

Welcome to the SEND newsletter for the final week of term, all the SEND team wish you a Happy Holidays and hope that you and your family enjoy the time together as we rest and reflect after a fantastic Autumn term at City Academy.

This week in City Academy:

### **Parental Survey – Winter 25**

As we approach the end of the Autumn 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 **89.4% against a school average of 92.05%**. It is vital that students attend right up until the final day of school on the 19<sup>th</sup> December , if you need support to ensure students can attend or are punctual, please contact us immediately and we can support with routine plans , journey routes and bus passes,

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 - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

A school trip took place yesterday, (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December) as part of our end of term reward trip , this time being an interactive experience around the German Market and festival areas. Teaching Assistants attended to support our SEND students. Students had a great day, and it was fantastic to see so many SEND students rewarded this term. As ever, we always encourage students to take part in all Extra – curricular and after school events – if there are any concerns students are encouraged to approach a Teaching Assistant at any time if they feel worried or need reassurance and parents can contact myself or Head of Year for any further clarification needed.

### **Communication and Autism Team (CAT) – Parent carer Online One to One Advice Sessions 6/8<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Please see attached an opportunity to discuss your child and their Communication or Autism needs with the CAT team at Birmingham City Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January. This will be held via an online forum and is only available to those who have a child who

has been referred for Autism via the Neurodevelopmental Pathway (NDP) – please contact myself or GP for further clarity if needed.

All sign up details are included on the flyers attached to this bulletin.

### **Holiday Clubs – Bring It On Brum**

*Bring It On Brum* offers a wide range of free holiday clubs during the school holidays. Many are local to City Academy. These clubs provide a great opportunity for students to build social skills, confidence, and stay active during the break. More information can be found here: <https://bringitonbrum.coordinate.cloud/>

### **Further Information and Contact**

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