

Queen Mary's Grammar School



A message from the Head of School, October 2017

Dear parents/guardians

Speech day

Speech Day is upon us, which marks the end of the first half term of the year. On Thursday, we will be looking back with pride at the achievements within the school over the past year.

This year, we are delighted to welcome two Marians as guest speakers:

- Ibrar Majid is a Paediatric Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Manchester Children's Hospital. Ibrar attended QMGS between 1989-96 and qualified in medicine from The University of London in 2001. He underwent orthopaedic training in London, Leicester, and Manchester and obtained his FRCS in 2012. Ibrar also holds the post of Chairman of the humanitarian charity Doctors Worldwide.
- Professor Dylan Edwards is currently the Chair of Cancer Studies in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of East Anglia. He left QMGS in 1972, to read Natural Sciences at Cambridge, before completing his PhD at UCL. Dylan is a molecular biologist principally interested in the functions of the human "degradome".

The speakers will be meeting students as part of the medical seminars we are hosting during the afternoon and then will be addressing the main audience in the evening.

Please remind yourselves of the arrangements for speech day:

- School starts at the usual time
- Morning service at St Matthew's church (finishing at 12.20pm, after which Years 7-9 will be walked back to school for dismissal, with Years 10-13 leaving from the church)
- Seminars for invited students 3.30-5pm in the lecture theatre at school
- Prize giving at the Lyndon House hotel 5-6pm
- Evening celebration 6.45-9pm at St Matthew's church for Years 8-13 (in lieu of afternoon school)
- Dismissal at 9pm: Years 8/9 are being walked back to school for pick up; Years 10-13 dismissed from the church; parental car pick up available from the car park at Blue Coat School

QMA

It was great to meet new parents at the quiz night in early October. It is also pleasing to hear of the number of parents who have signed up for committees of the QMA for the first time. If you would like to do so, please contact Judy McCoy at postbox@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk

Check out the QMA twitter page as well. There were some fantastic pictures taken at the recent Farchynys open day and we are trying to gather as many followers as possible. The account is [@qmgs1554qma](https://twitter.com/qmgs1554qma)

Easy fundraising

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Key dates for the diary coming up

Tue 31 Oct	Non-uniform day (for the return of raffle tickets to support the QMA fireworks event)
Thu 2 Nov	Sixth form open evening
Sat 4 Nov	QMA family fireworks event, 4-7pm
Wed 8-Sat 11 Nov	Romeo and Juliet production
Sun 12 Nov	Remembrance parade, Walsall
Mon 20 - Tue 28 Nov	Year 11 mock exams
Thu 23 Nov	Year 8 parents' evening
Mon 18 Dec	Carol service

The new half term starts at 9am on Monday 30th October. It will be week 2.

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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