

Queen Mary's Grammar School



A message from the Head of School, November 2017

Dear parents/guardians

Three weeks on from the half term holiday, I write to you with some updates from the school. I was delighted with Speech Day, in terms of the quality of speakers/performers and the conduct of our students. It is an opportunity to showcase the school and I was very proud of the whole day. I hope our students were inspired by our guest speakers, both in the seminars they delivered in the afternoon and by their evening address.

H/W policy

A letter has gone out this week to parents of students in years 7-9, outlining the homework extension tasks and independent learning opportunities for each subject. The booklet is a real opportunity for student to expand their horizons and consider their areas of interest in genuine depth. It is, of course, relevant to those students in Years 10-13 who are, naturally, more focused on exam syllabi. The booklet is available on the curriculum page of the school website: http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=144

QMA and fireworks

For those people who attended the fireworks event, I'm sure you'll agree that it was a huge success. I am very grateful to the committee for their hard work in making the event possible. We are delighted to announce that the event raised £10,000 in profit towards the purchase of a new minibus!

Please follow the QMA twitter page [@qmgs1554qma](https://twitter.com/qmgs1554qma) and look out for future events, such as the **Burns night** dinner on **Saturday 27th January**. The QMA are also promoting the **Easy Fundraising scheme** – a great way of raising money for the school with very little effort. As the Christmas shopping rush approaches us, make sure you register at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/queenmarysgrammar/>

Romeo and Juliet

I attended the first night of the Romeo and Juliet production last week and was very impressed with the performance of the students. Thank you to Mr Clay-Croome and all staff, cast and crew for their efforts to make this happen. The bar has been raised for school drama!

Remembrance parade

We commemorated remembrance at the beginning of the week in school. The QMGS CCF twitter account has pictures of the symbolic act of remembrance for those Marians who died in WW1 during our school assembly, as well as photos from the Walsall town parade on Sunday 12th November. As ever, our cadets made up a large proportion of the gathering and conducted themselves impeccably. <https://twitter.com/QMGSCCF>

Key dates for the diary coming up

Mon 20-Mon 27 Nov	Year 11 mock exams
Thu 23 Nov	Year 8 parents' evening
Mon 18 Dec	Christmas carol service (tickets available from reception)
Wed 20 Dec	End of term

Your support, as ever, is so important to the school and I am grateful for this. I look forward to seeing you in school over the coming months

Warm regards



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