



ACADEMY  
GREAT BARR

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As many of you may already know Q3 Academy, Great Barr was inspected by Ofsted on 31<sup>st</sup> January and the team confirmed that we remain a 'Good' school.

Governors and staff wish to thank parents and carers for their kind words of support and their contributions to Parent View. Most importantly I want to thank the students who spoke so enthusiastically about their work and life at the Academy.

The full inspection report is available at:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/135449>

However, there will always be some areas to improve and we will never be complacent. For example whilst attendance is above the national average there are some students who are persistently absent and I urge all parents and carers to remain vigilant that the occasional absent day does not add up to significant lost learning time. Similarly, I ask for your continued support in ensuring your child wears the correct 'Business Dress' – details are on the Academy website.

Recently we have had to deal with some very upsetting instances of the unacceptable use of social media. This has caused great upset and irresponsible actions taken by students outside of the Academy day in their own time have now begun to affect students' relationships and education. We will always support parents, carers and students to resolve any issues but I wish to stress that the advice from our local police is that if your child receives inappropriate social media messages then you should contact the police by dialling 101 and report your concerns. We do not have the means nor the capacity to fully investigate actions taken outside of the Academy day.

On a more positive note we are pleased to announce the latest edition of our magazine; FoQus is now available on our website, detailing many of the highlights of Winter and Spring. This is a busy half-term and events and meetings are listed below. In particular we have two parents' consultation events and you will find your child's latest report is available on Parent Portal.

Lastly may I wish all our Year 11 and Year 13 students studying for external examinations the very best. We do know how demanding it can be for parents and carers when their children are preparing for exams but a commitment to regular revision now will ease the pressure on students and pay dividends. There is a lot of support available for every child and if your child is at all unsure about any aspect of their studies then they must see their Learning Consultant who will be happy to help.

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

- Parents' Consultation Day (Years 10, 11, 12 & 13) – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 (Academy closed from 2.05pm)
- Careers Speed Networking – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (8.00am – 1.00pm)
- Sponsor's Dinner – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (times to be confirmed)
- End of Term – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017
- Easter holidays – 10<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017
- Bank Holiday – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 (Academy closed to all staff & students)

Please be aware that on occasion, dates may need to alter slightly, you will be notified in good time should this happen.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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