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To Parents of Pupils in Y7 to Y11

The Lift Fund

Dear Parents

Over the last few years, we have had to think outside the box in order to be able to keep providing the best possible education for our pupils at a time of very severe cuts to our budgets. We have found new ideas to make our money go further and sought new sources of funding. You have helped us in so many ways. We are extremely grateful: your support turns a good school into an outstanding learning *community*. But changes in our funding are putting our extra-curricular provision at risk and it is these extra opportunities outside the classroom that lift a good education and transform it into something extraordinary. It is through these activities and adventures that your child will forge friendships that will last a lifetime. We are determined to maintain our enrichment programme in all its wonderful variety. That is why we are asking you for help.

Our Lift Fund is designed to make sure that we can keep all those activities going, even at a time when many schools are having to make cuts to their staffing and curriculum. If everyone works together, we can turn a relatively small sum into a Fund that will have a huge impact on this generation of Marians as well as future ones.

The fund will also ensure that we are able to keep our Welsh Field Centre operational; increasing its capacity as we grow in numbers, so that all our pupils will have the opportunity to learn important life skills during their time here. I am sure that you will consider your child's development outside the classroom, as well as in it, as he prepares for Life to the Full.

Please note the information provided about the General Data Protection Regulations which come into effect in May 2018: We keep personal information about you, as parents, and about your child, as a pupil (present and past) of the school, so that we can offer help and support, share news and information, and occasionally ask you for help. The data is processed by Queen Mary's Grammar School in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Mercian Trust Data Protection Policy and Procedure. Information and guidance on the act can be found at <https://www.eugdpr.org>

Information held is used by the School as part of its legal obligation and to perform its public task. We will never allow your details to be made public, or pass on those details to third parties (except where this is covered by our Data Protection registration, for instance when submitting exam entry information to exam boards).

We keep your personal data for no longer than reasonably necessary, your data will form part of your child's school record and is retained until the end of the academic year of your child's 25th birthday under the lawful basis of public task. Following this a minimised version of these documents is retained for reference purposes and as historical records of the School for archiving purposes in the public interest.

I hope that you will join me in supporting the Lift Fund. *Thank you.*

Yours sincerely

Richard Langton
Headmaster