

Friday 13 February 2026

Hello and welcome to the SEND newsletter for City Academy,

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 89.5, 6% against a school average of 91.8%.

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 0830.

### **Ofsted visit**

City Academy was visited by Ofsted on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> of February as part of the school's inspection cycle. The Inspectors were complimentary of all students, SEND or otherwise as well as the sense of community, safety and inclusive atmosphere that is present in City Academy. The report will be released before the summer term, and we look forward to sharing the findings with you.

### **SEND Coffee Morning**

The next SEND coffee morning will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> February with our Languages, Learning and School Support representative, Elizabeth Coleman, on 24<sup>th</sup> February – this is the first Tuesday back after half term if you have an interest in your child's memory, processing speed or issues with languages than let us know or just to school on that date – tea and biscuits also available!



## SEND Half Term Activities at the MAC (Edgbaston) – SEN

**Club SENSation** is returning to MAC—our fun, relaxed, and inclusive space for young people to enjoy music and social time together.

### Event Details

- Date: Wed 18 February
- Time: 2pm–4pm
- Location: Midlands Arts Centre (MAC), Theatre

### Schedule

*2pm–3pm: Chill tunes*

*3pm–3.15pm: Learn a dance!*

*3.15pm–4pm: Upbeat disco vibes*

Our SEN-friendly disco offers an afternoon of DJ mixes and dancing in a relaxed, welcoming setting. A private on-site bar will be open throughout the event for drinks and hot food.

The event is suitable for ages 10+, and siblings of all ages are welcome. Please note that all young people must be accompanied by a parent/carer for the duration of the event.

This is a **pay-as-you-choose** event, so families can contribute whatever feels right for them.

You can book via our website: <https://macbirmingham.co.uk/events/club-sensation-2>



## **Kids - Fairer Futures for Parents of children on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway**



**Kids** Disabled children say we can

### Fairer Futures

Supporting children on the neurodevelopmental pathway and their families.

**Parent and Child Groups**  
Face to face groups once a week enable your child to play in a small friendly group environment and give you the opportunity to meet other families.

**Healthy Parent Carer Programme**  
Course content will focus on a parent / carer's wellbeing and provide strategies to help support positive wellbeing through peer support.

**Parent/Carer Workshops**  
Online and face to face:  
• Sleep  
• Autism  
• Understanding Behaviour  
• Sensory Play  
• ADHD

Please contact us for more information  
0121 918 9103, or email  
fairerfutures@kids.org.uk

Training for professionals is also available, please contact us for more information.

Kids.org.uk

### **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**  
**SENDCo, City Academy**