



Dear Parent/Carer

## Rewards Days – July 2021

After what has been a challenging year for many of us with lots of disruption it can be easy to focus on the academic loss when we think of students being out of the Academy, when what most students have missed the most is social interaction, something far more difficult to provide through Google Classroom!

We are incredibly proud of our students and their resilience, and we'd like to celebrate that this year by the introduction of Reward Days. An opportunity to have fun with your friends at the end of the year is nothing new, but in recognition of how important that long-awaited social interaction is, we're dedicating two whole days to it, and ensuring that students are offered different options sure to suit everybody's taste.

It'd be nice to write a letter and not have to think of the impact COVID-19 could have on our plans, but we're not quite at that stage. If the government roadmap goes ahead as planned, the Department for Education has confirmed that trips can return next month. However, if this year has taught us anything, it's that plans can change. If we are unable to go ahead with a trip due to COVID-19 restrictions or the need to self-isolate at the time of the trip, then you'll receive a full refund.

These Rewards Day are a little different. To congratulate students on some of the amazing work they've done both in the Academy and from home, they'll be able to convert their Q-Points to money off the cost of the trips. Not only that, but because of all the disruption this year, we'll double them up! Q-Points achieved from the start of this academic year up to the Easter holidays can be converted like this:

250 Q-Points		£5 off!
500 Q-Points		£10 off!
1,000 Q-Points	Doubled up and turned to cash!	£20 off!
1,500 Q-Points		£30 off!

That doesn't mean that students will want to stop earning those Q-Points after Easter though, quite the opposite. They'll need to earn Q-Points on their return from the Easter break to be able to take part in the Rewards Day trips. They'll need 100 Q-Points to go on the first day, and 200 Q-Points to go on both days. Don't worry though, they will have until the end of the week before the trips to get these Q-Points banked. As long as they continue to embody the Academy ethos, and are Ready, Respectful, and Responsible at all times then they'll have no problem getting these. They will need to be careful not to pick up negative behaviour points too though, as too many of these will lose their spot on a trip. If the Academy cancels a space on a trip then we'll refund anything that you've paid. All other terms and conditions and insurance information can be found at: [www.q3academy.org.uk/trips](http://www.q3academy.org.uk/trips)

## **What if my child doesn't want to go on a trip?**

That's absolutely fine, they will attend the Academy as normal on these days. They should indicate this as their selection on the form at [www.q3academy.org.uk/rewards](http://www.q3academy.org.uk/rewards)

## **What's on offer?**

Rewards Day 1 – Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Rewards Day 2 – Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July
<p><b>Years 7 and 8</b> Blackpool Pleasure Beach or Dudley Zoo</p> <p><b>Years 9, 10, and 12</b> Alton Towers Or Dudley Zoo</p>	<p><b>Years 7 and 8</b> Alton Towers or Barmouth Beach</p> <p><b>Years 9, 10, and 12</b> Blackpool Pleasure Beach or London Theatre Day</p>

## **What's the next step?**

We need to gauge the interest of students which will also help us to negotiate the best price possible with travel providers. In order to do this, we'd ask that all students make their selections on what they'd like to do at [www.q3academy.org.uk/rewards](http://www.q3academy.org.uk/rewards)

## **How much is it?**

Most providers are currently closed, so we're awaiting confirmation of prices for this year. Once we have this information, you'll be sent an email to obtain consent for the trip and the trips will appear on ParentPay for payment. The following are our estimates of likely guide prices to help inform your decision:

Alton Towers/Blackpool Pleasure Beach/London Theatre Day	Approximately £30-35
Dudley Zoo	Approximately £15-20
Barmouth Beach	Approximately £10

## **What are the deadlines?**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – deadline to submit selections at [www.q3academy.org.uk/rewards](http://www.q3academy.org.uk/rewards)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – deadline to submit parental consent and make payments on ParentPay

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – deadline for students to earn Q-Points to enable them to take part

I hope that your child is as excited about Rewards Days as I am at launching them. I'm confident that we'll have an absolutely fantastic experience!

Yours faithfully,



Mr L Price  
**Assistant Vice Principal**

