



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton

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Queen Mary's Schools - Year 5 outreach 2024-25

Dear parent/guardian

Thank you for allowing your son or daughter to attend the aspiration sessions at the Queen Mary's schools in the spring term. We were delighted with the number of year 5 pupils who were involved and we hope they had a great time getting to know the schools, including meeting staff and students.

The next phase is to invite yourselves and your son/daughter into the Queen Mary's schools to take part in familiarisation sessions around the set-up of the entrance exam. These will take place after the end of the school day and are intended to provide a good insight into what the exam experience will actually be like.

The sessions last one hour and it is only necessary to attend one of the options below. They will take place from 4.00pm-5.00pm on the following dates:

Wed 30/04/2025 Thu 08/05/2025 Wed 14/05/2025 Mon 19/05/2025

The intention, in this phase, is that the girls attend the sessions at QMHS and the boys at QMGS (as they will be on the day of the exam), so the sessions will be running at the same time in both schools. No transport will be provided, so parents will need to make travel arrangements. Please note, that there is no parking allowed on school grounds.

The sessions will take place in a classroom or hall set up as an exam room, so that the pupils can see what this will be like on the day. Parents will be able to sit at the back to observe the session. We will talk through the routines of the day and then go through the different elements of the exam, providing worked examples and exercises. Students from the Queen Mary's schools will also be on hand to help with the sessions and answer individual questions.

It is important to realise that these sessions are only intended to familiarise the pupils with the experience of sitting the exam. They are not coaching sessions and it is vital that your son or daughter is working through exercises at home to prepare for the exam in the three areas: verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and maths.

In order to sign up for one of the familiarisation events, please follow this link or scan the QR code below.

<u>Queen Mary's School's Familiarisation Sessions 2025 - Year 5 Pupils</u> (September 2026 Entry)

Frog familiarisation portal

We will be providing your child's school with log-ons for a familiarisation portal, from FROG education. This can be accessed via this link https://gsha-uk.frogos.net/ and activities can be completed at home in preparation.



See overleaf



Atom Learning

This year the Queen Mary's schools have also partnered with <u>Atom Learning</u>, the leading online Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation platform, to provide students who are eligible for Pupil Premium (both boys and girls) with free online learning and 11+ exam preparation.

This programme is designed to help children get familiar with the type of questions they may see on the 11+, and build exam technique and confidence. They'll be able to access 11+ and KS2 practice questions, learning resources, mock tests and practice papers through their Atom Home account.

If your child has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years, please fill in the form by clicking the button below. They will be given free access to Atom Home when their Pupil Premium status has been verified by their primary school. <<a href="http

For non-pupil premium families, there is a five-day free trial available.

Other familiarisation materials

We also familiarisation materials on the admissions pages of our websites (see links below). Work booklets are available on Amazon or in bookstores such as WH Smiths and Waterstones. Publishers such as CGP produce these materials, but do make sure that you purchase the ones for the GL exam.

Key dates

Can we also remind you of some other key dates:

Open evenings: QMHS Tuesday June 24th 2025

QMGS Thursday 5th June 2025

Portal Open: 06 May 2025 at 9:00am Deadline for registration: 27 June 2025 at 4pm

Entrance exam: Saturday 13th September 2025 Deadline for LA admissions: Friday 31st October 2025

Contact details and further information

Thank you for your continued interest and support. If you have any questions, please do contact us:

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We look forward to meeting you! Yours sincerely

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