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A Message from the Chief Executive



Welcome to the new academic year which started with impressive examination results, followed by a cohort of 450 Year 7 students across both Academies. It has been a pleasure to meet all of our new students and share their early experiences of secondary school life. I have been impressed with their commitment to the Q3 ethos, their love of reading and overall enthusiasm for Academy life. It is such a pleasure to see our children walking around with books and sharing examples of their reading.

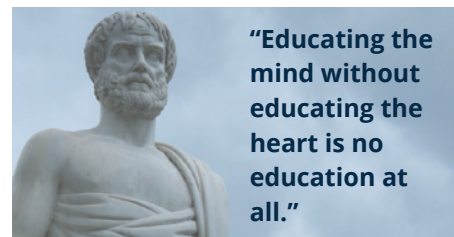
Our talented team of staff have been joined by new colleagues at both Great Barr and Langley and they have quickly settled into our family, bringing with them a wide range of experience, expertise and innovative ideas.

Friday 10th November marked our Annual Remembrance Service followed by the official opening of the Grace Payne Centre, dedicated to our Sponsor's late wife. Our new CCF RAF contingent of 52 cadets paraded during the event, with a number of promoted ranks announced by the RAF Wing Commander.

This edition of FoQus highlights the wide range of opportunities available for our young people, all made possible by the tremendous input from staff across both Academies. During our Open Week prospective students and their families commented on the breadth of opportunity available and early indications are that we will once again be heavily oversubscribed for places in Year 7 at Great Barr and Langley.

Every day, within the Q3 family we see examples of kindness and compassion; care and support for one another; generosity, and a real desire

to make a difference. As I reflect on this embodiment of the Q3 ethos I am reminded of Aristotle's words:



In that vein, we gratefully appreciate the contribution by Four Ashes Adventure Golf to FoQus and their kind donation towards Q3 Academies Trust. Please see the back cover to take advantage of their festive offer.

Thank you to our Staff, Sponsor, Trustees and Governors for giving our children the opportunity to flourish and enjoy a well-rounded education. I wish you all an enjoyable Christmas break and a prosperous New Year.

Dr Caroline Badyal
Chief Executive

Head of School, Q3 Academy Great Barr



We are delighted to share with you events from this term that make up our

Autumn FoQus magazine and I am especially pleased that these events follow on from one of the best set of examination results achieved by our students this summer. Just like a children's annual, this bumper issue is filled with exciting activities that have kept students and staff very busy indeed.

To continue Dr Badyal's philosophical theme, Socrates once said, "The children now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise." Well we certainly cannot say that of the young people that have got involved in, and often led, many of the activities highlighted in the following pages.

What's certain is that the breadth of educational experiences we offer can only be achieved with the on-going tremendous support of all the Academy's staff, Governors and Sponsor. Furthermore this short publication cannot cover all of the activities that make Q3 Academy Great Barr such a stimulating environment in which to learn and grow.

This term we have launched our debate club to stretch the minds and develop the skills of presenting carefully crafted arguments. We have also successfully started our Business Mentoring scheme that matches local employers to students to help raise and maintain aspirations and ambitions. It's not just the mind that's being developed as we must give a big 'shout out' to all our sports teams especially rugby and football that have done so well so far this season.

So a full education should develop the mind, body and lastly but not least, the soul. With the Christmas break ahead of us there's no better time to give thanks for our blessings and spend time with the people who love us the most.

May I wish you and your families a happy Christmas.

Mr Mark Arnall
Head of School
Q3 Academy Great Barr

Head of School, Q3 Academy Langley



What a first term back at Q3 Academy Langley! It has been fantastic to welcome not only our 240 new students but also a whole raft of new staff members; some of whom transferred from our Great Barr site.

The new students have settled very well into secondary academic life and were wonderful role models during our Open Week culminating in our Open Day on the Saturday. We welcomed over 1500 students and their families across the week, and it was fantastic to showcase all the excellent work we are producing daily.

It has been great to welcome Mr Gee, a Senior Leader in Education, who joins us as an Assistant Vice Principal. Part of his role this year has been to oversee all the Newly

Qualified Teachers across both sites and work with all our trainee teachers from a range of partners.

We continue to be ably supported by colleagues from our Great Barr site: Miss Ingall; Ms Callaghan; and Mr Hard join us weekly to deliver P.E. This year has also seen our partnership with City Year start, we have the most fantastic team who work with our students under the

expert eye of their Impact Officer. They are a true part of the family and certainly embody our ethos: to seek for that which is good, right, and true, on a daily basis!

