

13th January 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the start of the new term and another exciting year. Staff and students joined me for assemblies where we were able to reflect on the year ahead and our plans for achieving excellence.

The safety of our students is a priority. There have recently been a number of incidents where students have not informed parents/carers if they are not returning directly home at the end of the Academy day. On one occasion police had to be informed as the child was still missing after 5.30 pm. At the Academy we will continue to do all that we can to support families if a child is missing however, this worry can be avoided if there is clear communication about expectations for returning home at an agreed time.

The students have made a very positive start to the new term in relation to their business dress, and I thank you for your support with this. Excellent attendance and punctuality are both essential factors which contribute to success and we hope you will support us in our shared mission to achieve this.

Attached is a letter inviting parents and carers to take part in our '**Parent Support Study Skills**' sessions and E-Safety training. These have proved very successful in the past and given our parents and carers an opportunity to help their child/children take responsibility for their own learning.

If we have adverse weather conditions during the weeks ahead we will continue to endeavour to open the Academy but **please check both the Q3 Website and the information provided by the local radio stations.**

May I remind you not to bring cars onto the Academy site when dropping off or collecting your children. Please also take care when parking outside the Academy. We have had a number of occasions when parking and general movement around the turning circle has put our children's safety at risk. The designated drop off area should be used and not the areas marked with double yellow lines. Traffic enforcement officers regularly patrol the area in unmarked cars and have already issued penalty notices. We understand that space is limited, however, we need your support to ensure the safety of all our children.

Please remember to visit our website www.q3academy.org.uk and Facebook page (QThreeAcademy Trust) and follow us on Twitter (@q3academy) for regular updates on Academy life.

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A reminder about key dates for this term is provided below.

- Internal Examinations (Year 7): 19th January – 23rd January
- INSET DAY (Academy closed to all students): Monday 26th January
- Parents' Consultation Day (Years 7 and 9): Thursday 12th February (times to be confirmed)
- Half Term Holidays: 16th February – 20th February
- Sixth Form Drop in Evening: Wednesday 4th March
- Parents' Consultation Day (Years 8, 11 and 13): Tuesday 10th March (times to be confirmed)
- Pathways Evening: Wednesday 18th March
- Non Business Dress Day: Friday 20th March
- Internal Examinations (Year 8): 23rd March – 26th March
- Sponsors' Dinner: Thursday 26th March
- INSET DAY (Academy closed to all students): Friday 27th March
- Easter Holidays: 30th March – 10th April 2015

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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