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What Year 7 Parents/Carers told us about Transition from Primary School to Q3 Academy

Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers,

Many thanks for recently completing a questionnaire about your child's transition to Q3 Academy. The results were extremely informative and will help us with future developments in this area.

What you said.

We were delighted to hear that the majority of parents/carers received notification of their child's place allocation at Q3 by post. This was a letter written by the Principal; Mrs Badyal that was issued before Easter 2009. We were equally reassured to hear that the majority of you then received notification of your child's Company shortly afterwards. This helps to confirm that the systems we have in place are effective and that we can continue to use these in the future.

100% of Year 7 parents/carers who replied to the questionnaire were pleased with the initial information pack that was given out at the first meeting at Q3 Academy around Easter time.

Some of you wanted to see a map in this pack, along with prices of school dinners and holiday dates. We will add this information to assist new parents/carers next year. Thank you.

85% of you thought that the second information evening based in Companies was either useful, or very thorough in terms of providing further information.

You told us that the new children were most excited about joining Q3 Academy in order to be in a different environment, experience new subjects, or make new friends.

Other comments that you made about the transition process include:

'My son enjoyed all the activities in Transition Week.'

'I am overall very pleased with the whole transition to Q3.'

'Transition Week was very useful.'

'We felt that the Transition Week went very well.'

'Transition was brilliant – smooth. Reassuring, and my son couldn't wait until September.'

'Transition Week – excellent idea. Feel like we have made excellent choice.'

'At this time I can find no fault.'

'Transition Week was an excellent idea. This is much better than having one day.'

'The Transition Week was an excellent week. I could feel the excitement/buzz in the pupils.'

'My daughter could not stop talking about the activities she had done and what a good school Q3 is.'

Several of you made comments about the need to improve information for parents/carers about Business Dress purchase. We have taken these comments on board and hope that we can speak to Clive Mark regarding these issues in order to reassure new parents/carers in the future. We hope that you do understand that Clive Mark is a new supplier and we know in the future that items will be in stock on a continual basis.

You also told us that a student tour of the Academy during Transition Week would be useful rather than just providing students with a map. This will be built in to next year's programme for all new children now.

Finally 87% of new parents/carers feel that communication between home and the Academy has been either 'very good' or 'excellent' in these first few months. We do aim for this to continue in the future. Once again, thank you for taking the time to tell us your views. They are critical to help ensure there are excellent standards at Q3 Academy.

Yours sincerely

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