Mr Peter Lee
Head of School
Q3 Academy Langley



Q3 Academy Sixth Form



It's been a busy start to the term with students making the transition from Year 11 to Year

12. All students have embraced the challenge of A Level study. Students in Year 13 have already had the opportunity to start visiting Open Days and events to allow them to consider universities and future career pathways.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Henson to the Sixth Form Team. This will allow us to support students as they make the transition from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5. In addition, Mrs Henson will be able to support students giving support and guidance on all aspects of Sixth Form life. Mrs Henson will also work closely with the Sixth Form Team in the UCAS process.

We were delighted to share in our students' success on A Level results day. We were proud to maintain 100% pass rate with 44% achieving A* to B grades. Marcus Boyle achieved A* in History and Geography, and an A in Government and Politics securing a place at Cambridge. A further forty two students secured places

at universities across the country and eight students have taken up apprenticeships.

We wish all of our students well as they take their next steps.

Mrs Noakes
Head of Q3 Academy Sixth Form



JETs Update

As a new set of Junior Executives begin their roles, new JET, Keisha (C8), shares her experience of the application process.

“Applying for a position in the Junior Executive Team was a challenging experience. Even before I created my application, I gathered as much information about the role as I could, to ensure I knew exactly what would be expected of me. I did this by speaking to the current JETs and to Mrs Noakes.

Soon after handing in my application, I received a letter asking me to create a short presentation on how I would organise a Sixth Form Charity Day, which put many of the skills I had mentioned in my application to use, such as; organisation, creativity, and time management. I created a presentation and delivered it to Mrs Noakes and Mr Arnall, with thought given to my presentational skills, such as body language.

After the interview I was presented with scenarios, specific to the role. This tested my ability to think on the spot and how well I would handle certain situations.

A few days later, Mrs Noakes informed me that I had been accepted into the role and gave me further information on what the role entails, such as; involvement in Academy events, working with a member of the AVP staff, and coming up with my own ideas to benefit the role.

Although challenging, the experience was definitely worth it. Not only will it benefit me as a person, but it will help me in the future to set myself apart from other candidates in my CV and Personal Statement.”

We wish our new JETs: Ryan (S10), Nicole (C6), James (S6), Keisha, and Alex (A3) the best of luck in their new roles.



Duke of Edinburgh Award



Following a summer of successful expeditions, both bronze and silver cohorts are due to complete their awards in December.

The twenty two bronze award students in Year 9 attended a practice expedition at Cannock Chase, and completed their final expedition in Shropshire during Transition Week. The twelve silver award students in Year 12 completed their practice expedition in Shropshire, and their final expedition up in the Peak District.

The students encountered their fair share of challenges; from extreme weather conditions to getting lost, but we are happy to report that all students successfully passed their final expeditions, and did so with positivity and pride in their achievements.

The students have also been working independently on their skills, volunteering, and physical sections outside of the Academy.





The Black Country Young Chamber Committee

The Black Country Young Chamber (BCYC) enables young people to network and make contacts with other committee members, employers, and decision makers in the Black Country. BCYC members are provided with a voice on the diverse local, economic, and political issues of relevance to them.

The BCYC gives members the opportunity to develop leadership skills, influence decisions in their local area, and develop and make links with potential employers for initiatives such as work experience.

Raheem (D5), Kimberleigh (S8), Stephanie (L1) and Hannah (L8) are Q3 Academy Great Barr's BCYC members. As members, they have the power to voice the interests and views of students and staff at Q3 Academy Great Barr to influence the policies which impact us in the Black Country.

BCYC members have been working on the Black Country's Prosper Magazines' January Edition. On Monday 20th November, they visited the Wolverhampton headquarters of the Express and Star to learn more about the production of the magazine.

"The trip began with a Black Country Young Chamber Committee meeting in the grand boardroom at the Express and Star. The agenda was to look over our articles for the Prosper Magazine and determine how the pages will be organised with different images and variation of content. Our final product will be issued to over 1000 members of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce!

After a quick photo-shoot, we headed up to the newsroom alongside other schools who were involved with the editing process. We were taken on a tour of the

open plan press room which had a surprisingly calm atmosphere.

