

27th July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

As the academic year draws to a close I would like to pay tribute to the excellent work of our staff and students.

A small number of staff are leaving the Academy for promotion or new career pathways including some of the Great Barr team who will be moving to Q3 Langley; we wish them success in their new roles. We also welcomed some of our new staff at the start of July and they have already settled into the Q3 family.

As you are aware we open the new Q3 Langley Academy in September and Mr Lee will take on the role there as Head of School. Mr Arnall also moves into his new role as Head of School at Q3 Great Barr. We wish them every success in their new posts.

In September I will take up my new role as Chief Executive of the Q3 Academies Trust, overseeing the work of both Academies, while continuing to look for opportunities to expand the Q3 family. I remain fully committed to ensuring all students in our care receive the very best education and opportunities for personal development.

We were delighted to welcome our new intake of students (Year 7 and 6th Form) to Transition Week. A wide range of activities have been offered and these have been embraced by all students with great enthusiasm. The staff have worked extremely hard to ensure a memorable and worthwhile week.

Many students will require new business dress for the start of term, please therefore remember to check the policy on the website to ensure the correct standards are maintained. It is essential that all business dress and PE kit are labelled with your child's name as we cannot take responsibility for lost items. Please also ensure that hair colour and styles are within the Academy's expectations – if in doubt contact us for clarification. Your continued support on these matters has been invaluable in our relentless drive to achieve the highest standards possible.

We are holding a 'Lost Property Reclaim Morning' on Wednesday 3rd August 2016 from 10am until 2pm. Any remaining items will be recycled (business dress) or given to charity.

Feedback about the Parent Portal is positive and it is reassuring to know that this is being accessed regularly. If you are having difficulty accessing our Parent Portal please visit our website www.q3academy.org.uk or email insight@q3academy.org.uk. Please follow us on Twitter (@q3academy) and add us as a friend on Facebook (Q3 Academy Great Barr) for daily updates and key information about the Academy.

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A list of key dates for the new academic year is provided below.

Autumn Term 2016

Monday 5th September 2016 – Friday 9th December 2016 (5th September 2016 **INSET DAY** and closed to students)

(Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2016)

Christmas Holidays: Monday 12th December 2016 – Monday 2nd January 2017

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January 2017 – Friday 7th April 2017 (27th January 2017 **INSET DAY** and closed to students)

(Half Term: Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February 2017)

Easter Holidays: Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April 2017 – Friday 28th July 2017 (3rd July 2017 **INSET DAY** and closed to students)

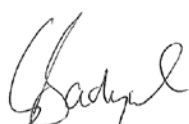
May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2017

(Half Term: Monday 29th May 2017 – Friday 2nd June 2017)

Please be aware that on occasion dates for key events may need to alter slightly, you will be notified in good time should this happen during the academic year.

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely



Caroline Badyal
Principal/Chief Executive

