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# Queen Mary's Association

## Newsletter December 2017

Dear Parents

### Who are we?

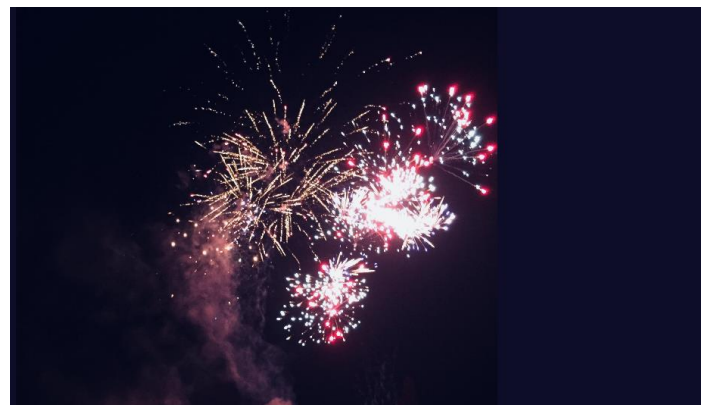
The Queen Mary's Association (QMA) has remained very active in supporting the school to raise funds in excess of £20,000 per year. The QMA has now been set up as a charitable Trust. We are a friendly group of parents, who, supported by the school, raise important funds that benefit the pupils. We are always happy to welcome new members because they bring vibrant energy and ideas. Involvement can be on a regular basis to a specific committee or you can just provide support with the setting up or tidying up for events held in the school.

### New minibus!

QMA raised funds saw the purchase of the School Minibus, which was delivered on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017. This is all possible due to parents volunteering and raising funds. We continue the hard work and have been able to contribute in the past to audio-visual equipment for the Hall and laser cutters in Design & Technology, amongst many other good causes.

### Fireworks (November 2017)

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Fireworks night, through purchasing raffle tickets, attending the Fireworks evening or volunteering to help on the night. Your enthusiasm and commitment to the school made this family event a great success.

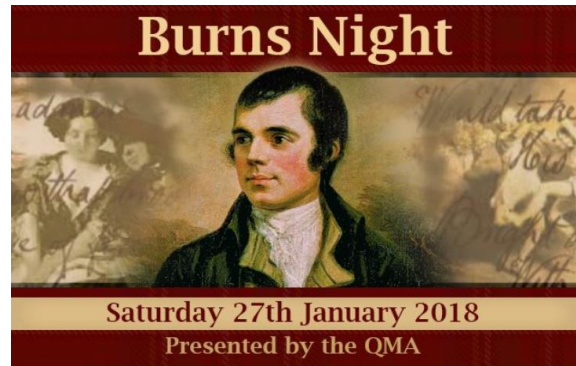


### Easy fundraising

Easy fundraising has been successful in raising school funds. Please do use this when shopping on-line, especially at this seasonal time. The process is very easy to use, search Fundraising Ideas, Fund Raising for Charity - [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). Follow 'support a good cause' and find the online retailer you require. There is no additional cost to you when you purchase items.

## Burns Night

The Burns supper is a celebration of the life and poetry of the poet Robert Burns (1759 -1796) and the **QMA Burns Night is on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. If you have yet to decide or already purchased your ticket(s), please attend and enjoy this fabulous evening consisting of 4 course meal, live music and Casino.



## Farchynys

The Farchynys support group has continued to ensure that Farchynys is maintained and improved. The new properties at Farchynys have been prepared for use by the school. The picture to the left shows parents and students assisting staff in building a new footpath to link the coach house and barn in November.

There is booking available at Farchynys if you wish to take the opportunity.

## Twitter

Twitter account for the QMA has been increasing in numbers, please do follow us on [@qmgs1554qma](https://twitter.com/qmgs1554qma). The increased number of users is due to a new parent volunteering to take responsibility for this communication.

## Volunteering for the QMA

If you like to be involved in the QMA or any of the associated committees', please contact me via the school email [postbox@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:postbox@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk) for more information. Should you wish to shadow to get a flavour of the commitment, please do not hesitate to contact. If you wish to make a difference and add value, please do volunteer your time on any of the following committees mentioned below.

The Bar Committee

Annual Dinner Committee (Burns Committee)

Catering Committee, Summer Event Committee

Communication Team (including twitter)

Fireworks Committee

Farchynys Support Team

I hope to see you at forthcoming events as an active volunteer or participant.

On behalf of QMA, we wish you Seasonal Greetings of love, peace and harmony in your respective faiths. A very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Balbir Seimar (Chair, QMA)