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Dear Parents/Carers and Students of City Academy,

Thank you for your continued support at Our City. Bulletins will continue to remain a key part in the ongoing communication on standards and activities at the academy.

School Wars Social Media Campaign Briefing for Parents and Carers

We have been made aware of a social media campaign called school wars with a list of red schools pitted against blue schools urging students in each of the schools to combine as one team in getting involved in physical assault with points for beating someone up from the opposite team of schools and extra points for filming it or robbing a child.

Schools in Birmingham are aware of the campaign which is being promoted on social media with no indication at present that this will take place. We are sharing some helpful guidance for parents and carers to support your child as below:

How you can help:

- Speak with your child about staying away from any gatherings linked to this trend and the potential risks involved.
- Encourage your child to go straight home after school and not hang around in local parks.
- Continue to uphold a vigilance in respect of your child's mobile phone use.
- Encourage your child to report any information or concerns to their form tutor.
- If parents and carers hear or see anything worrying, including online posts, please report this to the police via 101, and notify us as soon as possible.

Students Visiting the toilet

At Our City, every minute in every lesson matter because it shapes your learning and future success. We have noticed an increase in the number of children who are visiting the toilet during lesson time. We fully understand the need to use the toilet and will never deny this, but we ask all students to try to use the toilets before school, at break and Lunch time. Students must leave the lesson with their planner signed.

Student arriving late to the academy.

The number of students arriving late to the academy is extremely disappointing. We currently have more than 30 students arriving late to the academy daily. This needs to decrease rapidly. There are also several students who are arriving to the academy after 9am. This is resulting in students missing out on key learning at form class and the wrap around care that takes place in the morning.

Can we all work together to ensure students are arriving to the academy on time.

Year 11 Road to Success:

Year 11 are currently immersed in preparing for their upcoming GCSE examinations. It is vital that all students in Year 11 well prepared each day and are focused on engaging with the current provision being provided to them. Please can you support your child by ensuring that they are now revising extremely hard at home. I need us all to work together to ensure that Year 11 are attending all their P6 intervention sessions after school. These are compulsory.

We now have less than 30 school days left until the first examination begins.

Situation in the Middle East

As the situation in the Middle East continues to escalate, there are students feeling concerned and worried, and I am sure this is also the case for many of us. On Friday we shared some slides and information with students regarding this situation and where they can go for support if they feel worried or concerned. Please contact a member of the safeguarding or pastoral team if you would like any further information.

Kind regards

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Head of School