

1 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of City Academy,

Thank you for your ongoing support, I have been really pleased with the manner in which students have settled back into school this week following the half term holiday. We have worked hard to rectify standards in uniform, and the attendance has remained steady.

Thank you to everyone.

Lateness to the academy:

Can you make every effort to support your child to attend the academy on time. The vast majority of students are in attendance on time, but we have students who regularly arrive late to the academy. Students arriving after 9am do not receive a morning mark and this will result in fine letters being sent home. Can I please ask that there is a concerted effort to ensure that students are arriving to the academy on time.

Careers Fair - Thursday 5th March

All students will have the opportunity to visit the Careers Fair at some point during the day on Thursday. We have over 30 providers who will be present including Sixth Forms, Colleges, Apprenticeships, Employers etc. It will be a fantastic opportunity for students to become knowledgeable about any potential future careers you may be considering. Come prepared to ask questions, for example, what qualifications and grades will I need, what job sectors will I be able to gain employment in.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

Next Thursday, students will see staff dressed up as characters from books - try and guess who they are. At City we encourage all children to read - aim for at least one book a week. During form time there will be activities to celebrate 'World Book Day', would you be able to name your favourite book? Research suggests that children whose parents read are also most likely to read, so we would like to encourage parents to support their child by either reading their own book or reading with their child.

Year 11

There are only 35 school days remaining before the GCSE examinations begin and Year 11 should be making sure they are using the time wisely. Recently there has been a significant dip in attendance to Period 6 lessons, maybe it was the dark nights, but I expect all year 11 to attend and make the most of these sessions from next week. We will be having a significant push with students attending P6 sessions.

Revision sessions will be taking place during the Easter holidays so please keep these days free. If any Year 11 is feeling apprehensive and requires support, please speak to your academic Tutor in the first instance.

Advance notice - in previous years, students have missed crucial exams due to parents booking a holiday or planned a family occasion. Can I ask all parents not to arrange anything during the exam period - students have been working hard for these exams for many years and it would be a shame if they did not get the opportunity to sit them. The exam season starts on **Monday 4th May until 26th June.**

Year 8 Exam Week

During the next two weeks Year 8 students will be undertaking the second set of assessments this year. Teachers will inform them when they are doing their subject. Students should be revising all the work that they have done so far this year. The results will be used to assess a child's progress and identify which topics they need to revisit.

Important dates this half term:

- Week beginning 2nd March - National Careers week
- Week beginning 2nd March - Year 7 + 8 PC2 Exams
- Thursday 5th March - Careers Fair
- Thursday 5th March-World Book Day
- Thursday 26th March-HPV Vaccinations
- Friday 27th March - Rewards Fair
- Friday 27th March - end of term

I look forward to your engagement across the half term.

Kind regards

Mr Malik
Head of School