



CITY ACADEMY

"Excellence in Everything · Optimism, Ambition and Oneness"

We believe in the power of education to inspire, to enable, and to enrich every life.

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Welcome to our February newsletter. Our mission at City Academy remains steadfast: to nurture our students, ensuring they shine in society as our leaders of tomorrow. Their successful futures depend on their development each and every day within our academy walls.

"As a family, we continuously strive to be luminous examples of hope and excellence in everything."

Our location in the heart of the city continues to provide a wide range of opportunities through the partnerships we have developed. As part of the CORE Education Trust, we are proud to offer a provision that ensures all

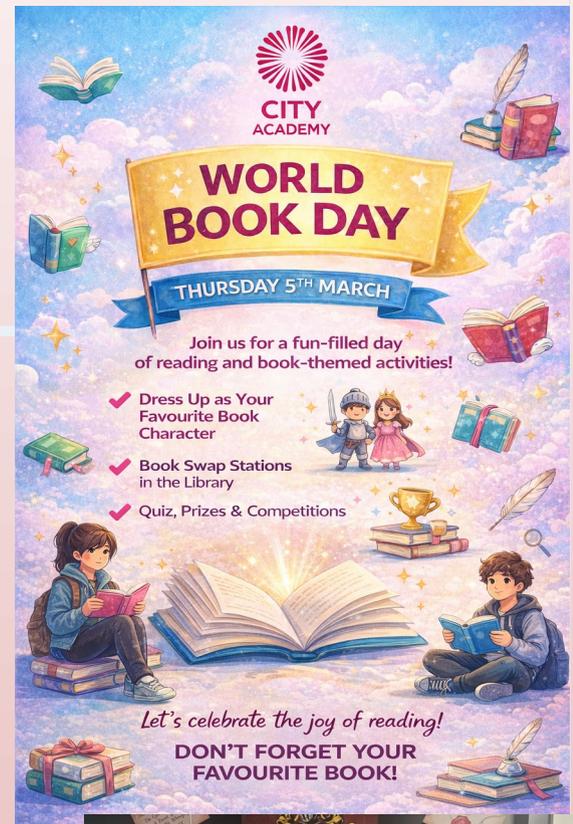
students experience enriching opportunities in the arts and social responsibility.

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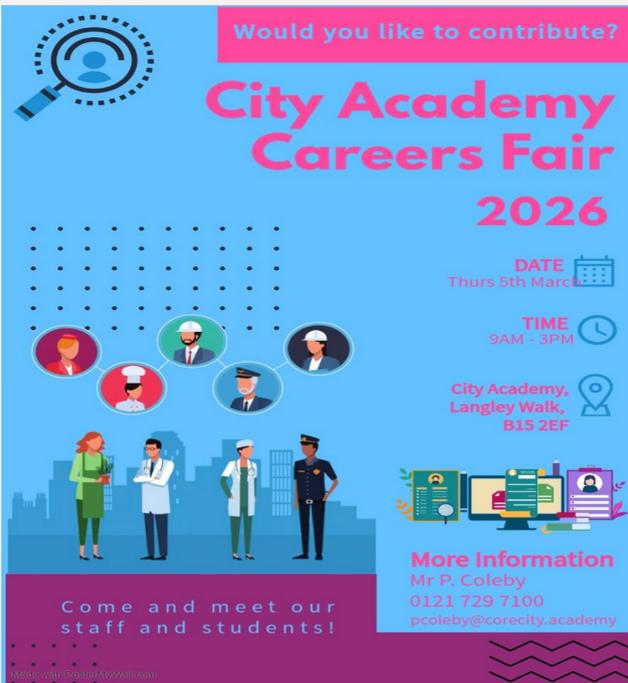
World Book Day

City Academy was delighted to celebrate World Book Day this month, with students across the school engaging enthusiastically in a range of reading-focused activities throughout the day. From book-themed discussions and quizzes to sharing favorite texts and characters, the event created a vibrant atmosphere that celebrated the joy and importance of reading. It was fantastic to see so many students actively participating and demonstrating a genuine enthusiasm for books and storytelling.

At City Academy, reading is a central part of our school culture and a key driver of academic success. We are committed to fostering a love of reading in all students, recognising that strong reading skills underpin achievement across every subject and open doors to future opportunities.



