



ACADEMY
GREAT BARR

26th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach end of term and Easter, I would like to thank our students and staff for their fantastic commitment, teamwork and energy. I wish to thank the parents, carers and members of the community for the outstanding support provided to the Academy.

The Academy recently said goodbye to Mrs Mills who had been at the Academy and previously Dartmouth High School for 16 years. Mrs Dodd and Miss Gilder are also leaving us at the end of term, I would like to thank them for their work at Q3 Academy and wish them all every success in the future.

As students prepare for the examinations it can be a demanding time for students and their families. It's common for a Year 11 student to sit 24 exams taking 39 hours to get 10 GCSEs. To help, parents and carers of Year 11 students will have received a letter inviting their child to Easter revision sessions and details of the subject date and time are clearly included in each letter. Students should also make a final check of their examination timetables for any errors or missing entries. As ever, staff have been a tremendous support to students and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their considerable efforts.

A copy of the latest edition of FoQus was given to all students this week, which I hope you will enjoy reading. It really does show the range of activities that children can enjoy at our Academies.

Our PACT group (parents/carers) have again been at the forefront of raising funds to support students and their next event is a Barn Dance taking place on 3rd July 2018 (further details are available on the website).

With the Summer Term approaching, I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring a continued focus on high standards of Business Dress, attendance and punctuality. All students are expected to be at their lockers by 8.55 am; any arrivals beyond this time will be marked as 'late' in the register.

May I remind you that mobile telephones will be confiscated if they are found to be switched. Students are responsible for the safety and security of their telephones. They must not be used to send or receive calls/messages at any time while the student is in the Academy.

A lost property reclaim day will be held during the holiday period on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 from 10.00am until 1.00pm

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The Academy closes for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 28th March at the normal time and re-opens to staff and students on Monday 16th April at 8.55am. A full list of dates for the next half-term is provided below. Please continue to check our website (www.q3academy.org.uk), Twitter (@q3academy) and Facebook (Q3 Academy Great Barr) for updates.

Dates for the next Half Term 2018:

- 29th March – INSET Day (Academy closed to all students)
- 30th March – 13th April – Easter Holidays
- 27th April – Year 7 Hori7on Showcase
- 2nd May – New Intake Evening 1
- 4th May – INSET Day (Academy closed to all students)
- Bank Holiday – 7th May (Academy closed to all staff & students)
- 8th May – Summer Examinations begin
- 28th May – 1st June – Half Term Holidays

These dates may be subject to change but should this occur you will be given notice in writing.

Yours sincerely



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