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A Message from the Chief Executive



As one chapter ends another begins . . .

In a few weeks, the academic year draws to a close and we begin to prepare for the start of a new journey.

Almost a year has passed since the establishment of the Q3 Academies Trust which includes Q3 Academy Great Barr and Q3 Academy Langley (opened September 2016). This resulted in a change in my role from Principal to Chief Executive with oversight of both Academies. Each Academy has its own Head of School; I am fortunate to have two highly talented and skilled leaders driving forward the vision with their teams. Staff have been able to share expertise across both sites and there has also been student collaboration.

We are delighted to confirm the opening of our new Grace Payne

Aspiration Centre; built as a lasting memory to our Sponsor's late wife, the facility will house the newly formed CCF (Combined Cadet Force) detachment. The cadets' main parade evening will be Wednesdays along with a wide selection of off-site activities and leadership challenges.

The centre will also provide the inspiration for our brand new Aspire2Innovate programme designed for students from Year 9 upwards. This will focus on developing leadership and enterprise skills and will be accredited through the Chartered Institute of Management. Students will also be supported by a personal business mentor and the scheme will be launched at the Academy's Business Breakfast at the end of term.

Our young people are at the heart of these initiatives; we constantly strive to find new opportunities to support their personal development. Their

thirst for knowledge and love of learning fuels my determination to always focus on giving them the best so that they become the best they can be.

We could not achieve all that we do without the dedication of our staff who work tirelessly to provide opportunities for all of our students; I pay tribute to their on-going support and commitment to the Q3 vision. As you read through this edition of FoQus you too will get a flavour of the tremendous input from our staff across both academies. I would also like to thank our Sponsor, Trustees and Governors who give generously of their time to support our work.

I wish all of our students and staff a restful summer break as they prepare for the next chapter in the Q3 journey.

Dr Caroline Badyal
Chief Executive

Head of School, Q3 Academy Great Barr



As we draw towards the end of a long hot summer term, I'm delighted to look back at a busy and successful year's work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, Parents/ Carers and staff for all of the hard work and dedication they have put into this academic year to make it such a success.

The students featured in this edition of Foqus give you only a flavour of the range of exciting activities our students enjoy.

What's not really covered is the sheer day-to-day hard work of our students, so let's spare a thought for the less exciting aspects of simple hard work and study. A typical Year 11 student will have sat 25 exams taking 38 hours to get 13 GCSEs – we've got to celebrate that!

So congratulations to all students who have dedicated themselves to their GCSE and 'A' Level examinations and well done too to all those who have got involved in the wide range of enrichment activities that makes Q3 Academy Great Barr so much more than just getting examinations.

What's often interesting to see is that those students who get involved in the wider activities of Academy life often cope better with the stresses of examination preparation as they have learnt to balance a range of demands and they also have another interest at the Academy that provides a real form of relaxation.

So however our students choose to relax let's wish them a restful and happy summer break and as we look forward to celebrating their examination successes in August.

Mr Mark Arnall
Head of School
Q3 Academy Great Barr

Head of School, Q3 Academy Langley



It's been a fantastic first year at our Langley site! I must firstly pay tribute to my wonderful staff

team - from Learning Consultants - to Site Team and of course our Associate Staff too! Their dedication to go above and beyond is more than I could have imagined when we first envisaged the Langley project. In addition I would like to thank all those staff from the Great Barr site who have helped us out or just visited us over the academic year - it is very much appreciated!

I am very proud of the political discourse we have encouraged over recent years at Q3 Academy Great Barr and it was wonderful to welcome Mr Mills, Mrs Noakes and some Sixth Form students to launch our Mock General Election. Although we didn't predict the national poll; we certainly were

spot on with our local constituency - almost matching the exact percentage our MP won by. As a History and Politics graduate I am acutely aware of the need for all young people to engage in political debate - and was heartedly encouraged by the national figures showing an upsurge in the 18-24 vote.

We were delighted to join our sister site for the prestigious Bright Stars Awards evening where we recognised five of our fantastic Year 7 cohort whilst also celebrating the wonderful achievements of students at Q3 Academy Great Barr!

