

17th July 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

As the academic year draws to a close I would like to recognise the excellent work of our staff and students. It is a privilege to be part of the Q3 family.

I would like to thank the staff who are leaving us at the end of this term for the contribution they have made, and wish them success in their new posts. Mr Choudhury has secured a well-deserved promotion leading his own school in Birmingham. He has been an integral part of Q3's success and will be remembered for the impact he has made on raising standards across the Academy. Mr Perrins is retiring after 37 years of dedicated service to both Dartmouth High School and Q3 Academy. I am sure you will join us in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

We also welcomed some of our new staff at the start of July. In addition, we are delighted that Mr Lee has been promoted to Vice Principal and he is joined by Miss Callaghan and Mr Machin who take up their new roles as Assistant Vice Principals in September. Mrs Blake and Mrs May (Assistant Vice Principals) will also be joining the Academy as new members of the senior team.

The final week of term will include our Annual Sports Day and Transition Week activities.

Transition Week begins on Monday 20th July with a full programme of activities for our students. Please see the Academy website for details. Each day will end at 3.00pm apart from Friday 24th July when we close for the summer break at 2.05pm. Further details for the week are attached to this letter.

Sports Day is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd July and the children are looking forward to taking part in a variety of activities (we are unable to invite parents and carers as access to the lower field is restricted and there is inadequate spectator space). All students, including non-competitors, are allowed to wear their Q3 PE kit for the day. Non-competing students will be spectating on the field and should come prepared with an appropriate sun hat, sun screen, water and, if they suffer from hay fever, have their antihistamine tablets/sprays and tissues with them.

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. 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 Tuesday 28th July 2015 from 10am until 12pm. Any remaining items will be recycled (business dress) or given to charity.

As of September 2015 all interim reports will be placed on our Parent Portal. No paper copies will be issued unless there is limited access to technology and requests are made in writing. For more details on how to access 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 2015

Tuesday 1st September 2015 – Friday 11th December 2015 (1st September 2015 and 9th October 2015 are **INSET DAYS** and closed to students)

(Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2015)

Christmas Holidays: Monday 14th December 2015 – Friday 1st January 2016

Spring Term 2016

Monday 4th January 2016 – Wednesday 23rd March 2016 (29th January 2016 and 23rd March 2016 are **INSET DAYS** and closed to students)

(Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2016)

Easter Holidays: Thursday 24th March – Friday 8th April 2016

Summer Term 2016

Monday 11th April 2016 – Thursday 28th July 2016 (11th July 2016 is an **INSET DAY** and closed to students)

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2016

(Half Term: Monday 30th May 2016 – Friday 3rd June 2016)

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



Transition Week 2015

The Academy day

Transition week begins this Monday 20th July until Friday 24th July. Students should arrive at the Academy at their usual time; however they will go straight to registration at 9.00am. The day ends at 3.00pm Monday to Thursday, this is a change to their usual finish time on Wednesday. On Friday all students will leave at 2.05pm.

These timings have been communicated to our bus company.

The only exception is Year 7 on their allocated sea-side day they should arrive at the Academy by 7.20am to be registered to leave by 7.30am, they should return by approximately 5.00pm (traffic permitting). They will need to be dropped off and picked up from the Academy at these times.

Business Dress

Year 7 students should wear their Business dress on Monday and Tuesday unless they are at the sea-side. They will wear PE kit on all other days.

Year 8 and Year 9 students should wear their Business dress on both Monday and Tuesday. They will wear PE kit on all other days

Year 10 students should wear their Business Dress on Monday and Thursday. On all other days they should wear their PE kit.

Year 11 students returning in September to follow our Sixth Form programme should wear Business Dress Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On all other days they should wear their PE kit.

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