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26th July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As we draw the academic year to an end I want to first thank, on behalf of staff and governors, all students, parents and carers for their hard-work and support. We wish you all a restful break and we look forward to sharing the examination results of our Year 11 and Sixth Form in September.

Every year staff move on to develop their careers and we thank them for their work at Q3 Academy and we wish Miss Leggett, Mr Bekele, Miss Tillsley and Mrs Cheema all the very best in their new positions. Mr Alexander, Mr Dale, Miss Pastor Lozano and Mr Payton are moving to take new positions at Q3 Langley

We are also delighted to announce new internal appointments, Mr Bailey and Mr Price have become Associate Senior Leaders, Mr Kulyna & Miss Beck are the new PLD and PLC for Social Design and Miss Walls will be joining us in September as the PLD for Communications.

There have been some changes to our curriculum at Key Stage 3 we wish to share with you. You may have heard that we are moving to solely mixed ability classes. This is not the case. For Years 7 and 8 only, the most able students will be taught together for many academic subjects and those who need extra support will be taught together. Most other students whose abilities are broadly in the middle will be taught in mixed groups. This means a student who may have in the past worked with similar ability students will now be taught alongside those that may have been in a higher set. The mixed middle means that staff will be 'teaching to the top of the class' and supporting those who need it. We will, of course, closely review the progress of each child and should it be appropriate for a child to change a class we will do so.

Students will be able to collect A-Level results on 17th August 2017 8.30a.m and GCSE results are available on 24th August 2017 from 9a.m. Staff will be on hand to advise your child regarding A-level options in our Sixth Form and Mr McCormack will be present to advise on other choices such as college and apprenticeships.

Today we are delighted to welcome our new intake of students (Year 7 and 6th Form) to Transition Week. A wide range of activities will be offered and the staff have worked extremely hard to ensure a memorable and worthwhile experience. During this time and for the first few days of the new term our new students will have to pay for their meals with cash until they have been issued with their ID cards, all other students are to follow our normal procedure for obtaining a temporary card.

Following the success of the new combination locker system which was added to the Social Design student lockers we will be expanding this across the Academy, a separate letter will follow with more details.

We are holding a 'Lost Property Reclaim Morning' on Thursday 3rd August 2017 from 10a.m until 2p.m. Any remaining items will be recycled or given to charity.

We will welcome students back into the Academy on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 8.55a.m. May I remind you about the importance of ensuring your child's punctual attendance in the mornings. All students are expected to be at their lockers by 8.55a.m; any arrivals beyond this time will be marked as 'late' in the register.

Towards the end of the summer break I know many of you will be buying new Business Dress and I particularly want to remind you that shoes should be black, preferably leather and polishable. Trainers, 'work- trainers', boots, suede shoes and Dr Marten style shoes are not allowed. If you need any further clarification you will find our Business Dress policy is on our website, where you will also find clear guidance on acceptable jewellery and hair styles.

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A list of key dates for the new Autumn Term 2017 is provided below.

- INSET DAY – 4th September 2017 (Academy closed to all students)
- Open Mornings – 25th September 2017 – 2nd October 2017 9.15a.m – 11a.m
- Open Day – Saturday 30th September 2017 – 9a.m – 12p.m
- Parents' Consultation (Years 7, 9 & 12) – 17th October 2017 – 3.30p.m – 7.30p.m
- Half Term Holidays – 23rd October 2017 – 27th October 2017
- Sixth Form Open Evening– 9th November 2017 – 6.15p.m – 8p.m
- Parents' Consultation (Years 8, 11 & 13) – 14th November 2017 – 3.30p.m – 7.30p.m
- Parents' Consultation (Years 10, 11 & 13) – 23rd November 2017 – 3.30p.m - 7.30p.m
- Christmas Performance – 4th & 5th December 2017 (times to be confirmed)
- Christmas Holidays Easter holidays – Monday 11th December 2017 – Monday 1st January 2018

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4th September 2017 – Friday 8th December 2017

(Monday 4th September 2017 is an INSET DAY and closed to students)

Half Term: Monday 23rd October 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017

Christmas Holidays: Monday 11th December 2017 – Monday 1st January 2018

Spring Term 2018

Tuesday 2nd January 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018

(2nd January 2018 and 29th March 2018 are INSET DAYS and closed to students)

Half Term: Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February 2018

Easter Holidays: Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April 2018

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April 2018 – Friday 27th July 2018

(4th May 2018 and 2nd July 2018 are INSET DAYS and closed to students)

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May 2018

Half Term: Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018

Please be aware that on occasion, dates may need to alter slightly, you will be notified in good time should this happen.

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and may I remind you that the last day of term is Friday 28th July and the Academy finishes at 2.05p.m.

Yours sincerely



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