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Dear Parents/Carers

Now we are halfway through our academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to offer some careers guidance to enable you to support your child's next steps. Up until the age of 18, your child is required to stay in education, thus gaining more skills to help them in their future career.

Your child has the following choices:

- ✓ Sixth form: Q3 Academy Great Barr, and other schools, academies, and colleges. **Please note that school/academy sixth forms do not offer GCSE retakes;**
- ✓ Colleges: Local colleges include Walsall, Sandwell and BMET;
- ✓ Apprenticeships: Gained through colleges, training providers, or by applying online. To apply online, please visit www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship, but please note that applying for apprenticeships is the same as applying for a job, so are therefore more difficult to achieve. Applications can also be time consuming, so please start applying now.

Schools, colleges and training providers have many open days, so please visit and complete an application before GCSE results day (**Thursday 22nd August 2019**). It is always useful to have a back-up plan and I advise that your child should apply to more than one sixth form, college, or apprenticeship. Doing this will give your child something to aim for and will make them feel more confident about their future.

Final deadlines for applications are approaching, and courses do fill up, so don't miss out on securing your child's future.

You will find details of all open days online, on individual education providers' websites, and there are some useful websites on the careers area of the Academy website. You may also find this link useful to help with your child's Post-16 choices: www.careersadviceforparents.org/p/choosing-career-paths.

I wish your child every success for the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Meredith'.

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