

9<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to write to you with final details of the Transition Week 2009. The week will commence on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and is a compulsory week for all students.

The aim of the week is to welcome new students in to the Academy and focus upon some key elements that include the Academy's Specialisms; Design and Enterprise, strengthening the Q3 Ethos and exploring some curriculum enrichment for all. We hope that it will be an exciting week full of new experiences and opportunities. It will be a critical opportunity to reflect on the first year at Q3 Academy.

In order to help students prepare for the week, please refer to the following programme:

#### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 7 students report to the allocated tutor room at 9.15am. Students will spend the day with their tutor exploring the Academy Ethos. We are delighted to welcome some visitors to the Academy for the day who will facilitate sessions designed to get students working together. Parents/carers can expect to hear of some amazing experiences during this day to include drumming, salsa dancing and tai chi possibly. Please provide a healthy packed lunch for students. Students eligible for free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch. Tokens can be collected in the usual way and will be exchanged for a lunch in the restaurant.

#### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Year 7 students will report to the main hall at 9.15am. We are very lucky to welcome a visiting designer from London called John Corcoran to Q3 Academy. Mr Corcoran will be visiting the new Academy build prior to this date to identify a design need. He will be setting a Design Brief at the start of the day that all Year 7 students will work towards with Design specialists from the Academy. We hope that the winning design will appear in the new Q3 building in the future. Year 7 students will work with Q3 design staff and under graduate visitors from Wolverhampton University.

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

During the day all Year 7 students will work with a visiting company called 'Bright Futures' on an Enterprise activity. Students will report to one of four allocated rooms near to the Lifestyle Office. Lists will be provided to them. **The company have requested that all students must wear their Business Dress during the day in order to help create the business ethos necessary to set the scene!**

Those students visiting Boreatton Park will leave the school site at approximately 1pm to start their journey to the centre. We hope that they have a lovely time!

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

All students to report to the Hall at 9.15am please.

The majority of Year 7 will be out during the day at the Black Country Museum. Please see the separate letter for explicit details of requirements for this trip. For

those children remaining on site, they will participate in a workshop called 'Our World' which will explore issues faced by developing countries and help to create an empathy for those less fortunate than themselves.

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

At 9.15am students will be required at the Sports Hall for a workshop called 'how to Save the Planet in 45 minutes'. This has been organised by Discovery – the Science department.

They will then attend a Communications session on 'Communication', either in a new language or as part of a non-verbal exercise.

Finally they will be involved in a Discovery session on the field in Maths looking at various race challenges.

Children will be expected to arrive at the Academy for a 9.15am start each day. During Transition Week, the Academy day will end at 3.05pm each day. We ask that all students wear the Academy tracksuit for the week with the exception of Wednesday for Year 7's where Business Dress is a requirement. In the event of needing a change of polo shirt, please would parents ensure that this is a plain white or navy blue one please. Other than Monday, students can choose to bring sandwiches (eaten in the Hall) or they may purchase sandwiches from our restaurant. Hot meals will cease to be available during Transition Week. Lunch will be at 12.35pm each day.

During the week, we anticipate that we will generate some media interest. If you would prefer that your child is not filmed or photographed, please make this explicitly clear to the appropriate Company office again. Thank you.

### **How can you help further?**

- Please ensure that you child arrives on time each day during Transition Week.
- Let Companies know if your child will be absent for any reason during the week.
- Talk about your child's experiences throughout the week. They will certainly be very varied and perhaps a little alternative!

Please do not hesitate to contact me further if you have any questions. For a direct response, alternatively please contact the appropriate Company Administrator who will forward any concerns or questions to the appropriate Personalised Learning Director or Strategic Director.

I hope that you and your children are looking forward to Transition Week as much as we are!

Yours sincerely

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