



Queen Mary's High School Queen Mary's Grammar School

We are delighted to present information on the Queen Mary's schools. We are committed to empowering social mobility and are proud to serve Walsall (for young people between 11-18 years old) and would like to see more pupils from the town applying for places in our schools.

Who are we? Both schools are state (not fee-paying) secondary schools located in Walsall. Queen Mary's High School (QMHS) has a year 7 intake of 150 girls and Queen Mary's Grammar School (QMGS) 180 boys. We are diverse communities and our students come from a range of social and ethnic backgrounds. We are easily accessible by public transport and are lucky to have excellent facilities for teaching and learning. We offer a huge range of opportunities to our students and most leave to go onto higher education and professional careers.

What are the entrance requirements? We are selective on entry and all pupils must sit a test as part of this with places being allocated based on the results. In 2018, we changed our admissions arrangements so that **priority was given to pupils who qualified for the pupil premium** (admitted on a lower test score to non-pupil premium). From 2020, we extended this to **give preference to pupil premium children from the local area around our schools**. A third of our places in Year 7 are prioritised for children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium and who achieve the qualifying score.

For 2022 entry (present Year 5 pupils):

Open evenings:	We usually run these in the summer term, but are unsure whether we will be able to in the summer of 2021. Please see the virtual open evening details below.
Deadline for registration:	Friday 2 nd July 2021
Entrance exam:	Mid-September 2021
Deadline for LA admissions:	31 st October 2021

Finding out more

You may be aware that over the past two years the selective schools in Walsall have engaged in an outreach programme to encourage families to consider the option of applying for a place for their child in Year 7. Sadly, the pandemic has severely curtailed the wide range of activities which we would normally have planned to provide and so we are trying alternative means to get information about our provision to you and, particularly, to encourage local families to grasp the opportunities that are afforded by the education we offer. The original aim of grammar schools was to provide high quality education for children regardless of their financial means, and we are keen to continue this approach today.

In an effort to provide an alternative to the traditional Open Evening which should have been held in 2020, we have prepared a series of resources that give you a flavour of what it is like to be a student at the schools. These can be found on our websites at:

Queen Mary's High School: <https://qmhs.org.uk/2020/10/23/virtual-open-evenings/>

Queen Mary's Grammar School: <https://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/qmgs-virtual-open-evening/>

In addition, you can find familiarisation materials at: <https://qmhs.org.uk/familiarisation-materials/> or https://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020_qm_familiarisation_materials.pdf

The materials will provide the opportunity for your child to see what the entrance test will look like, and to gain confidence in their ability to answer questions which might be unfamiliar at this point.

Should we be able to arrange outreach events for Year 5 students during the 2020/21 academic year (for entry in September 2022), we will make sure that our participating schools are informed.

In previous years, this has consisted of:

- Subject engagement sessions at the Queen Mary's schools, led by our staff and students. These take place in school time and the Year 5 pupils are accompanied by staff from their primary schools
- An opportunity for familiarisation for the entrance exam at one of the Queen Mary's Schools. These are sessions for Year 5 pupils and parents, to visit the schools and to find out more about how the exams work

If we are not able to hold these events, we will develop digital alternatives.

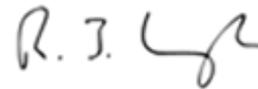
We will be sending out a presentation to go through this in more detail. Please take the time to look through this and do contact us with any questions at the addresses below

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We look forward to meeting you!



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