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21st September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new academic year 2018-2019.



The term is now well underway and we are delighted that our students have settled into the new academic year so well. I am particularly impressed with our new Year 7 students and with the warm welcome they have been shown by older students. We are equally proud that so many of our former Year 11 students have achieved the grades they needed to return to our Sixth Form.

I was delighted to be able to address all students in their Company assemblies at the beginning of the term and they all looked very smart in their Business Dress. This year we emphasised the importance of happiness as the foundation to later success, and especially the courage to take risks, make mistakes and learn from them. Our PLDs also re-enforced our focus on ensuring they are always well prepared for learning. Good attendance, punctuality, smart Business Dress, arriving with the correct equipment and having a positive attitude are all important factors that were discussed. Our sponsor, Mr Payne also welcomed the Year 7 students and shared his vision for success.

As you are already aware, we expect excellent attendance, and ultimately the students benefit from this not only from an educational stance but also for their future beyond the Academy. Therefore, be aware that family holidays during term time will not be considered and any holiday taken will be counted as '**unauthorised**' in the official register. Holidays taken during term time affect your child's achievement and attainment – please bear this in mind. Punctuality is also very important and we therefore expect all students to be in the Academy for 8.55a.m. at the latest, ensuring a prompt 9.00a.m. start to lessons. If you drop your child off at the Academy, it is important that the 8.55a.m. start is maintained. May I also remind you about safe and considerate parking in the interests of all our children, and the local community following the introduction of the Red Route on Wilderness Lane.

All students are provided with a free breakfast consisting of two slices of toast and juice each morning. Please encourage your child to join us for breakfast from 8.00a.m. As the most important meal of the day, breakfast ensures a good start to learning. Students must be in the Academy before 8.45a.m. if they wish to benefit from this service.

The price of the daily meal deal remains the same as last year at £2.30. The food provided is varied and nutritious and I hope you will encourage your child to use the restaurant facility.

If you wish to become more closely involved with Academy life, our Parents' and Academy Contact Team (PACT) hold meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, and would welcome new supporters. Their next event is a quiz night on Friday 12th October. Likewise, you may wish to volunteer your time and we are currently seeking adults to support our reading schemes and raising aspiration programmes. Please call the Academy to find out more.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents, carers and families of our Community Lunches. Our Community Lunches are held regularly throughout the year, often with entertainment or guest speakers and we especially welcome new members in particular families of Year 7 students who we invite to a Christmas Community Lunch in December. If you want to register your interest in joining our community events then please contact heather.may@q3academy.org.uk.

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To keep you well informed, we regularly add to the information available on our website. Please take the opportunity to visit at www.q3academy.org.uk. Do also continue to use the website to provide us with any feedback you may have – your views are very important to us. We also have regular updates on Twitter (you can follow us @q3academy) and on our Facebook page (Q3 Academy Great Barr).

This Term's Key dates for your diary:

- Open Mornings – 24th September 2018 – 28th September 2018 – 9.15a.m. – 11a.m.
- Open Day – Saturday 30th September 2018 – 9a.m. – 12p.m.
- Macmillan Coffee Morning – 28th September 2018 – 10a.m. – 12.30p.m.
- PACT Quiz – 12th October 2018 (times to be confirmed)
- Parents' Consultation (Years 7 & 12) – 18th October 2018 – 3.30p.m. – 7.30p.m.
- Sixth Form Thailand Trip – 24th October 2018 – 1st November 2018
- Grace Payne Speaking Contest – 24th October 2018 (times to be confirmed)
- Inset Days – 25th & 26th October 2018 (Academy is closed to all students)
- Half Term Holidays – 29th October 2018 – 2nd November 2018
- Sixth Form Open Evening – 8th November 2018 – 6.15p.m. – 8p.m.
- Year 8 Cre8 Showcase – 5th November 2018 – 2.05p.m. – 3p.m.
- Year 7 Hori7on Showcase – 9th November 2018 – 2.05p.m. – 3p.m.
- A-Z of Musicals - Reach for the Stars – 12th - 13th November 2018
- Parents' Consultation & Collection of Certificates (Years 11 & 13) – 27th November 2018 – 3.30p.m. - 7.30p.m.
- Business Breakfast – 5th December 2018
- Christmas Performance – 6th December 2018 (times to be confirmed)

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3rd September 2018 – Friday 14th December 2018

(Monday 3rd September 2018, Thursday 25th October and Friday 26th October 2018 are INSET DAYS and closed to students)

Half Term: Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November 2018

Christmas Holidays: Monday 17th December 2018 – Monday 7th January 2019

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7th January – Friday 12th April 2019

(Monday 7th January 2019 and Friday 12th April 2019 are INSET DAYS and closed to students)

Half Term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019

Easter Holidays: Monday 15th April – Friday 26th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Monday 29th April – Friday 26th July 2019

(Monday 1st July 2019 is an INSET DAY and closed to students)

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2019

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019

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

I look forward to seeing you during the academic year when we can share the progress and wider achievements of your children.

Yours sincerely



Mark Arnall
Head of School

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