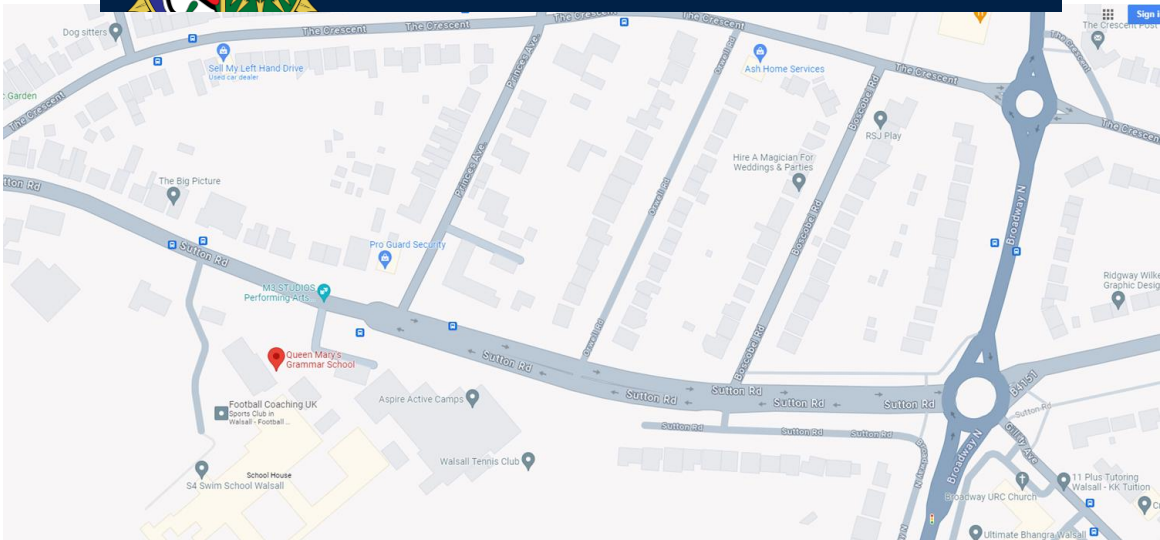
**Co-Curricular & Operations (Mr Hudson)**

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Co-Curricular & Operations (Mr Hudson)

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## Farchynys

Week long residential in Summer Term

Team work, confidence, relationships

Last year £170. Subsidised for PP students

First time away from home??



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8th July  
12.30 - 4.30pm  
**QM MUSIC AND ARTS FEST '23**  
Are you ready for the first QM Arts Fest?  
A Celebration of  
**MUSIC, PERFORMANCE, ART & CREATIVITY**  
Training Band, Orchestra,  
Skiffle, Clarinet ensemble  
Choir, Drama  
performances  
Art, Design & Creativity,  
TikTok competition  
£4 Adult  
£2 Child  
£10 family of 4  
Plus food, games, fair rides,  
Raffle, activities & more  
**BOOK YOUR TICKETS ON LINE**



**Queen Mary's Association**  
Tweets 8,330 Following 857 Followers 324 Likes 2,168 Lists 18  
QMA  
@qmg1554qma  
The Parent and Teacher Association of @qmg1554. We raise funds for the school and have some fun doing it! Please tweet or email qma@qmg1554.sch.uk



**easyfundraising**  
feel good shopping



**TASTE OF THE WORLD**  
Saturday, December 7th 2019, 6-9pm at QMGS  
Celebrating the Flavours and Diversity of QMGS  
Bhangra Dancing and Dhol performance from 'The Lions of Punjab' (6.15pm)  
Open mic talent competition  
MEP Mandarin performances (8pm)  
Fireworks (8.45pm)  
And more...  
Price includes entry, entertainment and food from each of the stalls (South and North Indian, Mexican, Philippine)  
There will also be a licensed bar. Desserts available for an additional fee.





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**Queen Mary's Association (QMA)**

The QMA have played a crucial part in school fundraising over a long period of time. In recent years, monies raised from the events have gone towards the outdoor cricket nets/covers and the blue minibus. Events in 2019-20 raised money for a refurbishment of the library. In 2022-23 and 2023-24, proceeds will be going towards our sports fundraising project.

The dates for the next events are:

- Sat 2 Dec 2023
- Sat 27 Jan 2024
- TBC July 2024
- Taste of the World
- Burns Night
- Summer arts festival

**Please fill in  
the interest  
forms!**



## Communications



Website: [www.qmgs.org](http://www.qmgs.org) Email: [enquiries@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk)

Twitter: qmgs1554