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26th July 2019



**ACADEMY
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Dear Parents/Carers

As we draw the academic year to an end I want to first thank, on behalf of staff and governors, all students, parents and carers for their hard-work and support. Similarly, we wish those staff that are leaving our best wishes and we thank them for their work at Q3 Academy Great Barr.

This week we welcomed our new intake of students (Year 7 and Sixth Form) to Transition Week, and we are delighted at how well they have settled.

I want to thank parents and carers for supporting our revised behaviour system. The overwhelming majority of students are now always on-time, fully equipped, and ready to learn for every lesson. This means we can now help those students who genuinely do need more support to get organised.

I am equally happy to share that the move to a more traditional Year Group system has been well received and you will have recently received a letter informing you of your child's new Personal Tutor and Head of Year. Please remember staff may not be available to see you at short notice, so to avoid disappointment or frustration, if you would like to see a member of staff then please book an appointment prior to attending the Academy.

We are holding a 'Lost Property Reclaim Morning' on Tuesday 13th August 2019 from 10am until 2pm. Any items remaining after this date will be recycled or donated to charity.

Students will be able to collect A-Level results on 15th August 2019 from 8.30am and GCSE results are available on 22nd August 2019 from 9am. Staff will be on hand to advise your child regarding A-Level options in our Sixth Form, and to advise on other choices such as college and apprenticeships.

During the summer holidays students have more free time and this can present more risks. In the summer people are tempted to swim in open water and sadly young people lose their lives every year by misjudging the effect of cold water. Also, I must add that playing around trains is extremely dangerous and last summer a child from a neighbouring school lost their life. Another risk is social media, and by helping your child understand what the risks are, you can play a big part in preventing them from turning into problems.

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Towards the end of the summer break I know many of you will be buying new Business Dress this can be purchased from Uniforms Plus (Great Barr). I particularly want to remind you that shoes should be black, preferably leather, and polishable. Trainers, 'work- trainers', boots, suede shoes, and Dr Marten style shoes are not allowed. Students wearing nail extensions or coloured nails will be asked to remove them. Similarly, we do not allow hair colourings and weaves or extensions. Extreme haircuts, including 'tramlines'; and alike are also banned. If you need any further clarification you will find that our Business Dress policy is on our website, where you will also find clear guidance on acceptable jewellery and hair styles. If in doubt, please check with your child's Personal Tutor. If your child is incorrectly dressed, they will usually be kept in isolation until they are wearing full, correct Academy Business Dress.

We will welcome students back to the Academy on Tuesday 3rd September 2019. I'd like to 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 8.55am; any arrivals beyond this time will be marked as 'late' on the register.

Start times for Tuesday 3rd September 2019 only are as follows:

8.55am Years 7, 11, and Sixth Form
9.30am Year 8, 9, and 10

To keep you well informed, we regularly add to the information available on our website. Please take the opportunity to visit at www.q3academy.org.uk. We also have regular updates on Twitter (@q3academy) and on our Facebook page (Q3 Academy Great Barr). Do continue to use our online platforms to provide us with any feedback you may have – your views are very important to us.

A list of key dates for the new Autumn Term 2019 is provided below:

- Open Day – Saturday 21st September 2019 (9am – 12pm);
- Open Mornings – 23rd September 2019 – 27th September 2019 (9.15am – 11am);
- Introduction to Year 11 Evening – 8th October 2019 (6pm – 7.30pm);
- Parents' Consultation Evening for Years 7 – 10 and 13 (Meeting your child's new Personal Tutor) – 17th October 2019 (3.30pm – 7.30pm);
- Introduction to Year 12 Evening – 17th October 2019 (6pm – 7.30pm);
- Sixth Form Open Evening – 14th November 2019 (6.15pm – 8pm);
- The Grace Payne Public Speaking Competition – 28th November 2019 (timings to be confirmed);
- Parents' Consultation Evening for Years 10 and 13 – 3rd December 2019 (3.30pm – 7.30pm).

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

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Term Dates for the Academic Year 2019-2020:

Autumn Term 2019

2nd September 2019 – 13th December 2019

(Monday 2nd September, and Thursday 24th to Friday 25th October are InSET Days. The Academy is closed to students.)

Half Term: 28th October – 1st November 2019

Christmas Holidays: 16th December 2019 – 3rd January 2020

Spring Term 2020

6th January 2020 – 3rd April 2020

(Monday 6th January is an InSET Day. The Academy is closed to students.)

Half Term: 17th February – 21st February 2020

Easter Holidays: 6th April – 17th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

20th April – 24th July 2020

(Friday 3rd July is an InSET Day. The Academy is closed to students.)

May Day Bank Holiday: 8th May 2020

Half Term: 25th May – 29th May 2020

Summer Holidays: 27th July – 31st August 2020

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely



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