We asked questions about how to become a journalist, where the sources of the headlines come from and how news has been modernised. The Express and Star is the biggest regional newspaper in the country so it was definitely a privilege to have a tour around their establishment and have the chance to gain an insight into the business."

- Hannah, Kimberleigh and Stephanie





Careers & Enterprise

In November, Q3 Academy Great Barr celebrated Global Entrepreneurship Week by hosting a series of events in the Design Centre and inviting guests from local businesses, careers, and training agencies to speak to students about their post-Academy futures.

The week was a great success. However, the future of our students is nurtured all year round at Q3 Academy Great Barr, with networking events and entrepreneurial competitions, including 'Tycoon in Schools', 'Young Enterprise', and 'Shares4Schools'.



Tycoon In Schools

Tycoon in Schools is a national enterprise competition, which aims to encourage the UK's budding entrepreneurs to get involved in business by giving them a start-up loan of up to £1000 to run a business whilst at school or college. Year 8 and 9 at Q3 Academy Great Barr are taking part.

Year 8 students: Emily (L2), Jon (A3), Harvey (D7) and Aman (S5) have set up their own business 'Cool Keys'. Cool Keys provides handmade personalised key rings for students and staff. After taking orders, Cool Keys started making key rings in November.

Year 9 students: Tayjon (C1), Daejon (L9), Lucien (A10), Aiden (L3) and Sam (C7) have also set up their own business, selling Christmas cards and decorations.



The Young Enterprise Programme

Running throughout one academic year, students make all the decisions about their enterprise, from deciding on the name and product, to creating a business plan, managing the student company finances, and selling to the public at trade fairs.

Year 10 students at Q3 Academy Great Barr will be undertaking the Programme this year. They will be given the opportunity to attend public trade fairs, where they will be selling their product.

The Young Enterprise students are Sean (S1), Ryan (L1), Jamie (S2), Karam (D1), Joseph (S8), Evan (C3), Ria (L7), Tommy (C10), Kavita (S4), Harman (S9), Josh (C8), Afolarin (L10), Simranjit (S4), Wayne (S1), Samiya (S9), Harvey (C2), Karina (D10), Keshav (D1), and Nadia (D4).



Shares4Schools

The Shares4Schools competition has been bringing Economics and Business Studies to life as Sixth Form students invest real money into the stock market.

Organised by The Share Centre, a leading retail stockbroker, each team competing in the competition starts with an investment pot of £2,000 to invest into the stock market, with the aim of achieving the greatest profit over the period October to May.

Year 12 Business students: Ryan (S10), Sara (L8), and Callum (A5) will be taking part in the Shares4School competition this year. We wish them good luck!



PACT

Throughout the academic year, our Parent and Academy Contact Teams (PACT) work hard to organise events and raise money to support our Academies and the students within them.

At Q3 Academy Great Barr, PACT have allocated funds to: D&T; Literacy; Mathematics; Modern Foreign Languages; SEND; Geography; Art and Design; History;

Politics; and Sociology. Here's how three of the departments made use of the funds:

Maths: "We bought visualisers to use in the maths department; this will aid us in modelling answers and using mathematical equipment."

D&T: "We asked for extra funding for 3D printer material. We have just started using this material with our Year 11 students to help produce some detailed 3D objects to assist with coursework models.

We will also be using the material in the future to produce some of the architectural models the students have created with Mr Oakes."

MFL: "In MFL, PACT funding was used to purchase class-sets of headphones and microphones to enable classes to work remotely on speaking and listening activities."

Interested in becoming a member of PACT at Q3 Academy Great Barr? email [**pact@q3academy.org.uk**](mailto:pact@q3academy.org.uk) for full details.

Q3 Academy Langley has a vibrant and enthusiastic group of parents who meet monthly as part of the PACT. "We run a stall at every Parents' Evening; six per academic year, in order to raise funds to benefit the students at the Academy. We also organised the Summer Fête and a Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December."

We are always on the look-out for more helpers, please contact us [**pactq3langley@outlook.com**](mailto:pactq3langley@outlook.com)



Remembrance Service & The Grace Payne Centre

Friday 10th November marked the official opening of the Grace Payne Centre, the home to our newly formed Combined Cadet Force (CCF). The opening also commemorated Q3 Academy Great Barr's annual Remembrance Service.

The service was attended by representatives from the CCF, RAF, local government, companies, community, and staff and students from both Academies. Year 7, assembled on the Design Steps, joining the service lead by Reverend Deborah Humphries of St Margaret's Church.

