



## Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, MA

Tuesday 6 February 2018

### Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter and Screenwriting Workshop

Dear parents / carers,

I am delighted to announce an exciting educational experience open to current Year 7 pupils. In December 2018, we will be taking a group of interested pupils, who will then be in Year 8, to enjoy a day at Warner Bros. Studios, London. Boys who have enjoyed the *Harry Potter* books by J. K. Rowling and the accompanying Warner Bros. film franchise will have a fantastic time on this trip. The activities during the day will include a studio tour and a screenwriting workshop. Your son's visit will take place on either Wednesday 6 December 2018 or Wednesday 13 December 2018, to be confirmed once we have established numbers attending from each form group.

Boys who attended last year's trip had this to say: 'I feel like I learned a lot. It was a great experience!' 'I really enjoyed walking through the Forbidden Forest and seeing all the magical creatures.' 'The whole trip was amazing. It was very interactive and brilliant for fans of the series.'

The hour-long screenwriting workshop will help budding writers to develop their skills in the art of scriptwriting as they learn to structure plots like master storytellers and write their own stories to be judged by the team at Warner Bros. Studios. They will discover how professional writers for the cinema use images and the written word to advance the plot of a screenplay; this will be enhanced as the boys examine authentic artwork and props created for the wizarding world films. The whole visit will be supportive of students' studies in English, cultivating their imaginations and showcasing the power of the written word.

We will transport pupils from Queen Mary's Grammar School and return them to school via coach. The exact timings of the day (as well as the date of your son's visit) will be confirmed in due course, but as an indication coaches will depart at approximately 7.30 am and return to school by 8.00 pm.

Students may wear non-uniform or wizarding wear for the day. Pupils are required to bring lunch money or a packed lunch for the day to eat at the venue. We can offer a packed lunch to pupils eligible for free school meals – please advise the school if this is required. Additionally, pupils may wish to bring a reasonable amount of money for merchandise as the day will include a visit to the shop.

The trip will cost £44 including entrance and travel. There are 100 places for this visit, and these will be allocated first-come-first-served. To secure your son a place, you will need to make the payment of £44 on ParentPay, from Thursday 8 February and before Thursday 15 February. If you are unable to make this financial commitment but would like your son to attend, please contact the school before Thursday 8 February.

Yours faithfully,

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