

Dear Year 8 Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to write to you with final details of the Transition Week 2009. The week will commence on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and is a compulsory week for all students.

The aim of the week is to welcome new students in to the Academy and focus upon some key elements that include the Academy's Specialisms; Design and Enterprise, strengthening the Q3 Ethos and exploring some curriculum enrichment for all. We hope that it will be an exciting week full of new experiences and opportunities. It will be a critical opportunity to reflect on the first year of Q3 Academy and think about beginning a new key stage in September.

In order to help students prepare for the week, please refer to the following programme:

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 8 students report to the allocated tutor room at 9.15am. Students will spend the day with their tutor exploring the Academy Ethos. We are delighted to welcome some visitors to the Academy for the day who will facilitate sessions designed to get students working together. Parents/carers can expect to hear of some amazing experiences during this day to include drumming, salsa dancing and tai chi possibly. Please provide a healthy packed lunch for students. Students eligible for free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch – please could parents/carers provide this information to the appropriate Company office. Thank you.

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Year 8 students will report to various rooms in Communications at 9.15am. These will be posted for them to see prior to the day. During the day, Year 8 students will be working on an Enterprise project in teams with Q3 staff. The theme of the day will include the need to set up a new company and design a new product. We have also been lucky enough to secure a motivational speaker on this day called David Hyner. He will deliver a presentation called 'Inside the Minds of Top Achievers'. We hope that this will provide focus for many of the students as they think about beginning Key Stage Four courses in September.

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Students will report to the Lecture Theatre at 9.15am.

We are very lucky to welcome a visiting designer from London called John Corcoran to Q3 Academy. Mr Corcoran will be visiting the new Academy build prior to this date to identify a design need. He will be setting a Design Brief at the start of the day that all Year 8 students will work towards with Design specialists from the Academy. We hope that the winning design will appear in the new Q3 building in the future

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

All students to report to the Lecture Theatre at 9.15am please.

The majority of Year 8 will be out during the day at the National Space Centre in Leicester. Please see the separate letter for explicit details of requirements for this trip. For those children remaining on site, they will participate in a workshop organised by Discovery.

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

All students to report to the PE changing area at 9.15am.

During the day, Year 8 students will experience sessions in Lifestyle, Social Design and Arts. The Lifestyle workshop is entitled 'Healthy Mind and Body' and students will have the opportunity to select activities that reflect this theme. These will include yoga, Indian Head Massage and some sessions taken by external sports coaches that will be invited in to the Academy. Students will need a spare t-shirt on this day for hygiene reasons.

The Social Design session will be entitled 'ExploRE' and will include time for reflection. This session will also encompass a Youth Drama Performance. Students will report to allocated SD rooms. Again, these will be shared prior to the day with students.

Finally the afternoon will be spent in the ARTS Company. Students must report to Miss Cooper's drama studio.

Students will be expected to arrive at the Academy for a 9.15am start each day. During Transition Week, the Academy day will end at 3.05pm each day. We ask that all students wear the Academy tracksuit for the week. In the event of needing a change of polo shirt, please would parents ensure that this is a plain white or navy blue one please. Other than Monday (sandwiches only), students can choose to bring sandwiches (eaten in the Hall) or they may purchase sandwiches in our restaurant. Hot meals will cease to be provided during Transition Week. Lunch will be at 1.05pm each day.

During the week, we anticipate that we will generate some media interest. If you would prefer that your child is not filmed or photographed, please make this explicitly clear to the appropriate Company office again. Thank you.

#### **How can you help further?**

- Please ensure that you child arrives on time each day during Transition Week.
- Let Companies know if your child will be absent for any reason during the week.
- Talk about your child's experiences throughout the week. They will certainly be very varied and perhaps a little alternative!

Please do not hesitate to contact me further if you have any questions. For a direct response, alternatively please contact the appropriate Company Administrator who will forward any concerns or questions to the appropriate Personalised Learning Director or Strategic Director.

I hope that you and your children are looking forward to Transition Week as much as we are!

Yours sincerely

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