In late July we welcome our first full cohort of 240 students and all of the staff team cannot wait for that moment! I am also excited by the fact we have filled all our vacancies for 2017-18. We have recruited a high calibre of staff - some of which will also work across our

Multi Academy Trust - once again showing the benefit of such #' an innovation.

I wish all families and staff across all the sites a relaxing Summer break and look forward to opening our doors again in the Autumn term.

Mr Peter Lee
Head of School
Q3 Academy Langley

Q3 Academy Sixth Form



In June the Year 12 students visited the UCAS conference at the NEC. Every year, over a quarter

of a million students, parents, guardians, and advisers visit UCAS exhibitions across the country. The conference provided a chance for students to get an insight into life after exams – whether that means university, volunteer work, a gap year or career opportunities.

The conference provided a great chance to ask questions about what the future may hold, gather information on universities and get inspired. It was a very busy and informative day enjoyed by all. Students have already started to discuss their progress this year with Mrs Noakes and planning ahead for Year 13.

Leavers' Tea Party

Students attended the leavers' Tea Party in June, which is our annual event to say goodbye and to share memories.

The students had an opportunity to chat together over refreshments of scones, cream and strawberry jam. This was then followed by an assembly in which students were presented with awards and slides of photographs of their time spent at the Academy. It was a very memorable occasion not only for the students, but the staff as well.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students who are leaving us this year all the best for their future studies.

Sixth Form Results Day

We are looking forward to celebrating with all of our students in August when they receive their AS and A-Level results; available to collect on the 17th August from 8.30am. Please be aware that results can only be given to the student and cannot be sent via email or given over the telephone.

Mrs Noakes

Q3 Academy Sixth Form



JETs Update

This academic year has flown by for us JETs, we are so happy with how it has turned out. The Aspirations JET (Lauren Phillips) and the Environment JET (Sophie Osborne) have teamed up to make Aspirations cards which are designed to support students to identify their short term goals that they want to achieve enabling them to achieve their long term goals in the future.

The Leadership JET (Varisha Bhutte) has been in the midst of setting up clubs and helps run them whilst the Charity JET (Indi Lane) has been organising a charity day to help raise money for the Young Persons Unit .

The Enterprise JET (Phillippa Handy) is working with the Year 7 cohort to develop their Enterprise skills alongside Dr Badyal.

The Student Voice JET (Jake Sperry) has taken up the task of helping

with PACT meetings and we all plan to help out with future events. Jake has also helped to set up the student council.

We are delighted to now have the support of the Excellence Leaders who will help us with our projects throughout Year 8.

We want to thank everyone for their support this year.

The Q3 Election



Students and Staff at both Academies were excited to see if they successfully predicted the national outcome again, with over 1,500 students and staff across both sites taking part in the national vote. Q3 Academy Great Barr successfully predicted the General Election outcome in 2015 and the shock EU referendum result in 2016.



Posing with current Prime Minister Teresa May and Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn, students and staff went to the polls and cast their vote for which party they felt had the best manifesto for this country. The run up to this Election included giving school children the opportunity to have an in-depth look into current politics, allowing students as young as 11 years old to vote in a real life scenario.

The purpose of this is to educate young people (voting and non-voting age) about politics, British Values, democracy and the voting system. All students and staff were asked to vote to see if internally our results reflected the national landscape.

When questioned about what he would do if he was Prime Minister, Arjun from Q3 Academy Langley said: *"I would put more money into schools to ensure all have a decent education and abolish the University Tuition Fees."*

Lead Professional for Humanities Mr Jack Mills said: *"The election campaigns have been stirring lively debates across the Q3 Academies Trust. Ahead of the mock General Election, students have heard assemblies addressing the core themes of the democratic process and had the opportunity to discuss the party manifestos in their tutor groups. It has been another successful week of democratic engagement for both the Great Barr and Langley sites and we remain incredibly proud of the enthusiasm shown by the students."*

The votes are in, they have been counted and verified:

Q3 Academy Great Barr:
Labour won with 469 votes

Q3 Academy Langley:
Labour won with 104 votes

National School Sports Week

Another successful National school sports week has passed with Discovery being crowned student champions and Social Design crowned champions for the staff.