The Last Post was played throughout the Academy, followed by a sprinkling of petals and a two minute silence. A representative from the Royal British Legion then led the guests to the Memorial Garden for relaying of the wreaths. Eric Payne, Q3 Academies Trust Sponsor, then welcomed the guests into the Grace Payne Centre for the official opening of the building.

Since September; our Cadets have been assembling every Wednesday, at the Grace Payne Centre. Each wearing military uniform, they have been learning to do Drill. Despite a few strange looks and comments, the Cadets have quickly become accepted by the entire Academy.



The Centre houses a Parade Room and tuck shop, providing a base for the 52 cadets. During this term, all Cadets have visited RAF Cosford Museum. This has enabled them to understand the history of the RAF and look at the Principles of Flight. The CCF's affiliation to the RAF means all the Cadets will have an opportunity to fly, taking the controls of a small two seater training aircraft.

Over the coming months and years all Cadets will shoot air rifles and the Cadet Rifle. They will undertake various qualifications and activities on site, from first aid to field craft, marksmanship to map reading. They will also be looking into various charity and community projects.





Black Country 100 Masters

At Q3 Academy Langley, the Year 8 ACE group were given the opportunity to be involved with a local spoken word poet Emma Pursehouse, to create poems to celebrate the local area and participate in celebrating the Black Country 100 Masters.

The 100 Masters is an art campaign to identify contemporary skilled people from the Black Country and help inspire future talent. The ACE group whole-heartedly embraced this and produced two phenomenal poems.

Here are two of the poems produced by Q3 Academy Langley students.

Never Ending Excitement

Birds, ducks, squawking coots,
A slouchy German Shepherd,
Colourful trees, pretty graffiti,
an old green car,
Mushrooms like jellyfish.
Vicious barks (ruff ruff), whistling
trees, rustling leaves,
Planes in a jet stream, slow moving,
low horse power trains,
Loud voices, factories shredding,
banging, crunching.
Mild, muddy footsteps, lonely
echoes of abandoned buildings.
The rough, bumpy bark of horse
chestnut trees
Ran hands over the dusty crumble
of a bridge.
Feet treading crunchy leaves, hard
ground. Concrete under foot.
Cold wind, goosebumps appearing,
rising up our arms.
The dry air, aroma of fish and chips,
Burn of rubber at the back of our
throats,
The dirty, slimy smell of the cut,
Tweet fruity textures of blackberries
on the tongue.

Recipe for a Magical Walk

Take an acorn from Barnford Hill
Park.
Add two magpies for joy.
Sprinkle in a handful of people.
Add a pinch of dog walkers
(watch out for the dog waste).
Add water,
a couple of coots (ducks optional).
Make sure you wear your boots.
Whisk in spice powder.
Bake in sun.
Breathe in fresh air – have fun!

