



# Queen Mary's Grammar School

## A message from the Headmaster, Spring term (2) 2025

### First word

I hope that all members of the QMGS community who have observed Ramadan have enjoyed their Eid celebrations over the last few days. We have heard interesting student accounts in school assemblies of their experiences of both Ramadan and Lent and I have reflected upon the common theme of respect for others and the opportunity to be a better version of yourself. I hope that, as we approach a key summer exam period, all students have taken the chance to reflect and set new goals, so that they may achieve their potential. We will be writing separately to members of Year 11 and 13 with exam arrangements.

We are, of course, thankful to the staff who have continued to provide a wide range of activities for the students this term (see below) and **nominations are open** for students to put forward the name of a member of staff who has particularly inspired them. **Please encourage your child to nominate a member of staff** using this [Microsoft Forms](#) link.

There have been a number of visits to Farchynys (CCF) since the last newsletter and we have a full summer schedule planned. The international trips which took place since the last meeting all went very well, with the Art department in Venice with GCSE and A-level students and the Ski trip to Italy (below).



There was also a successful Year 8 Geography trip to a new activity centre in North Wales (above) and the Malawi expedition team prepared for their summer trip with a training weekend in the Brecon Beacons.

The Physics department supported a Year 13 team for Aston University Finals of the F1 in Schools STEM competition (left). They presented and raced the miniature F1 car they designed and manufactured, which had to follow extensive regulations, in a similar fashion to Formula 1. The team impressed the judges with their efforts, having ambitiously selected Professional Class, which offers the highest level of challenge in terms of car design and assessment, and is now watched and monitored by F1 teams and businesses in the UK. The team received the Verbal Presentation Award.

**QMGs Rugby** @QmgsRugby · 13h  
 Congratulations to the U14's on winning the County Cup Final 36-7 vs John Taylor 🏉🏆

A great way to end the season in a tough, physical encounter!

Thanks to @WalsallRFC for hosting.

@QMGSSPORT @qmg1554 @qmg1554qma



We held a series of events for National Careers Week (NCW) in March, with 4 high quality alumni lunchtime talks Monday-Thursday, followed by the annual Alumni Careers Fair in the Sixth Form Annexe with 24 former pupils coming back (see right).

All school activities can be seen via Twitter: QMGs (@qmg1554) / X (twitter.com)

**QMGs Library** @LibraryQmgs · Mar 14  
 @qmg1554 are reigning West Midlands regional champions!  
 @Literacy\_Trust  
 #NRCQuiz2025  
 It was such a surprise to win as both our teams said the quiz was fiendishly difficult!  
 Well done boys - we're very much looking forward to the final in London!  
 Thanks to @mrdillypresents



### Spring music concert

Students were treated to a glimpse of what will be in the Spring concert, during assemblies last week and I was very impressed with the quality of music performance on display.

The concert takes place on Tuesday 8th April and tickets are available via Ticket Source. Please make sure you buy yours now, to avoid disappointment:

[TicketSource - Discover Great Events & Things To Do Near You](#)

On the sports field, there has been lots of success:

- The under 12 hockey team have won the Staffordshire cup
- The under 13 and under 15 basketball teams have finished Walsall school winners
- The under 13 cricket team have won the Staffordshire indoor tournament
- The under 14 rugby team have won the Staffordshire cup (left)
- The under 14 hockey team won the national state school bowl winners

A team of Year 9 students won the West Midlands heat of the National Literacy Reading Champions Quiz at the start of March, beating 24 teams from schools across the region (see below, left). They will be going to the national final in London in May.

**Alumni Office QMGs** · 1st  
 Alumni & Development Officer at Queen Mary's Grammar School  
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 Careers Fair 2025

We were thrilled to welcome back our esteemed alumni for a special careers event, where they shared their experiences and insights with our current pupils.

It's always inspiring to see the paths our former students have taken and the impact they're making in their respective fields.

A huge thank you to all our alumni who attended and made this event a success!

#Alumni #CareersEvent #Inspiration #Education #FutureLeaders



**QMGs Music Department**  
 presents

**Spring Concert**



**Tuesday 8th April 2025**  
**7.30pm School Hall**

Tickets available from Ticket source.  
 Search 'Queen Mary's Grammar School Spring Concert'.