Between the 26th and 30th June 2017, companies joined together to compete in a number of sporting challenges in order to win points in the competition to be crowned sports week champions.

Challenges included rowing sprints, penalty shoot outs against a teacher, basketball free-throws and golf chipping into nets.

Well done to all students and staff who took part.



Dr Nira Chamberlain pays a visit to students and staff at Q3 Academy Langley

Students and staff were treated to a visit by the inspirational and very amusing Dr Nira Chamberlain on Tuesday 4th July. Described by the Science Council as 'one of the UK's top 100 Scientists' Dr Nira is a renowned Mathematician, Mathematical Modeller and Data Science Consultant, and proud of it.

He regaled stories of his childhood growing up in a Birmingham Suburb and when he asked his careers advisor at school what path he should take he was told a boxer. It was his parents that advised him to follow his passions and said "you don't need anybody's permission to be a mathematician".

He explained how he has used his passion for Maths to create algorithms which have helped with the Ebola crisis. He created Chamberlain's method of Long Multiplication when he was volunteering in a Birmingham youth school. He also explained how he used the T-Mobile Flash Mob in Liverpool Street Station in London to explain human behaviour and mathematical modelling.

All the students and staff were inspired by his passion and enthusiasm for Mathematics. The talk was organised by Speakers 4 Schools.





Sponsor's Dinner

Mr Arnall began the proceedings with some nostalgia about his own teenage years and how he was inspired to do something big, to have dreams and do everything with passion. He encouraged the students to treat everyone with respect so that they are only limited by imagination and fear of failure. He finished his speech by reading the 'Man in the Arena' by Theodore Roosevelt.

This year's Sponsor's Dinner was reflective, with great sadness at the passing of a wonderful student who sadly lost her battle with Cancer. In her

honour the awards were changed this year to reflect students who had shown true grit and determination in times of huge adversity.

Mr Payne, upon introducing Debbie Flood (Olympic Rower) to the invited guests, staff and students told a story of complainers and contributors. He encouraged students to be contributors, who have true determination and attitude to succeed.

Debbie Flood did not disappoint in her message to the students. She

encouraged students to "embrace opportunities" and not go into "zombie" mode when life gets a little too tough. Encourage those around you as this gives them strength as words are powerful. She went through the highs and lows of her sporting career including being told by her coach two months into her gruelling training regime that she would be no more than an average rower, and how she turned her passion into success by loving and enjoying the sport and having a true passion for it.





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Q3 Sixth Form Student Takes Karate Gold

Q3 Academy Great Barr Sixth Form student Lewis Bradbury has finished his time at the Academy with a spectacular Gold Medal, awarded to him in the Under 21 Male Kumite Category at the BKF Home Nations 2017 on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th May. The draw saw him go up against some strong and experienced fighters, but he managed to defeat them all to take the Gold.

This is an amazing achievement as Lewis is in the middle of his final A-Level examinations. He has already been given an Unconditional offer to study Psychology at Coventry University this September.

A spokesperson for Japan Shotokan Karate (JKS) England said: *This is a great achievement and well done Lewis*”.

When asked about his achievements Lewis said: *Having been at Q3 Academy from Year 7 through to Year 13, I am grateful for the support from the School and staff, both academically and also in pursuit of my chosen sport, Karate for the past 6 years.*

I first started competing in Year 8 and have enjoyed increasing success ever since.

I became JKS English Champion in 2014 for my age group and again in 2015 in under 18 years and last year 2016.

I competed in the JKS European championships where I won 2 Bronze medals and last month I became the under 21 BKF British Champion. This was possible due to the support I receive from Q3 Staff who allowed me the time to compete, but also ensured I didn't miss any of my educational lessons.

I train over six hours a week at my club and also train in my own time at home, whilst still studying academically for my A level exams. I aim to continue teaching and competing in Karate when I go to University as I think it is important to maintain a healthy body and mind and have a good education. If you are committed to a project or sport and an education, it is possible, but you do have to work.

I am proud of my achievements so far, and am a firm believer, that in order to succeed you have to push yourself to limits you didn't know existed.”