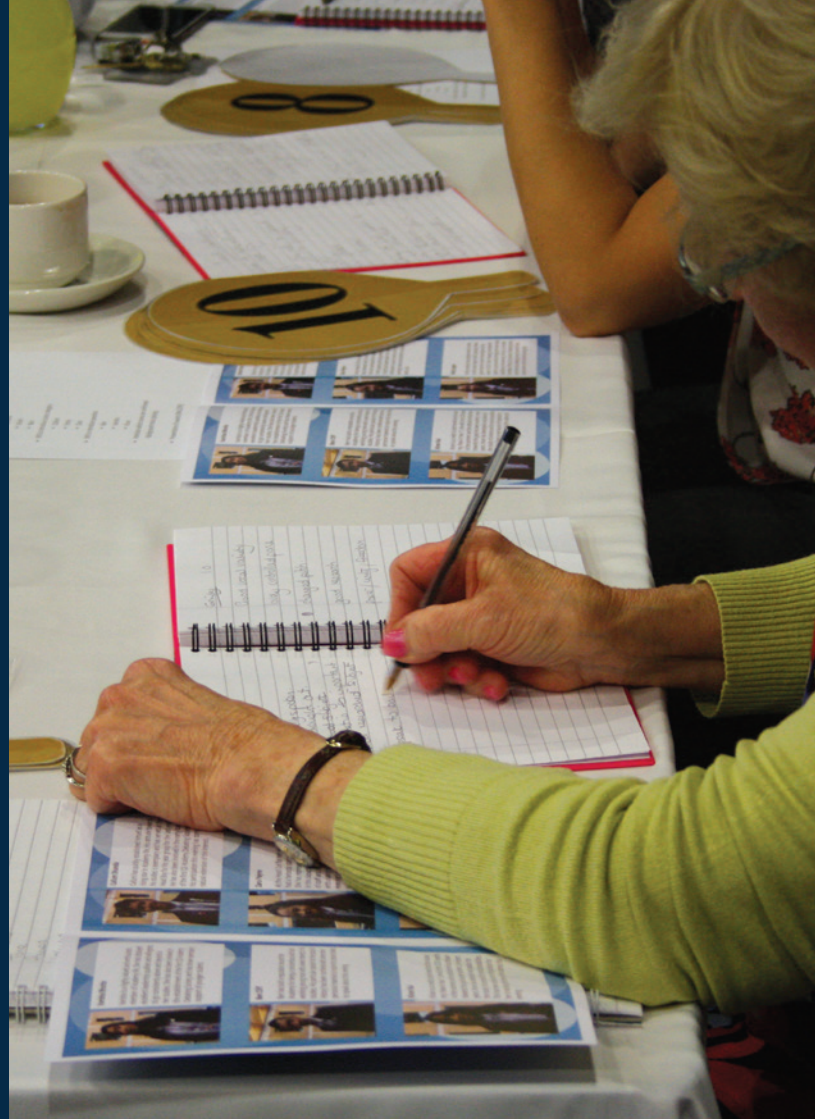
European Day of Languages

Bonjour ! ¡Hola! Guten Tag!

In September students and staff at Q3 Academy Great Barr engaged in a celebratory day of European languages. We had lots of fun learning about culture and the importance of language learning in French, Spanish, and German. In addition to this, we discovered more about new languages such as: Russian in Tutor Time; Italian in Business Studies; Japanese in Maths, and many more.

Learning Consultants in MFL dressed up for the occasion in some fantastic stereotypical French, Spanish, and German outfits, and we even had the chance to sample some delicious French cuisine in the Quisine! Merci, gracias, danke, and thank you to everyone at Q3 Academy Great Barr for their support in celebrating European Day of Languages.





The Grace Payne Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday 4th October 2017 the Academy was delighted to hold its fourth annual Grace Payne Public Speaking Contest. The evening itself marked the end of a process for the students involved, who had already had to audition for a place in the contest as well as taking part in a series of writing and coaching sessions in the run up to the final.

Building on the success of previous events, the contest was split into two categories: Junior; open to Years 7 to 9; and the prestigious Senior category open to Years 10 to 13. Competing in the Juniors were Callum (L7), Zara (L9), and Emily, (S8) whilst the Seniors saw Varisha (S5), Kiran (C10), and Ben (D3) go head to head.

All of the students performed magnificently on the night in front of an audience of family, friends, staff, and community members,

and received wonderful feedback from our esteemed panel of judges.

Returning to the panel for a fourth time were Curriculum Leader for Geography, Mrs Carrick and Public Speaking Coach Diana Wills. This year, they were joined by Associate Senior Leader, Mr Bailey, an established poet in his own right, and Corey Campbell of Strictly Arts Theatre Company.

After several rounds of speeches and poetry, our Junior winner was declared to be Emily who scored highly with the judges for her speech on the power of music. In the Seniors, Kiran claimed victory with a superbly researched and passionately communicated speech on the future of gene technology. Both winners received a significant voucher for their efforts and all the participants received a certificate recognising their participation and a voucher as a reward.

Overall, it was another successful Contest which celebrated some of the fantastic talent here at the Academy and gave students the chance to hone, and develop some crucial skills for their futures. Roll on next year!



Hori7on & Cre8 Showcases

Our first Hori7on Showcase of the year took place on Wednesday 8th November 2017, where we welcomed 100 parents, grandparents, siblings, and carers into the Academy to celebrate the first Assessment Cycle of work completed by our Year 7 students.

Students have focused on the theme of 'Past, Present, and Future' during their work in Hori7on and during the event, staff and visitors was amazed by the fantastic work which had been produced. It also gave us an opportunity to describe how well the Year 7 have settled into Academy life, and the impressive number of positive points awarded to students is a credit to their success so far this year.

The Design Centre was turned into our very own Art Gallery, showing how students have learned about Mexican Calavera masks, the

difference between harmonious and complementary colours, and how to produce work like Hundertwasser. Students gave excellent presentations and it was wonderful to hear about their experiences.

