

Hello and Happy New Year!

Welcome to the SEND newsletter for the first week of term, as it has been a short, but busy one with the Snow day and the INSET training that staff received.

This week in City Academy:

### **Parental Survey – Winter 25**

As we start the Spring Term, we ask that you reflect on your experience with SEND support at City Academy this term. The survey is listed below and will not take longer than 5 minutes:



[Parent Survey Winter Term 25](#)

If you would like a discussion over a specific aspect of your child's education, please email myself for a longer online / in person discussion.

### **Attendance Update**

Attendance for students with SEND at City Academy continues to be strong and is currently at **89.2% against a school average of 91.4%**. It is vital that students attend Monday and every day of this term to ensure the success that they deserve, attendance is essential to ensure a successful education for your child.

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 0835.

### **School Reward Trip - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Opportunity Day 15<sup>th</sup> January**

A school rewards trip to the cinema is set to take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> for many of our SEND students who were part of the winning form from each year group last term, this has coincided with a trip for Students as part of their Opportunity day taking place at the following:

Chester Zoo – Year 7

Bletchley Park – Year 8

Career Choices Day – Year 9

Visit to a College – Year 10

Year 11 will be undertaking Mock exams.

If there are any questions in regards to this do not hesitate to contact the YGC, HOY or myself for any SEND concerns.

## Year 11 Mock Exams

The second round of year 11 Mock GCSE Examinations begin in earnest next week, with students completing a full suite of examinations to give an accurate reflection of their progress and ensure that they are aware of how to develop their results further in the GCSE season that begins in Spring 2 term.

The SEND department will be supporting all students with Access Arrangements, if you have any questions regarding your child's exam support, please contact myself.

## Our Special Angels – A SEND Childcare Provision

At Our Special Angels, there is a community of parents and caregivers who have come together after having the struggle of finding suitable provision for their children. They offer support to families, especially during the school holidays and offer children with SEND access to high-quality, supportive childcare when they need it most.

**Our Special Angels**  
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**Specialist Clubs for Children with SEND**  
*Creating safe, joyful spaces for children to thrive.*

**Holiday Clubs**  
Fun, enriching sessions designed specifically for children with SEND.

**Weekend Clubs**  
Structured, fun-filled sessions that help children build confidence and friendships.

**ABA-Inspired Group and One-to-One Sessions**  
Specialist support tailored to each child's needs.

**School Partnerships**  
Working from multiple Birmingham special schools and our Walsall Centre with soft play and sensory rooms.



**Join Our Special Angels Family!**  
Scan to Register Your Child



 **07949 173869**  **07501 275007**

## **Further Information and Contact**

If you have concerns about your child's provision, please email myself at [SParkes@corecity.academy](mailto:SParkes@corecity.academy)

You may also contact my line manager Mrs Patel, Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion and Safeguarding.

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



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