Mr Lee receives Educational Accolade

Mr Lee was honoured on Friday 16th June 2017 with a prestigious nomination for the Pearson Teaching Award Head Teacher of the Year. This was voted for by the current Year 7 cohort of parents and carers that have children at the Academy.

This further strengthens the hard work and dedication that has been put into the Academy prior to its opening in September 2016. It also shows the strength and commitment by Mr Lee and his dedicated staff team to ensure that no child is left behind in Sandwell and particularly the Oldbury area where Q3 Academy Langley is situated.

The nominations included the following extract:

"Mr Lee has gone the extra mile in opening a new school in Sandwell, many people, staff, parents and pupils have no idea what he has done behind the scenes to ensure the transition for 150 plus children was a smooth one.

We often go about our daily lives without consideration for what others do to allow us to continue with our days and weeks, we would like to thank Mr Lee for being so invested in our child's education and allowing us to go to work each day safe in the knowledge that we made the right decision in choosing Q3 Academy and the ethos that is Q3".



Swimming Success for Q3 Academy Langley student

Year 7 student Jessie-Leigh Jenns celebrated picking up 4 gold medals at the West Midlands Swimming Championships earlier this month. Not bad for a young lady who only started swimming 2 years ago. She was able to fight off competition in 4 out of her 7 races to secure a 1st place position on the podium and a win of £50 for being announced as Head girl at the swimming meet.

When asked how she felt about the wins she said: *"I am excited about my wins and I live to be in the water, it feels calm"*. She also added that she was doing it to cheer her coach up who had recently been in hospital as she knew the wins would cheer him up.

Jessie-Leigh is now working her way up the league table and is currently sitting in 1st place for breaststroke within her age range. All at Q3 Academy Langley are extremely proud of her achievements and aspirations for the future in the sport.

Well done Jessie-Leigh!



Judo Success

Two Q3 Academy Great Barr students performed exceptionally well during a weekend of Judo on Saturday 8th April and Sunday 9th April, during the British Schools National Championships which were held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield.

One student Zakhi Abdul-Jamil gave a phenomenal performance in the under 60kg category winning a gold medal.

Wayne McDonald from the Institute of Sport said of Zakhi's performance: *"he won gold in spectacular fashion, dispatching his opponents with a very impressive display of techniques from his armoury".*







Bright Star Awards

Students and staff celebrated another year of hard work and dedication to their studies at the annual Bright Star Awards event. Special Guest ex-footballer and local entrepreneur Reuben Hazell urged students to look at life like a Mario Kart game, and explained that they had to keep going no matter what obstacles were thrown in their way.

Talking about his career path and his struggles with securing a team, he urged students to “not let anyone tell them that there is a shortcut to success” and urged them to “savour these awards”. He measures success by how many other people he makes successful in his daily life.

Students were commended for their hard work and dedication throughout the year in all subjects, with particular emphasis on hardship and achievement through adversity.

Reuben ended the presentation by saying that he wanted to give back to the school that gave him the opportunities (through work experience). He praised the students for their achievements and commented on how happy they looked to be receiving their awards. He also said he was considering sending his children to the Academy.

Students Shine at LGA Conference and Exhibition

On 4th July, 14 Year 10 boys were given the fantastic opportunity to attend the opening of the Local Government Association Conference and Exhibition 2017.

This year, the annual event which is attended by the leaders of local councils from across the country, was held at Birmingham's International Convention Centre. Q3 Academy Great Barr didn't just attend the event, though; they were the opening act! Students took the stage in front of a crowd of 1300 local government leaders, and represented the Academy beautifully.

Jahmari Hyatt had the honour of reading a poem to the delegation, to really get the event going, drawing massive applause from the audience. People later approached Jahmari to say how brave he was, and how even now, as the leader of their local council, they didn't

feel that they would have the confidence to talk on that stage.

Jahmari, and all of the students, took time to speak with grace and eloquence to a number of the conference attendees who wanted to speak with them and praise them at the interval between talks.



To understand the magnitude of the event, and how much of a great achievement this was for the Q3 Academy Great Barr students, you would have to consider the speakers that followed them in the first session of the conference.

