

6th December 2016

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.

We have had some issues with students not returning home at the expected time. On almost every occasion we find that the child has gone to a friend's house without informing parents. This naturally causes concern for the family and the Academy. Therefore, it would help if you had contact details for your child's friends so that early checks can be made if they haven't arrived home. This would support the Academy when we are trying to locate missing students.

This year's pantomime 'Enchanted 3' really does mark the start of the festive season with our students and staff showcasing their wide range of talents. Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout both performances.

Staff and students will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9th December, with all proceeds going to the Save the Children charity (minimum £1 donation), Students will be allowed to wear something Christmassy, please encourage your child to contribute to this worthwhile cause. Students will need to attend in Business Dress with the addition of a Christmas item.

The Academy will close for the Christmas holidays at 2.05pm on Friday 9th December and re-open for staff and students on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Students will need to clear their lockers, ensuring no perishable items are left during the Christmas break.

On Thursday 15th 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 daily with all events, news stories and information from the Academy, including action to take during adverse weather conditions. Don't forget all our publications are available online, this includes previous copies of our FoQus newsletter.

A list of key dates for the Spring Term 2017 is provided below:

- Academy Christmas Production – 7th & 8th December 2016 – 7.00pm
- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 9th December 2016
- Christmas Holidays – 12th December 2016 until 2nd January 2017
- Parents' Consultation Day (Years 10, 11, 12 & 13) – 5th January 2017 (Academy closed from 2.05pm)
- INSET DAY – 27th January (Academy closed to all students)
- Half Term Holidays – 20th February 2017 – 24th February 2017
- Pathways Evening – 14th March 2017 (times to be confirmed)
- Sponsors' Dinner – 5th April 2017 (times to be confirmed)
- Easter holidays – 10th April – 21st April 2017

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M Arnall'.

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