



Dear Parents/Carers

### CARE Days 2026

As we move into the summer term, we do so with a real sense of excitement and anticipation for the opportunities ahead. This year, we are delighted to introduce a refreshed end-of-year experience, **CARE Days**, which have been thoughtfully designed to celebrate the achievements of our students who truly embody our CARE values of Community, Ambition, Respect and Excellence. This new offer has been shaped by the voices of our community. We would like to thank our students, staff and parents/carers for your valuable feedback throughout the year, which has helped us to reimagine how we recognise and reward success across the Academy.

We are very mindful of the financial pressures facing families. With this in mind, we have worked closely with our travel provider to secure the very best value – there has been no price increase since last year.

#### How are students eligible to take part?

Students who achieved their Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Q-Point Award by May half-term are eligible to take part in CARE Days to celebrate their positive contribution to Academy life. Students who do not meet this threshold will attend the Academy as normal until we break up for the summer holidays at 3:15pm on Thursday 23rd July.

#### How do I choose my child's CARE Day?

Please read the form overleaf carefully. Once completed, kindly sign and date the form, and return it to Student Services. Please note that some trips have limited places, which will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To avoid disappointment, we strongly encourage early returns. **Deadline for return: Monday 29th June.**

#### How do I then pay for trips?

Once all forms have been collected and allocations finalised, your child's selected trips will be added to ParentPay. Please allow a short period for Student Services to process this. **Deadline for payment: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Please note that payments cannot be accepted after this date, and all payments are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

#### What should students wear? What should they bring? What time should they arrive?

Dates and times for each trip are shown on ParentPay and will also be shared by reminder email the week before departure. Students on trips may wear their own sensible and appropriate clothing, and should take water to stay hydrated, pack sunscreen and a cap (or a coat if we're unlucky with weather), and keep any spending money safe.

#### How do the free activities work?

Students participating in on-site activities should attend the Academy as usual, wearing their Q3 Academy Great Barr Sports Kit. The timings of the day will remain unchanged.

We are incredibly proud of the way our students continue to demonstrate our CARE values, and CARE Days 2026 promises to be a fitting celebration of their hard work, character and achievements. We look forward to creating lasting memories together at the end of another successful year.

To ensure we can respond efficiently to queries, we kindly ask that any questions are directed to our trips helpdesk at [trips@GBR.merciantrust.org.uk](mailto:trips@GBR.merciantrust.org.uk)

Yours faithfully



Mr L Price  
**Assistant Headteacher  
& Educational Visits Coordinator**

## CARE Days 2026 – Student Selection Form

This form must be completed by the legal parent/carer of the child.

Student's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

**Students who have Bronze Awards may select ONE trip in total (on either day),  
Students who have Silver, Gold, or Platinum Awards may select TWO trips in total (one each day).**

**Students with a GOLD award will receive a discount of £10 off each trip,  
students with a PLATINUM award will receive a discount of £20 off each trip.**

<b>CARE Day 1 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026</b> Tick <b>ONE</b> option... ↓	Standard on the gate price – ticket only	Our price – including transport & insurance
West Midlands Safari Park (includes safari experience and all rides)	<del>£46</del>	£40
Alton Towers Theme Park (includes all rides)	<del>£68</del>	£50
Blackpool Pleasure Beach (includes all rides)	<del>£60</del>	£50

**...OR (for Bronze students).../...AND (for Silver, Gold, and Platinum students)...**

<b>CARE Day 2 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026</b> Tick <b>ONE</b> option... ↓	Standard on the gate price – ticket only	Our price – including transport & insurance
On-site Activities at the Academy		FREE
Blackpool Pleasure Beach (includes all rides)	<del>£60</del>	£50
Alton Towers (includes all rides)	<del>£68</del>	£50

**This form must be returned to Student Services by Monday 29th June.  
The trip will then be added to your ParentPay account for payment by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.**

**All trips are non-refundable and non-transferable; amendments cannot be made at a later date.**  
If payment is not received by the payment deadline, your child's place will be cancelled. All trip payments are non-refundable and bookings bound by our usual trip T&Cs available at: [www.q3academy.org.uk/trips](http://www.q3academy.org.uk/trips)

We are proud of our CARE Days offering in acknowledgment of the hard work and dedication of our fantastic students. If the behaviour or commitment to learning of a student becomes a concern, we may withdraw our invitation to participate in CARE Days at any time. Therefore, we encourage all students to maintain high standards of excellence at the Academy at all times.

### Parent/Carer Consent Statement

I, as legal guardian of the aforementioned child, understand the information provided and agree to terms and conditions as stated. I provide full consent for my child to participate in the selected activities. Any activities that require payment will be paid for on ParentPay by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. If payment is not received by this date, the place will not be held. I confirm that the information the Academy hold for my child, me, and at least one other emergency contact is correct.

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Printed)

Parent/Carer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_