The two final speakers of the session were councillor John Clancy, the leader of Birmingham City Council and The Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, who is the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. These are the individuals who have influence to make the decisions that impact the way that we live, and our students shared the stage with them and represented the Academy with distinction.



Q3 Academy Langley Student Council

This has been an exciting and productive term for Q3 Academy Langley Student Council. Head boy Benjamin Philpotts and Nathania Tapela delivered a speech to over 240 new students joining us in September 2017 for New Intake Evening and at the official opening of the new Design Centre steps. They spoke with pride and confidence making them true ambassadors for the Academy and the Q3 Academies Trust.

Student Council have also met on several occasions during this term to discuss Recycling and Local Community initiatives as well as charity work. This has led to a clothes bank being installed and monitored on the Q3 Academy Langley site.

To further strengthen their presence and support they attended the Summer Fete at the Academy where some Excellence

Leaders ran stalls and took part in a range of activities.

Miss Smith said: *"The Head Boy and Head Girl and Excellence Leaders have had a successful two terms. They have made a positive contribution in and around the Academy. I look forward to future elections in the new academic year."*

Beyond the Learning Room

Q3 Academy Great Barr visit Madrid

June 2017 saw the Q3 Academy Great Barr's commitment to the development of its students go beyond the Learning Room, when the MFL department organised its first visit to Madrid.

4 staff and 31 students embarked on a long weekend away to the capital of Spain. Students arrived in Madrid at 6p.m. on the Thursday where they were immediately



immersed in Spanish culture by trying Spanish food in a typical Madrilenian restaurant.

The following day's adventure began with them visiting a local school where they engaged in presentation activities and sports.

As would be expected, students were able to bridge any cultural gaps through their love of sport and competition; it was perhaps one of the highlights of the visit.

Miss Pastor said *"It was exhilarating to see the students communicating in Spanish and getting along so well"*.

The students then savoured the remainder of the day at a theme park. On Saturday they visited the Bernabeu Stadium, ate at the Hard Rock Café, enjoyed Retiro Park, and visited the National museum of Art with some of the finest art collections in Spain.



Students were able to walk around a typical Spanish plaza, indulge in chocolate and churros (a speciality of Madrid). The students and staff alike, returned exhausted on the Sunday, but buzzing with the excitement at the sheer range of experiences that they had been a part of.

What a great way for our Linguists to end the academic year.

¡Viva España!



Q3 Academy Langley visit Boulogne

Q3 Academy Langley took their learning outside of the classroom during their second trip to France. Once again, the trip was a complete success, with students representing the Academy beautifully.

49 students were extremely excited to be boarding the ferry from Dover to Calais in the early hours of Friday morning, this was for some of the students the first time they had travelled by ferry.



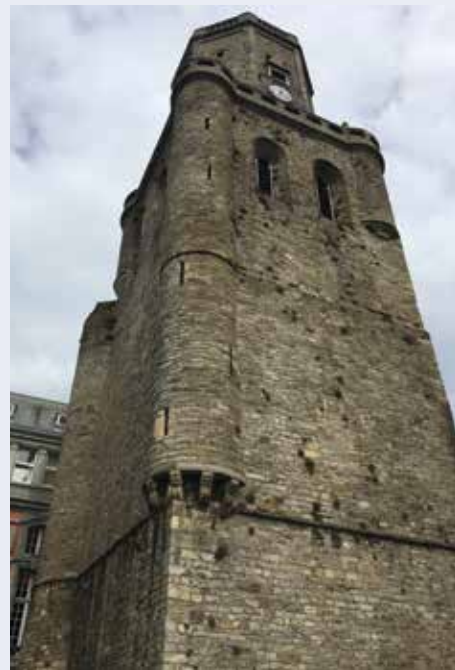
First stop was a snail farm 'l'Escargotière du Choquel' and students received a talk all in French from the owner and they coped so well with the challenge! They then got the chance to hold the snails before a few brave students and staff sampled a range of different flavours of snail, one of them being feta and raspberry along with the classic garlic butter flavour.

