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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the Spring half term, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support, in what has been a challenging beginning to 2021. I am thankful for the support of all families in supporting a continuation of learning for our students, and for not allowing the distance between us to be a barrier to your child's learning and progress. I am reassured through the level of engagement of our students and the regular contact with our families, that whatever awaits us on the other side of half term, we will approach it as a family, dedicated to the progress and success of our children.

Throughout Spring term 1, we have continued to explore and develop some fantastic opportunities. Some of these include:

Children's Mental Health Week. Our children's mental health continues to be a priority at City Academy. The first week in February was Children's Mental Health Week. As a school, students participated in a competition organized by the Titan Partnership. We were incredibly impressed with the quality of work submitted by our students.

Horizons Festival. As a part of Echo Eternal and in the lead up to Holocaust Memorial Day, City Academy joined several schools and colleges across the UK in the Horizons festival 2020. The festival ran from the 7th until the 29th of January and the theme was 'Be the light in the darkness'. During this time, students were given the opportunity to reflect on the impact of the Holocaust and how we as individuals can build hope for a more positive future.

Student Leadership. This term has seen the introduction of student leadership teams in each year group. They have been meeting with their Heads of Year and the Senior Leadership Team, to share their views on remote learning, mental health and wellbeing and wider aspects of the academy. Their views have been pivotal in shaping the future of the academy.

Following half term, our focus will remain on remote learning, with a return to remote learning at 8:45am on Monday 22nd February. As you are aware the Government will make an announcement in the week beginning the 22nd February outlining when schools will be re-opening. We know that the earliest date will be the 8th March, but as yet we do not know whether schools will re-open for all year groups. We will inform you as soon as we know more but, in the meantime, you can be assured that our remote education provision will remain strong, varied and balanced.

Over half term, there is support available for families in terms of wellbeing and welfare. Teaching staff will not be in school, however the academy email address and phone lines will be monitored during working hours over half term so please email us on enquiries@corecity.academy.

Alternatively, here are some links to support:

<https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause> – PAUSE – Forward Thinking Birmingham

<https://youngminds.org.uk/> – Young Minds



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<https://www.kooth.com/> – KOOH – Your online mental wellbeing community

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> – CEOP – For any online safety concerns

Year 11 Results Summer 2021. The consultation period has ended, and we are awaiting details of what the format of the 2021 results will be. During this period of uncertainty, it is essential that students continue to engage with their remote learning and produce work that reflects their abilities. As soon we have any further details, we will inform you.

I wish you all a safe and restful half term break and look forward to welcoming all students to the academy in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Bailey
Headteacher