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Dear parents/carers

As we end this extraordinary school year, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support through everything coronavirus has thrown at us. The students, and staff, have shown great resilience in the face of the challenges, and we feel incredibly proud to lead such a strong community.

Due to COVID, rewards trips have now been postponed to the Autumn Term.

The Government's recent announcements mean we look ahead to September with optimism for a less disrupted year. Later this summer, requirements to isolate will end for under-18-year-olds, along with the current bubble structure and social distancing in schools. Students are still encouraged to test themselves for COVID-19 and to record the results in the usual way. Our priority remains the welfare of all students and staff; we will continue to keep a close eye on the guidance over the summer and communicate any changes to our plans, should they be necessary.

To help make the return to school as smooth as possible we will be keeping year groups on the same sites as now:

- years 7 to 9 (current year 6 to 8) at Langley Walk
- years 10 and 11 (current year 9 and 10) at Newhall Street

Students will return to newly decorated classrooms and refurbished public areas in both Newhall Street and Langley Walk following significant investment from CORE Education Trust.

We are also introducing two new, exciting programmes to our education and learning offer at City Academy:

- CORE Works: We're partnering with Digital Innovators to offer a new skills-based programme for students in year 10 and 11. Taken alongside their GCSEs, the programme is designed to complement academic qualifications with work-place skills like problem-solving, communication and teamwork.
- CORE Hello: Students in years 7 to 11 needing additional language tuition will be supported by a team of specialist staff, and have access to new technology, to remove any language barriers and help them thrive.

Students in year 11 and their parents/carers are welcome to come into school, to the Langley Walk site, to collect their GCSE results on **Thursday 12th August 2021**. Staff and senior leaders will be on hand to give students the advice and support as they take their next step in education. If you are unable to come into school, please contact us, so we can make arrangements to get your results to you.

Please can you take this opportunity over the summer holidays to ensure your child has their full school uniform ready for September. All students must be in their City Academy blazer and tie, a pale blue shirt, grey trousers or skirt and black leather school shoes (grey v neck jumpers are optional). Black trousers and trainers are not part of our school uniform and any child that arrives to school in the incorrect uniform may be sent home. Please visit our school website for further information regarding uniform.

Students last day of term will be **Wednesday 21st July 2021** and students will break for their Summer at the slightly earlier times below. All students will be able to access the canteen to collect their lunch before they leave school for the day.

- Year 7 – will leave school from 11:45
- Year 8 – will leave school from 12:05
- Year 9 – will leave school from 11:45
- Year 10 – will leave school from 12:05

All that remains is to wish you and your family an enjoyable summer break; we look forward to seeing you in September when students are due to return on **Monday 6th September 2021**, however further information will follow as we are awaiting further government guidance around testing students on return to school.

Yours sincerely



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