We took a brief visit around the old town as the weather brightened up, taking in some of the key sights before meeting the coach to travel home. All students and staff, although very tired by the end of their trip, thoroughly enjoyed their time in France and were able to put their conversational French into practice.

Boulogne was chosen as it is a great part of France. A very relaxed, small city on the northern coast renowned for its fantastic food and drink.

It gave students some valuable time in another country and they got to practice their French speaking skills by ordering their food.

This strengthened key themes covered in MFL lessons during the year as students were able to experience the food culture of France, including the snail farm!







Athletics Roundup

Q3 Academy Langley has had an extremely successful athletics season this year.

Six students (Dan Blake, Henry Jordan, Eugenie Jackson, Savannah Sarjit, Jessie-Leigh Jenns and Tiarna Harris) from the Year 7 cohort have been chosen to represent Sandwell at the Alexander Stadium during the season.

Huge congratulations must go to Henry Jordan and Eugenie Jackson for all their hard work and dedication in this field.

Q3 Academy Great Barr has also been incredibly successful in Athletics. In May, the National Give and Gain Day kicked off the season at Tipton Sports Academy. It was a chance for our Year 7 students to shine for the first time, and they certainly delivered, with the Year 7 boys becoming Regional Winners. More success followed in the Sandwell Outdoor League,

where again the Year 7 boys team were crowned champions. The Year 8 teams both qualified to represent Sandwell in the Black Country School Games, where they finished third. The Year 9 girls team also finished third in the Sandwell Outdoor League.

Fourteen students qualified to represent Sandwell in the prestigious West Midlands Athletics Championships, held at Birmingham Alexander Stadium. Year 7, Zak Sulayman won his Javelin competition and finished overall Boys Year 7 Champion in the Sandwell League. Jessica Moore in Year 8 competed for the Year 9 team and was also named Champion.

Great individual and team performances were displayed and exciting talent unearthed for future success for the Q3 Academies Trust.



Year 11 Leavers' Service

Q3 Academy Great Barr bid a fond farewell to their current Year 11 cohort on Monday 26th June. The service held at St Margaret's Church and led by Governor Reverend Rutter was a lovely poignant reminder of the last 5 years most students have spent at Q3 Academy Great Barr.

Dr Badyal congratulated the 180 students on being a fantastic year group and said that she was "proud" of them all. She used roses

picked fresh that morning from her garden to reflect on their time at the Academy and to visualise the thorns being the difficult times in their lives. As they embark on their life now into adulthood they become fully formed roses. She left them pondering a saying from Winston Churchill:

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

Students shared their beloved memories of life at the Academy from the trips to Lichfield (which seemed to be a memorable one for so many) to samosa sales for Charity Days.

Reverend Rutter shared memories of his childhood living in and around the local area and Head of School Mr Mark Arnall told them that "they deserved success" but urged them to remain humble, be bold and have courage.



Sixth Form Leavers' Tea Party

As the exam season gets more hectic and the pressures on A-Level students increases, Q3 Academy Great Barr bid a fond farewell to their Year 13 cohort during their Sixth Form tea party in June.

Rewards were given and memories shared for some spanning over 7 years. Students were sharing their new journeys, for some this includes university and others entering the world of work on Apprenticeship schemes.

Two students who began life at Q3 Academy Great Barr when it opened the new building in 2010 shared their experiences by saying: *"Leaving Q3 today is incredibly emotional for me. This is where I've been inspired, brought up, challenged for 7 years. I am humbled to have known the incredible staff here, particularly in the Humanities Department"*. - **Marcus Boyle**

"The past seven years at Q3 have been an incredible experience. From the teacher who challenged me and enabled me to succeed, to the students who have become my closest friends. It's been a great time". - **Chloe Wescott**

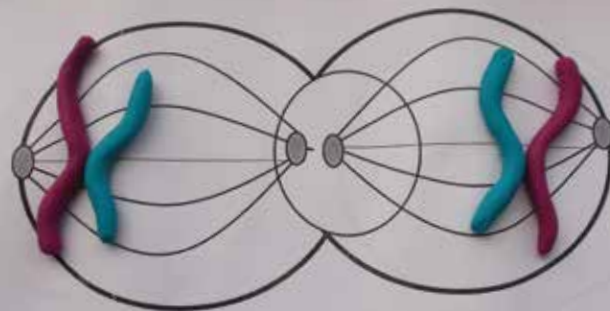
We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and look forward to sharing their successes in years to come.





