

Queen Mary's Grammar School



A message from the Headmaster, July 2018

Dear parents/guardians

The past month

The weather has been glorious of the past few weeks, which has allowed lots of cricket to be played, with notable successes in a variety of tournaments. Sports week was also a huge success, with high levels of participation and records falling in the athletics!

There have been a large amount of international trips, with students heading out to China, the USA, Mexico and Spain, and a large group set off for army camp at the end of last week. Students have also taken part in the head start engineering placements and other days focussed on UCAS and medical applications. I thanked the staff on Monday at our final briefing for all their commitment during the year and I am sure that you will join me in doing so.

As we head to the summer break, I hope the students find the time to relax and re-charge. Mr Clay-Croome set down a challenge for the school community to choose their summer reading and I hope you can encourage this as well. I will be reading Nelson Mandela's book 'Long Walk to Freedom'.

End of term arrangements

Please remember that school finishes at 2pm on Wednesday 18th July, with the Green Bus offering an early service. Term starts again for students on Wednesday 5th September at 9.45am. The only exception to this is for Sixth Form students that study a MAT subject either at QMGS or another MAT host school. Term starts for MAT subjects at the appropriate time in the relevant schools. Please refer to the additional letter that has been sent out to all affected students.

You should have already reports or grades for your son/daughter. Please take the time to consider these in detail, along with the guidance (where relevant) on GCSE issues and sixth form transition.

As usual, a number of the usual end-of-term circulars are not being printed and there are some important attachments in this e-mail for you to consider:

- The summer edition of the QM Observer (printed copies are available from reception)
- A QMA newsletter
- An important information sheet

In addition, form tutors have given out a lift fund donation letter and the usual returns slip (of which we need a 100% return). The returns slip also requests that you consider a number of important documents which are available on the School website

Contact details

Could I ask that you inform the school if there are changes in any personal details, including addresses and contact numbers. For safeguarding reasons, we need to have an up-to-date record.

Building work

We hope that most of the intrusive work for the project will take place over the summer holiday, but the community car park will be out of bounds. There will be work continuing in September, but plans are in place

QMA

I attach a copy of the QMA's summer newsletter with this email. If you are interested in being part of the QMA, please contact Judy McCoy at postbox@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk

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Please also follow the QMA twitter page [@qmgs1554qma](https://twitter.com/qmgs1554qma)

The QMA are also promoting the **Easy Fundraising scheme** – a great way of raising money for the school with very little effort. Make sure you register, if you haven't already, at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/queenmarysgrammar/>

School day changes

Please do remember the timings for the new school day ahead of the autumn term. The letter confirming the times is on the website:

http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/content/letters/2018_confirmation_new_school.pdf

SSEF consultation

The survey is still open for contributions to the consultation:

http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=205

Exam results

Separate information has been sent out with regards to the GCSE and A-level results days. Please see the links below for more information:

GCSE http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/content/letters/2018_june_gsce_publication.pdf

A-level http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/content/letters/2018_book_return_results_day.pdf

Upcoming events in June

- **Finish for summer** – Wednesday 18th July, 2pm
- **A-level results** – Thursday 16th August
- **GCSE results** – Thursday 23rd August
- **Year 12 induction** – Tuesday 4th September
- **Start of autumn term** – Wednesday 5th September at 9.45am

I hope you have a restful summer

Regards



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