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Would you like to contribute?

City Academy Careers Fair 2026

DATE 
Thurs 5th March

TIME 
9AM - 3PM

City Academy,
Langley Walk,
B15 2EF 

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Come and meet our
staff and students!

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Careers Fair 2026 –

We are proud to share that **City Academy** hosted a highly successful **Careers Fair**, welcoming a wide range of local and national employers, training providers and education partners into school. All year groups took part throughout the day and gained valuable insight into different career pathways, the skills needed for the world of work, and the opportunities available to them in the future.

A huge **thank you to all of the employers and providers** who gave their time to support our students. Your contribution plays an important role in our ambition to raise aspirations and help every student progress confidently into further education, training and employment.



Who will you speak with, and what do you want to know?

Some of the careers represented.....

Turn and Talk

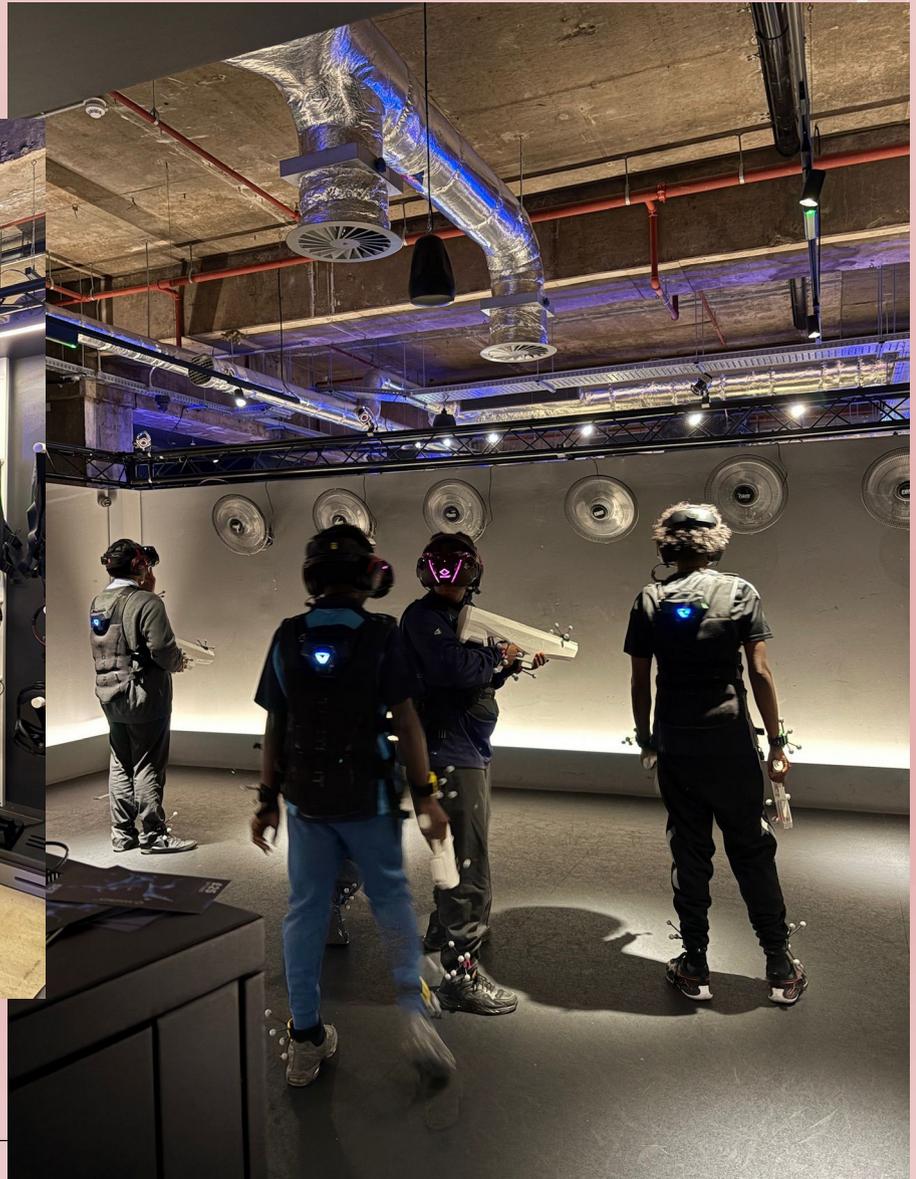
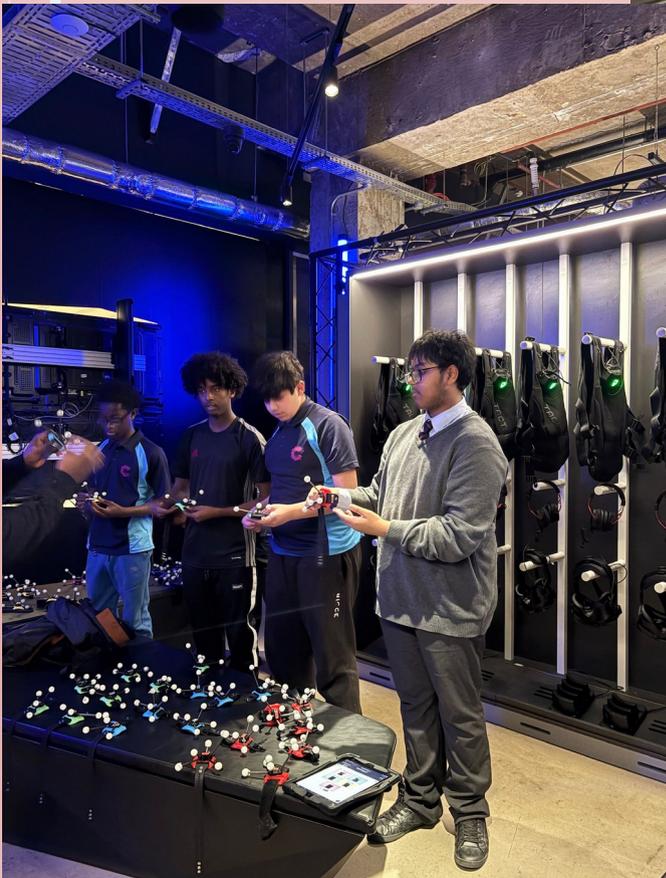
- Discuss with your partner –
- What careers interest you?
- Who are you interested in speaking to today?
- What questions will you ask them?

