



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

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Dear Parent/Carer

Queen Mary's Association Taste of the World Event – Saturday 2nd December 2023

We are delighted to invite you to our Taste of the World family event, which is part of the Queen Mary's Association fund raising calendar. The event will take place on Saturday 2nd December, from 6.00pm until 9.00pm and will include live entertainment and a meal.

The QMA committee has given a lot of thought to the Taste of the World event which will give a flavour of different cultures from around the world. There will be entertainment from pupils and community groups as well as a delicious selection of foods to choose from within the ticket price. Pupils from the Mandarin Excellence Programme will be entertaining us as part of their cultural exchange and we encourage all parents to come along and support their children in showing us a snapshot of the Chinese culture that they have been learning about. We also welcome a live Bhangra performance from 'Bhangra Blaze' and there will be an open mic performance from QMGS students.

Please come along as a family to support this worthwhile event and at the same time be entertained with music and dance. In addition to the above there will be a bar, dessert stand and many games stalls, please note these stalls and bar will only be accepting cash payments. Tickets are £15 for adults, £5 for students, or £35 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children), they can be purchased at [Ticket Source](#) or using the QR below. Due to limited numbers we strongly recommend pre-booking your tickets.

As with each of the three annual QMA events, we will be holding a raffle. All the money raised through the purchase of raffle tickets, non-uniform day and the purchase of event tickets raise vital funds for the school which ultimately benefit many of your children. Previous fund raising events have enabled the school to purchase outdoor cricket nets, refurbish the library and purchase a minibus. In 2022-23, the QMA made a donation of £20,000 to the Future Sports project and we are supporting the same cause this year.

Please support the fund-raising work of the QMA, by purchasing as many tickets as possible. They are priced at £1 per ticket and are available via Parentmail, which has been set up to allow for multiple raffle tickets to be purchased, if required. You should already have received a prompt to buy through your Parentmail account and we will send out reminders nearer the time. As usual, there will be a non-uniform day on Tuesday 28 November, in exchange for a donation of £2 or the purchase of 2 raffle tickets. £2 donations for non-uniform can also be made via your Parentmail account. We would also welcome any donations of prizes for the tombola. Please send these into main school Reception.

We should also make it clear that under the Gambling Act 2005, children under 16 may not buy or sell raffle tickets. If you prefer not to purchase raffle tickets, please use the option to donate additional funds when you select the non-uniform payment button in Parentmail. The prizes this year include a variety of high quality electrical items, sports wear and tickets to events, as well as vouchers for local businesses and other items. The draw for the Community Raffle will take place in the Community Assembly on Monday, 4th December.

Yours sincerely

Richard Langton, Headmaster

