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4th December 2017



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Dear Parents/Carers

As we end the term I would like to thank our students and staff for their fantastic commitment, teamwork, and energy. I wish to thank the parents, carers, and members of the community for the outstanding support provided to the Academy. We are proud to serve and support our community.

Just like a children's annual, this has been a 'bumper' term filled with exciting activities that have kept students and staff very busy indeed. The Greek philosopher, 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 you can read about in this term's FoQus magazine: <http://www.q3academy.org.uk/foqus/> . 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; and especially parents and carers for encouraging their children to get involved.

Last night's Performing Arts Showcase, 'Here comes Christmas' really did mark the start of the festive season with our students and staff showcasing their wide range of talents.

Staff and students will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 8th December, with all proceeds going to Acorns Children's Hospice Trust (minimum £1 donation). Students will be permitted to wear a Christmas themed jumper under their Academy blazer, or an accessory in addition to their Business Dress, please encourage your child to contribute to this worthwhile cause.

The Academy will close for the Christmas holidays at 2.05pm on Friday 8th December and re-open to students on Wednesday 3rd January 2018. Students will need to clear their lockers, ensuring no perishable items are left during the Christmas break.

On Thursday 14th December we will be holding a 'Lost Property Day' for parents and carers from 10am until 1pm.

A reminder that our Twitter (@q3academy) and Facebook (Q3 Academy Great Barr) accounts are updated regularly with key events, relevant news stories, and information from the Academy, including action to take during adverse weather conditions. Don't forget that all of our publications are available online; this includes previous copies of our FoQus newsletter.

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A list of key dates for your diary is provided below:

- Performing Arts Showcase 'Here comes Christmas' – Monday 4th December 2017 at 6.30pm
- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 8th December 2017
- Christmas Holidays – Monday 11th December 2017 – Monday 1st January 2018
- InSET Day – Tuesday 2nd January 2018 (Academy closed to all students)
- Parents' Consultation Day (Years 7, 11 & 12) – 6th February 2018 – 3.30pm - 7.30pm
- Hori7on Showcase – 9th February 2018
- Parents' Consultation Day (Years 9, 11 & 12) – 15th February 2018 – 3.30pm - 7.30pm
- Half Term Holidays – 19th February 2018 – 23rd February 2018
- Year 8 Pathways Evening – 14th March 2018 (times to be confirmed)
- InSET Day – Thursday 29th March 2018 (Academy closed to all students)
- Easter holidays – Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April 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.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely



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