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Hello and welcome to the SEND newsletter for City Academy for this week, the First week of summer term.

It has a busy and positive week, with students moving collectively to one lunch, one break and the launch of the games room, study zone and football and sports field all in one week! Year 11 are focussed and ready for their Exams and next week will see the welcome of our year 6 students in our first Transition welcome evening.

This letter is now emailed directly to you as a parent of a child on the SEND register – if there are any questions or concerns, please use my email address at the bottom of the page.

This week in City Academy:

Attendance Update

Attendance for students with SEND at City Academy continues to be strong and is currently at 88.6% one point up on national average. However, the school has an average of 90.5%, which means there is still significant work to be done. Punctuality and attendance before 9am will improve your child's attendance, punctuality is especially important to ensure your child takes the opportunity to undertake interventions and support.

Attendance is vital to ensure your child is performing to their best potential, to ensure your child is ready and supported each day we have a breakfast club that begins at 0745am should your child like to come to school to eat, study and socialise before school begins at 0830am.

SEND Coffee Morning

The next SEND coffee morning will be held on the 21st of April and will have a focus on Keystage 3 (Year 7,8 and 9). If there is a topic or contact that you would like to address or have an interest in, please contact myself and the SEND team and we will be happy to look at facilitating that meeting.



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SEND COFFEE MORNING

Come and visit the SEND team at City Academy to discuss support for your child.

When/Where
0900 - 1100 am Tuesday 21st March 2023
City Academy, 23 Langley Walk, Ladywood, B15 2EF

Contact Us
Phone: 0121 729 7100
Mail: SParkes@corecity.academy
KHopkins@corecity.academy

If you have any feedback for the SEND dept please complete this questionnaire via the QR code

Year 11 Exams and Revision

Year 11 exams start at the end of April starting with Art and Design on Friday 24th April. Please support your child in exams by encouraging revision and ensuring that they are aware of which exams are being sat. All exams start at 9am sharp and it is imperative that they arrive in time or they may be unable to sit the paper. Please see the attached link to exam timetables, guidelines and exam support. Some of your children will have additional support through Access Arrangements, if you are unclear what this may mean or how your child utilises this support please contact the SEND team.

[Examinations - City Academy](#)



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Support at Times of Crisis

If you ever feel that you or your family have reached a crisis point and need additional support, guidance or somewhere to turn, please take a look at **The Waiting Room:**

<https://the-waitingroom.org/> The Waiting Room is a free online directory for families across Birmingham and Solihull, bringing together hundreds of health, wellbeing and support services in one place. It includes support for mental health, children and young people, SEND, carers, family support, housing, financial advice, disability support, suicide prevention and many other areas. It can be a helpful starting point when you are unsure where to go for support or need to access services quickly.

Further Information and Contact

If you have concerns about your child's provision, please email me at

SParkes@corecity.academy or

Kirstie Hopkins, Asst SENCO Khopkins@corecity.academy

You may also contact my line manager Mr P Coleby, Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we are building a strong and inclusive community where every student feels confident, secure, and ready to succeed.

Best wishes

Mr Parkes

SENDCo, City Academy