

26<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of another busy term I would like to thank our staff for their excellent work with students. This commitment does not begin and end in classrooms as you will discover in the latest edition of FoQus. To add to this, a number of staff and students will be participating in trips during the Easter break, including Skiing in Austria, a visit to Normandy and a revision weekend at Edmond Hall.

Students have been busily completing coursework ready for the moderation process and preparation for the final external examinations is well underway. Staff and students can be seen working well beyond the end of the Academy day and their commitment is to be commended. This week I also reminded students about the importance of continuing their revision 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 recent study support sessions for parents and carers were well attended and I thank you for taking the time to be part of the workshops.

The dedication of staff and students in their drive to raise funds for a number of charities is impressive and I am very proud of their commitment to helping others. Our PACT group (parents/carers) have also been at the forefront of raising funds to support students and their next event is the Annual Fashion Show taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (further details are available on the website).

A lost property reclaim day will be held during the holiday period on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

The Academy re-opens to staff and students on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8.55 am. A full list of dates for the next Half Term is provided overleaf. Please continue to check our website ([www.q3academy.org.uk](http://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.

Enjoy the Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Badyal  
Principal/Chief Executive



**Dates for the next half term 2015:**

- 27<sup>th</sup> March – INSET Day (Academy closed to all students)
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays
- 20<sup>th</sup> April – 24<sup>th</sup> April – Internal Examinations (Year 9)
- 27<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May – Internal Examinations (Year 10)
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – PACT Fashion Show
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday (Academy closed to all students)
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – New Intake Evening 1
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – Summer Examinations begin
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Parents' Consultation Day (Years 10 and 12)
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term Holidays

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