### **Mercian trust parent code of conduct**

The Mercian Trust have introduced a new code of conduct for parents of all schools in the group. The code can be found [here](#). We want to continue to maintain our extremely positive relationships with our parental community and ask that you are aware of these expectations.

### **Is your child a young carer? Let us know (Mrs Hill)**

We are proud of being a diverse and inclusive school and strive to support our pupils and their families in any way we can. As we continue to develop our support, we have been improving our knowledge and understanding of young carers. Therefore, we would be interested to learn if your child helps to give ongoing care and emotional support for you or other members of your family who may have an illness, a physical/mental disability or a mental health issue.

With your help, we are looking to gather more information to help us identify and support any of our pupils who have a caring role at home and therefore could be considered a young carer. We will be having assemblies to raise awareness of young carers and will ask pupils to reach out to us if they think this applies to them so we can try to ensure the right support is given to them. Since doing this we have identified 30 young carers but know that it is a small part of a much bigger picture.

Please follow [this link](#) to help you decide if your child might be a young carer. If you think they are, please email Mrs D Hill, Young Carer's Operational Lead [d.hill@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:d.hill@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk) with the heading Young Carer. Please tell us your child's name and form with a brief overview of the caring role they provide. We will then be in touch with both you and your child to explain how they can be supported here in school (and out of school) and share information about other measures of support available.

Useful contacts: Mr G Collins – Young Carers SLT Lead:  
[g.collins@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:g.collins@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk)

Mrs D Hill –Young Carers Operational Lead:  
[d.hill@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:d.hill@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk)

### **Clive Mark uniform**

We will be continuing to work with Clive Mark uniform suppliers for the next academic year. This is for sportswear and regular school uniform. There are no planned changes to uniform design this year.

Please see the information included right regarding the relocation of their Walsall shop. The online store is available [here](#).

### **Avenues of support (Mrs Hill)**

I would like to remind all parents of the [Avenues of Support](#) we offer, focussing on pre-loved uniform and sports kit and food hampers. We have had donations of uniform from Y11 and Y13 at the end of last year, but there has been a drop in donations to the Community Hub of late.

Thank you to parents and alumni alike who have generously donated uniform and sports kit to our Community Hub. This is always very much appreciated, and we look forward to receiving more donations. We have a good stock of pre-loved items, so please contact Mrs Hill at [d.hill@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:d.hill@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk) if any items are required. Please also contact Mrs Hill at [d.hill@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:d.hill@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk) if your family would benefit from a food hamper.

## Clive Mark Walsall

### We Are Relocating To...

**CLIVE MARK SCHOOLWEAR**  
**UNIT 6,**  
**15 BRADFORD MALL,**  
**SADDLERS CENTRE,**  
**WALSALL, WS1 1YT**

 [Walsall.office@clivemark.co.uk](mailto:Walsall.office@clivemark.co.uk)

**All your uniform available  
from one new location JUST  
DOWNSTAIRS!**  
**From 16th April 2025**  
*Quality Service & Value*  
FOR OVER 50 YEARS IN THE MIDLANDS

## Future Sport @ QMGs

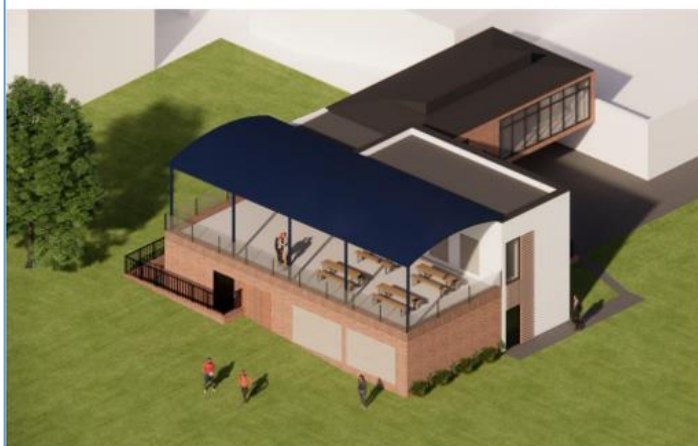
I hope that you had a chance to read my letter earlier in the term relating to the planning permission being granted for the [Future Sport @ QMGs project](#)! This comes after over two years of hard work in fundraising, preparing plans and building our partnerships with clubs, schools and charities. We are about to appoint a contractor to carry out phases 1 and 2 (installation of the astroturf and reinstallation of the grass drainage system) in June, with work to start before the end of the academic year.

