

21st March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

This term has been tinged with sadness following the passing of our Sponsor Grace Payne. The memorial service held in February reflected Grace's unwavering support for a number of charities and other organisations; she was an inspiration to all of us. February also saw the tragic loss of one of our students following a road traffic accident. Zoe Shapiro joined us in the Sixth Form and was a very popular member of the student body who had a bright future ahead of her. Staff and students have coped exceptionally well during this difficult period of time.

Mr Wiltshire (Assistant Vice Principal) will be leaving at the end of this term to take up a Headteacher post. Mrs Noakes has been appointed as Director of Sixth Form; this will ensure a seamless transition from Mr Wiltshire for the start of the Summer Term. Mr Snell will also be moving for promotion at a local Sandwell school. We wish both staff every success in their new roles.

Mr Arnall will be joining Q3 Academy as Vice Principal/Head of School in April. He will be working closely with Mr Lee for a handover before the opening of our new Q3 Langley Academy. We will also be welcoming new staff to the English and Science departments.

May I also 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 8.55 am; any arrivals beyond this time will be marked as 'late' in the register.

Students have been busy preparing for the final external examinations and can be seen working well beyond the end of the Academy day with their teachers. All students have received their examination timetables and should check for any errors or missing entries. Their commitment to succeeding is to be commended and this is supported by the large numbers who will be continuing their revision in the Academy during the Easter break. If you are a parent/carer of either a Year 11 or Post 16 student your role is also significant in providing motivation and encouragement during this critical time leading up to the examinations. The staff have been a tremendous support to students and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their considerable efforts during a time of widespread national changes to assessment processes. We look forward to seeing all of our Year 11, 12 & 13 parents at the Consultation Evening on 21st April; this will enable a dialogue about essential strategies to ensure students are on track in the lead up to the final examinations.

Our PACT group (parents/carers) have again been at the forefront of raising funds to support students and their next event is the Annual Fashion Show taking place on 28th April 2016 (further details are available on the website).

A lost property reclaim day will be held during the holiday period on Tuesday 29th March 2016 from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm.

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The Academy closes for the Easter holidays on Tuesday 22nd March at 3.05 pm and re-opens to staff and students on Monday 11th April at 8.55 am. A full list of dates for the next Half Term is provided below. Please continue to check our website (www.q3academy.org.uk), Twitter (@q3academy) and Facebook (Q3 Academy Great Barr) for updates.

As students prepare for the start of the Summer Term, I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring a continued focus on high standards of uniform, attendance and punctuality.

Dates for the next Half Term 2016:

- 23rd March – INSET Day (Academy closed to all students)
- 24th March – 8th April – Easter Holidays
- 21st April – Parents' Consultation Day (Years 11, 12 & 13 – Academy closes at 2.05 pm for all students)
- 28th April – PACT Fashion Show
- 2nd May – Bank Holiday (Academy closed to all students)
- 4th May – New Intake Evening 1 – 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
- 16th May – Summer Examinations begin
- 30th May – 3rd June – Half Term Holidays

These dates may be subject to change but should this occur you will be given notice in writing.

Enjoy the Easter break.

Yours sincerely



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