The Theatre was home to our Performing Arts students who have all learned to play an instrument and perform in a play during their first cycle of Hori7on. Sounds of the P-Bone and Clarinet rang out around the Academy, and the plays, which the students performed, were excellent.

The Design Technology department was alive with sales of products and tasting of freshly made flapjacks. Students were proudly showing the items they had made and the work produced in developing their understanding of the business world.

Finally the computer suites were used to showcase our students' excellent computer programming skills.

During our Cre8 showcase we saw performances from several groups on stage in our Performance Theatre. Year 8 students worked in bands with their friends, chose pop songs and worked together to create renditions of their favourite pieces.

Alongside excellent performances the Year 8 students were also an exceptional audience, supporting their peers. Well done!



Student Achievements

Isobelle (A10)

Earlier this year Isobelle entered a gymnastic competition in Walsall. She joined Walsall Gymnastic club three years ago after having some lessons from her neighbour. "This was the first time I had won and I am really happy to have been awarded 3rd place. Since the competition I have been working on tumbling and backflips. I am looking forward to my next competition".



Matthew (A9)

"I have achieved the role of assistant Instructor in my Taekwondo class, with my black tag. I have been attending every Friday for the last five years and I am really excited to get to this stage. One of the main reasons I took it up, was to make myself a more peaceful and controlled person. Hopefully one day I will be able to become a black belt, and a full instructor in order to teach my own classes."

Lucy (S7) has passed her grade five cello exam, which is an outstanding achievement. Lucy has also been selected to play with the Sandwell Youth Orchestra and is continuing to work with her string ensemble.

Farrah (A4) has achieved her black belt in Taekwondo after five years of training.

Hanna and Sofia (A3) are both learning 11 different languages!

Callum (A3) has become captain of his Sunday Football League team.

Roan (Q3 Academy Langley)

Roan is hoping to one day win a Gold medal in the Olympics in his chosen sport of Shukokai Karate. At 11 years old Roan is already the second best under 12s fighter in Europe. Roan has just achieved his Dan black belt, after a gruelling round of competitions. He currently fights with the All Stars Karate Alliance for Great Britain and hopes that he will make the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris. He has been taking part in competitive Karate for six years.



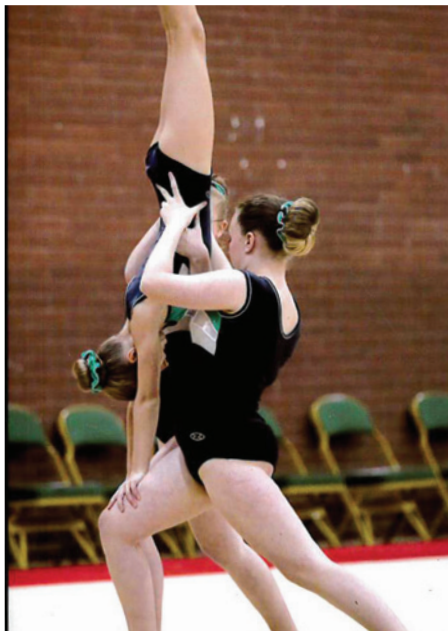
Mya (A8)

Mya has been doing Karate for seven years and achieved her black belt last year. She is now working towards her Second Dan at Central Karate in Walsall. She recently took part in three competitions and won four medals: Silver in fighting; Bronze for Individual Kata twice; and Team Kata working as a group of three.



Mia (S3) and Niamh (S7)

Mia and Niamh both competed in the West Midlands Acro Championships on 11th November 2017. Both students demonstrated excellent skill and effort in the competition with Mia finishing 7th and Niamh finishing 8th. Mia is hoping to eventually compete in the Junior Olympics in 2020.



Simran (Q3 Academy Langley)

Simran is only 11 but was chosen to play in the final for the season against Lincolnshire, for Staffordshire County. She only began playing two years ago when she was watching her brother play competitive cricket. Simran is looking forward to being called up to the England Squad in the future and is extremely proud of the ladies' winning cricket test team.



Sport Sideline

Sport Meets Design

In September, four students were given the opportunity to participate in something quite unique. They were challenged with the prospect of designing a new Q3 Academies Trust Rugby Kit.

The students, George (D5) and Thomas (A1), from the boys' Rugby Team and Art and Design

students, Sophie (A4) and Sophie (S3), travelled over to CBRE in Birmingham for the day. Working together their skills created a striking, Company-coloured jersey top design.

