



Queen Mary's Grammar School

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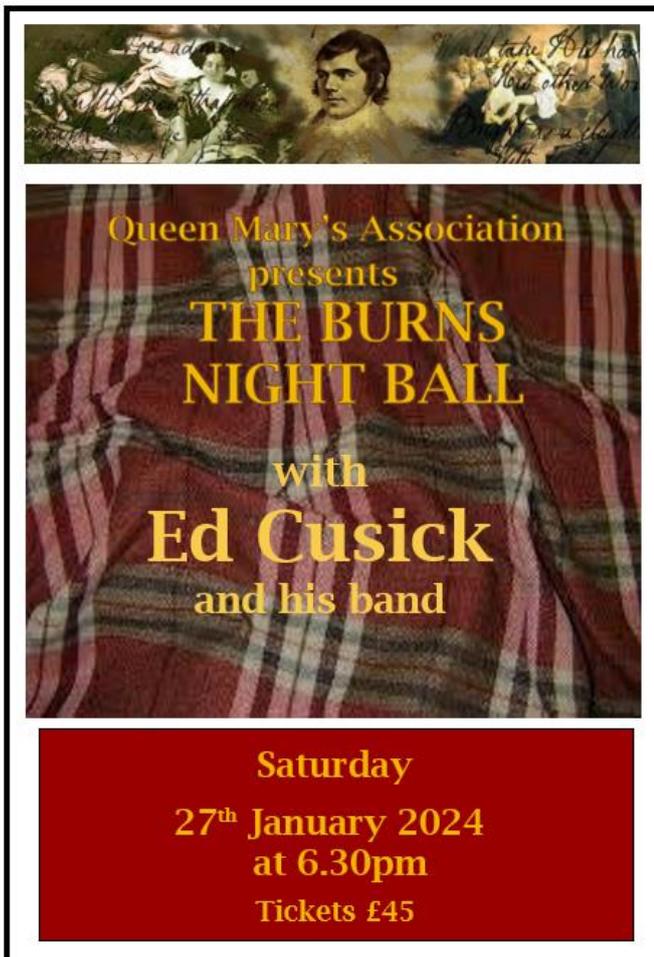
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Dear Parent/Carer

Queen Mary's Association Burns Night Event – Saturday 27th January 2024

We are delighted to invite you to the next event in the Queen Mary's Association fundraising calendar: Burns Night. The event will take place on Saturday 27th January 2024 from 6.30pm until midnight.

Burns Night is an adult only, formal evening of first-class dining and live music. We also offer a casino experience and a raffle on the night, with all money raised going to support the work of the QMA, our parent's association. Burns Night always proves to be an enjoyable and entertaining event providing an opportunity for guests to socialise with family and friends, as well as to meet other parents and friends of the school.



Tickets are £45 per person and include a formal dinner, welcome drink and entertainment. Numbers are limited, so we would recommend you buy your tickets as soon as possible via this Ticket source [link](#). Please contact Prveen Kataria-Raulia (alumni development officer) via alumni@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk with any queries.

As with each of the three annual QMA events, we will be holding a raffle. Please support the fund-raising work of the QMA, by purchasing as many tickets as possible. They are priced at £2 per ticket and are available via Parentmail, which will be set up to allow for multiple raffle tickets to be purchased, if required. You will receive a prompt this week 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 Wednesday 24th January, 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. The draw for the raffle will take place in the Community Assembly on Monday 29th January.

This year prizes include a voucher for a recreational/mountain bike (valued in excess of £500), an

Apple iPad, two pairs of Skullcandy headphones, Amazon vouchers and many more exciting prizes. 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.

All of the money generated through sales of raffle tickets, the non-uniform day and profits from the Burns Night event, raise vital funds for the school which ultimately benefit many of your children. Previous fundraising events have enabled the school to purchase a minibus, erect outdoor cricket nets, install cricket covers and have recently facilitated a refurbishment of the Library. As in 2022-23, the QMA are supporting the School's [Future Sport @ QMGS campaign](#). £20,000 was donated in the summer and we hope to match that this year across our QMA events. We hope that you can support the valuable work of the QMA by attending the QMA events and purchasing raffle tickets, so that we can continue to enrich our children's school experience.

Yours sincerely

Richard Langton

Headmaster

Suzie Butler

Chair of the QMA Burns Night committee and Year 9 parent