

Queen Mary's Grammar School



A message from the Headmaster, January 2018

Dear parents/guardians

As I write this at the start of the second week back in January, the Christmas break seems a distant memory, but I hope that you all managed to find some well-earned rest. I have spoken to the students in my first assemblies of the term about resolution and the importance of finding inspiration in what they aspire to. It is, of course, the start of a 2018 countdown to important summer exams, but the year ahead also holds a wealth of opportunities within the school community.

The 1st of January saw the legal formation of the Mercian Multi Academy Trust and confirmed my appointment as headmaster. I am sure you will be hearing more of the work of the MAT over the coming months.

Arrangements for formal assessments in Year 12 – summer 2018

Paper copies of the attached letter should have gone out via the students last week. If your son or daughter is in Year 12, please make sure you have read and understood this.

H/W club

We have undertaken some evaluation of the H/W club and are proposing the following tweaks from the week beginning 15th January:

- It will only run Monday-Thursday (due to a lack of demand on Fridays)
- It will run from 4-5.30pm (due to a lack of demand after 5.30pm)
- The charges will change to £1 for 4-4.45pm and £2 for 4-5.30pm
- Please continue to use Parent Pay to make your bookings

On the topic of H/W, please remember the KS3 extension booklet:

http://www.qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46&Itemid=144

The School's policy is that students should receive one hour of H/W per subject per fortnight (Years 7-11), with a minimum two day turnaround. This can be supplemented at KS3 by the tasks in this booklet, or by revision preparation at KS4.

QMA

Don't forget that the QMA's Burns night dinner is coming up on Saturday 27th January. Ticket sales have been excellent, so act swiftly if you would like to go by visiting the website:

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

Please follow the QMA twitter page **@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/>

Key dates for the diary coming up

Thu 18 Jan	Year 10 parents' evening
Mon 22/Tue 23 Jan	Re-arranged Year 7 academic reviews
Wed 24-Fri 26 Jan	Year 11 academic reviews
Sat 27 Jan	QMA Burns night dinner
W/B 5 Feb	Mental Health Awareness Week
Thu 15 Feb options)	Year 9 parents' evening (including information on GCSE
Fri 16 Feb	Finish for half term

Warm regards



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