The top is now in the process of being manufactured, and will be available to both Q3 Academy Great Barr and Langley by February 2018. The top will also be available for students to purchase should they wish.

Girls Netball

Both the under 14 and under 16 girls Netball Teams have been training hard this term, and have played a few games in the North Sandwell League with mixed success.

The best win for the under 16s came against Health Futures where the girls stormed to a 14-3 victory. The under 14s best win was against Wood Green Academy, and despite a really tough first half the girls battled on to win 8-3.

The under 16 girls also played in a Sandwell tournament where they won four out of five group games, taking them through to a semi-final. Unfortunately, they lost by one goal, conceded in the last ten seconds of the game.

A massive well done to all students who have shown commitment to the Academy Netball Teams this year.



Jess Wins Prestigious Athletics Award

Saturday 30th September was the 50th Anniversary of the Wolverhampton & Bilston Athletics Club. The prestigious, sell-out event was held at Wolverhampton Wanderers FC and was attended by Q3 Academy Great Barr student, Jess (D9).

Also in attendance were Olympians, Kathy Cook, Sonia Lannaman, Verona Elder, Lisa Keller, and none other than Q3 Academy Great Barr's Mrs Court, as well as guest compere; world cycling champion, Hugh Porter, and BBC sports personality of the year Award winner, Anita Lonsbrough.

The evening included an awards presentation, where Jess picked up the Under 15 Endeavour Award for her outstanding determination; overcoming injury and illness this season and still putting out first class performances in the National Young Athletes League. Well done Jess!



Y11 GCSE P.E. Trip to Yorkshire

In September, GCSE P.E. students headed north for three days of cycling and rock climbing, as part of their exam assessment.

"It was a weekend full of laughter, new experiences and hard work. It was physically challenging and we had to give it our all but in the end, the exceptional grades we all got were worth it! We went to an outdoor track where we learnt how to record time and sprint on a bike and later we had a 10 mile race which was so tiring but also gave

us a feeling of achievement once completing it.

We completed the majority of our assessment the following day while we cycled up a mountain! It was difficult but we all kept one another motivated - the best part was whizzing down again!

The final day we went rock climbing. We first had to learn the knots to tie ourselves onto the wall but after that, it was all physical. We learnt different techniques to make a successful climb." - Charlotte (D6)



LEADERSHIP
Even the great one says, "I've been in the line for you too."

POSSIBILITIES
There's only one person who can do the most for you.

Aspire2Innovate: Book Donation

At the beginning of the academic year, the Academy launched a programme to raise the aspirations of a selected group of students, and provide them with leadership, personal management, and enterprise skills for the future.

This programme has already seen these students consider how they can support local and national charities, and receive a £400 enterprise loan from the Peter Jones Foundation, to launch their own business and enter a national competition.

This programme has recently received a very generous boost, with a number of local business sponsoring books for the programme.

These books, with a focus on leadership, ambition, perseverance, and enterprise will, hopefully, bring about a change to a more focused and positive mind set for our students as well as encouraging them to engage with literature.

It is great to see that the local businesses are investing not just in the future of their own work, but also in the future of our community.

Businesses that kindly sponsored the books are:

H & H Spaldings Ltd;
Supreme Hygiene;
Fastsigns;
Crowe Clarke Whitehall;
Parkmere;
and Hoge100 Business Systems.





Mr Bailey Hosts TedxYouth Conference

"On the 11th October 2017, I had the privilege, of hosting the first ever TEDxYouth conference held in Birmingham – 'TEDxYouth@Brum'.

It was an even greater privilege and honour to be able to take nine Q3 Academy Great Barr students along to this amazing event.

Held at the Birmingham Hippodrome, with an audience of over 200, TEDxYouth@Brum explored the theme of 'Courage' through a curated series of 14 incredible talks and 6 phenomenal performances delivered by some of our most epic leaders and civic change makers.

Our students conducted themselves impeccably, and showed once again what it means to be a student of this fantastic Academy. They were also massively appreciative of the opportunity; Lucy (S7) commented that this had been "the best day of my life". Feedback doesn't get much better than that." - Mr Bailey.





Four Ashes Adventure Golf

Christmas Themed

starts 20th December



All playing students receive a FREE soup and hand warmer when playing our Adventure Golf

Q3 Academy students receive 10% discount just bring this advert along

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