



## Queen Mary's Grammar School

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### **RE: Diving Trip – Cyprus – 22<sup>nd</sup> June - 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Open Water PADI Course (Beginners)**

I am writing to inform you about a very exciting opportunity to learn to scuba dive and qualify as a PADI Open Water Diver. This qualification allows them to dive all over the world, PADI is the leading and most recognised diving qualification available. Our QMGS diving trip will travel to the Island of Cyprus, which is very well set up for diving in a variety of environments. The diving centre is British operated and a PADI 5\* rated dive centre and students would be taught to dive in small groups to allow good progress through the qualification. Once qualified, students will then gain experience diving in a variety of environments off the coast of Cyprus. Depending on progress through the PADI course, students should enjoy extra days of diving from the shore and from a dive boat, they will be able to dive sunken wrecks, swim through arches and caverns and see abundant sea life.

The cost of the week will be £1600. This covers the following:

- Return flights from Birmingham Airport to Larnaca, Cyprus including coach transfers.
- Accommodation close to the dive site in apartments with catering and recreational facilities.
- PADI Open Water Course and online eLearning.
- Typical 1:4 to 1:6 dive instructor staffing ratios.
- All equipment hire e.g. masks, snorkel, BCD, tanks, fins, wet suit.
- Travel and medical insurance.

Not included:

- Passport and any visa documentation.
- Personal spending money.
- Breakfast and Dinner. The apartments are self-catering, Breakfast is taken at the apartments. Evening meals at a modest cost in the resort.

We appreciate that the cost of this trip is high. We have worked very hard to keep costs down. The payment plan is shown below. Students eligible for Pupil Premium may receive funding for £100 of the cost of this trip which would be credited to the second payment. The school will consider other applications from families in need of financial support on a case-by-case basis. Our financial assistance form is available on our website and can be found on [the school website](#). The price of the trip is fixed save for large fluctuations in travel costs due to large fuel surcharges, currency exchanges and the like outside of our control. Parents must note that payments are used to secure places, flights etc and are therefore non-refundable.

Payment schedule:

1st October 2025: First payment and trip deposit of £300

9th November 2025: Second payment £300

1st February 2026: Third payment of £300

1st March 2026: Fourth payment of £350

1st April 2026: Third payment of £350

Payments can be made in smaller amounts before the deadlines shown above i.e. payments can be made over 7 months as long as payment deadlines are met. On parent mail, simply type in the amount you want to pay. Note, to secure a place on the trip a full deposit is required. If this is difficult, arrangements can be made by contacting Mr Rendu on the email below.

Scuba Diving is a sport that does require students to fulfil certain medical requirements. It is useful for parents to look at the forms required now and ask any questions before signing up for the trip. The medical form can be found [here](#).

Further questions regarding this trip should be addressed to Mr Rendu by email:

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Yours sincerely,

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