Stage

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Chromosomes are pulled apart in opposite directions to form chromatids.



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Mg - $1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2$
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MAJOR TREND:

positive charge nucleus as you go down the group.

DECREASES

Group 2 has an extra shell compared to the one above.

The shell means the outer electrons further from the nucleus.



The Science Department

All teachers are creative, we have to be! This year, the Science Department at Q3 Academy Great Barr have taken creativity and innovation to a new level, to engage our young learners and instil a deep rooted love of all things scientific.

This year's learning journey has led students down a unique and unusual pathway; activities used and developed within lessons have taken classes on a rollercoaster adventure. It is not unusual for students to substitute books and paper for windows, tables, floors and even toilet paper!

Our re-designed KS3 curriculum has allowed students to engage in a variety of practical activities spanning from the expected Bunsen burner investigations to designing and racing their own cars on a purpose-built scalextric track. Our fresh ideas have drawn the attention of Dendrite and we have secured

funding to develop this activity even further next year. The competition is on for all Year 7 students who will design and build a rocket car to enter into a national competition 'The Bloodhound Race for the Line'. Bring on a Q3 victory!

If the race track didn't set their pulses racing, students across the Academy have also had the opportunity to develop a unique set of cooking skills. Could you make ice-cream without a freezer? Bake a cake without an oven? Pop some popcorn without a pan? Students at Q3 Academy Great Barr certainly can! The Science Department have embraced their inner Mary Berry and trialled a range of activities which aim to tackle difficult scientific concepts.

The unique approach to teaching and learning has been a huge success and will be developed further for the next academic year!

To break the stigma and attitudes related to traditional revision techniques, the department has put a huge emphasis on the development of activities which enable students to recap and develop knowledge without rote learning. Our active and meaningful revision tasks have included; revision rolex, revision roll-it, Scrabble, Rapidough, Tarsia puzzles, snakes and ladders, A-Z, paper chains and stop motion animation alongside more traditional techniques with a Q3 twist! We expect this to have a huge impact on current students and have been delighted by the feedback from classes who have been involved so far!

2017-18 will see us continue to develop strategies and techniques to make sure that the teaching of Science at Q3 is the best that it can possibly be.

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Cadets Update

Q3 Academy is very excited to announce that from September 2017, we will have a Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Royal Air Force (RAF) Detachment. This will be led by Mrs Wilde as Contingent Commander, supported by Mr Stabler and Mr Burlace at first. More staff are waiting in the wings to train and develop as our detachment grows.

The CCF (RAF) aims to offer an exciting and challenging cadet experience, based around flying and aviation and so inspire young people to learn and develop new skills.

Membership of the CCF (RAF) is exciting, rewarding and above all fun. You'll discover skills you never knew you had, do things and visit places you never thought you would, and meet lots of like-minded people who will become your teammates and friends.

You'll also have the opportunity to challenge yourself with adventurous training, be selected to represent your country or school on the International Air Cadet Exchange programme, or develop your potential on the Air Cadet Leadership Course. You can really shine as a cadet.

Every year the CCF (RAF) provides cadets with approximately 36 flying scholarships, with every cadet having the opportunity to have at least one flying lesson with a qualified RAF pilot.

Some of the key CCF activities such as first aid, navigation, leadership and drill will be undertaken by cadets from all sections of the CCF.

However, each service will also have specialist activities.

We will be parading on Wednesdays, 4-6pm and will be based in the new Grace Payne Learning Centre. The building will be officially opened in November as part of our Armistice Day observance. We are supported by RAF Cosford and their team, comprising of Squadron Leader Roger Taylor and our area support Sergeant Shaun Taylor.

Please see Mrs Wilde if you are interested.



Combined Cadet Force

Lettings & Events

Q3 Academy can accommodate almost any event, including:

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- Conferences;
- Theatre Productions;
- Sporting Events;
- Teaching Workshops;
- Art Exhibitions, and many more.

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