We are looking for people to give their time. We have a dedicated campaign board, made up of staff, parents and alumni. We are looking for alumni who would like to be ambassadors for the programme, organising events and advocating for Future Sport @ QMGs within their year group or community. If you are interested in this, please let us know via [alumni@qmg.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:alumni@qmg.merciantrust.org.uk)

We are looking for people to contribute financially. Thank you to those who have done so already, but, if you haven't, you can do this in a variety of ways:

1. By setting up a regular payment through a standing order. Please follow this [link](#) for details of how to set up a standing order to the donations account. This includes a Gift Aid declaration which, if you are a UK taxpayer, will allow us to claim an additional 25% on top of your donations.
2. By making a regular payment to the QM Experience Fund, via Parent Mail. You can make a one-off annual payment (£60) or termly payments (£20), via Parent Mail. Please select the 'QM Experience' option. Please remember to make your Spring term donation, if you haven't already.
3. Just Giving – [Future Sport @QMGs - Queen Mary's Grammar School - JustGiving](#)
4. Supporting the work of the Queen Mary's Association (QMA), by attending events (Taste of the World, Burns Night and the Summer Arts Festival), and supporting raffles

## FutureSport@QMGs: A Community Legacy Project



Proposed Lower Ground Floor Plan (NTS)



Proposed Upper Ground Floor Plan (P)

Express & Star



### Walsall school looking to transform its sporting facilities – and here's why

A Walsall school is looking to transform its sporting facilities to enable it to compete competitively in hockey through an ambitious plan.

## Queen Mary's Association (QMA)

The fabulous Burns Night event raised £5500, taking fundraising this year to over £13000.

Our next event is the Summer Arts festival, taking place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Please save the date and look out for publicity in the next few weeks.

We are always looking for support in the running of the events, but also in the donation of raffle prizes, sponsorship, and match funding. Please do contact us if you can help out in any way. Each QMA event has a committee to run it and we have a separate group who manage the running of the bar. If you are interested in supporting the QMA, please contact us via Minaxi Patel-Gill at: [alumni@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:alumni@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk)

Easy fundraising is also an easy way to support the QMA. We have raised a total of £7,673.71 for the school from 312 parent and staff supporters. Please support this initiative which does not cost you anything as it is the retailers who donate on your behalf based upon the amount that you spend with them; you can find our Easyfundraising page at this [link](#)

## Mental health and wellbeing

The school continues to support staff and students with their wellbeing through the usual communication channels. We work with several organisations and any member of the school community can raise concerns via the wellbeing or safeguarding email addresses. These will be checked during the holiday, but there may be some delay in response.

[Qmgswell-being@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:Qmgswell-being@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk)

[qmgssafeguarding@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:qmgssafeguarding@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk)

This account is monitored by the SEMH team and is checked regularly:

- Mr Collins (Assistant Head and DSL)
- Mr Farnell (Safeguarding and Welfare Officer)
- Mrs Mohan (6th Form Operations Manager)

## Dates for your diary

The full school calendar can be found on the [School website](#), but I have included some key dates for the end of term and beginning of the autumn below:

Tue 8 Apr	Spring concert	Thu 5 Jun	Whole school open evening
Thu 10 Apr	Term finishes for students at 2pm	Wed 9 Jul	QMC meeting
Fri 11 Apr	Staff training day	Wed 18 Jun	Y12 results day
Mon 28 Apr	Staff training day	Fri 20 Jun	Y13 book return
30 Apr-16 May	Y12 exams	Sat 28 Jun	Summer arts festival
14-23 May	Y10 exams	30 Jun-4 Jul	Sports week
19-23 May	Y12 work experience	Wed 16 Jul	End of summer term
Fri 23 May	Half term	Thu 14 Aug	A-level results day
Mon 2 Jun	Return to school	Thu 21 Aug	GCSE results day
2-6 Jun	Y9 exams		

Term dates for 2025-26 are also now live, via this [link](#).

Regards

Mr Langton  
Headmaster