

13th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers



Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the new term.

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. Please be reminded that we do not authorise requests for holidays in term time.

I particularly wish to thank Year 11 for their positive approach to the after school revision and support sessions we have started this week. With a steady and planned approach to extra support, we look forward to Year 11 making great gains in their learning in preparation for their forthcoming examinations.

Our Careers Speed Networking Event takes place on Monday 27th March 2017. The primary goal is to raise awareness of the skills, qualifications and potential routes into different careers. Based on a "Speed Networking" concept, we are seeking employers who are passionate about their business to donate half a day of their time to talk to young people about working in their industry. Each business volunteer will have their own station and students will take turns to carousel around in small groups to find out more about different career paths and ask questions to gain an insight into the world of work. If any of our Parents/Carers would like to help with the event please contact us through <https://goo.gl/jhThBX>.

If we have adverse weather conditions during the weeks ahead we will continue to endeavour to open the Academy but **please check the Q3 Academy Website and the information provided by local radio stations and the Sandwell Council website www.sandwell.gov.uk/schoolclosures for updates.**

Please remember to visit our website www.q3academy.org.uk and Facebook page (Q3 Academy Great Barr) and follow us on Twitter (@q3academy) for regular updates on Academy life.

A list of key dates for the Spring Term 2017 is provided below:

- INSET DAY – 27th January (Academy closed to all students)
- Half Term Holidays – 20th February 2017 – 24th February 2017
- Parents' Consultation Day (Years 7, 8 & 9) – 9th March 2017 (Academy closed from 2.05pm)
- Pathways Evening – 14th March 2017 (times to be confirmed)
- Parents' Consultation Day (Years 10, 11, 12 & 13) – 23rd March 2017 (Academy closed from 2.05pm)
- Careers Speed Networking – 27th March 2017 (8.00am – 1.00pm)
- Sponsor's Dinner – 5th April 2017 (times to be confirmed)
- Easter holidays – 10th April – 21st April 2017

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M Arnall'.

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