- Army
- Connexions
- West Mids Combined Authority
- Journalism and communications
- Brand designer
- Mental health councillor
- Football Beyond Borders/ Coaching
- Human Resources
- Administration
- Youth work / Mentoring
- Colleges and Sixth forms
- Biomedical Scientist

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Year 10 students visited **Sandbox VR**, taking part in an immersive experience that developed teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills. The visit also gave students a valuable insight into how digital technology is used in modern industries and the careers linked to the creative and tech sectors.



Friday Food Market:

Every Friday, City Academy hosts a **community food market**, providing families with access to affordable food and essentials in a welcoming, supportive environment. The market is part of our ongoing commitment to working alongside our community and ensuring families can access the help they need. We are grateful to everyone who supports the market each week, and we look forward to continuing this important initiative for our students and local community.



Value Credits Fair:



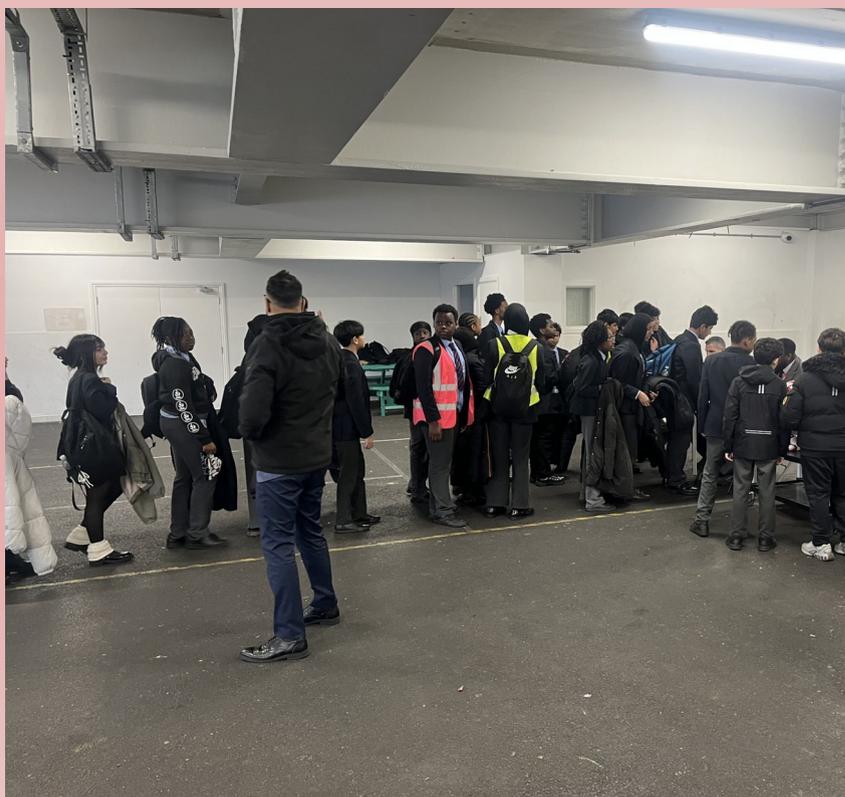
VALUE CREDITS FAIR!

Spend your Value Credits on prizes
on Friday 12th February 2026!

Prizes will be in the Undercroft!

Prizes will be chosen by student voice and SLT

We recently hosted a **Value Credits Fair** for students, giving them the opportunity to exchange their earned credits for a range of rewards including **headphones, speakers, stationery and other items**. The fair was a fantastic way to celebrate positive choices, effort and consistency, and it was brilliant to see students taking pride in what they had achieved. Initiatives like this help to reinforce our high expectations and recognise students who represent our values every day.



Year 11 Update:

Success Evening:

Our **Year 11 Success Evening** was a fantastic opportunity to bring students and families together as we enter the final stretch before GCSE exams. The evening focused on practical strategies for revision, attendance and independent study, as well as the support available in school to help every student feel confident and prepared.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and to the staff who contributed. Working in partnership is vital at this stage, and we are proud of the positive commitment shown by our Year 11 students as they continue their Road to Success.



Year 11 Update: Important information

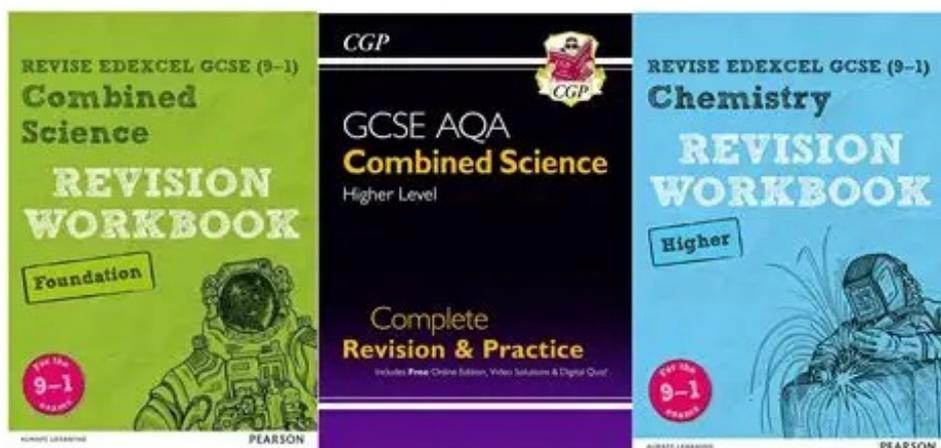
Message from the Headteacher

There are only 30 school days remaining before the GCSE examinations begin and Year 11 should be making sure they are using the time wisely. Recently there has been a significant dip in attendance to Period 6 lessons, maybe it was the dark nights, but I expect all year 11 to attend and make the most of these sessions from next week. We will be having a significant push with students attending P6 sessions.

Revision sessions will be taking place during the Easter holidays so please keep these days free.

If any Year 11 is feeling apprehensive and requires support, please speak to your academic Tutor in the first instance.

Advance notice - in previous years, students have missed crucial exams due to parents booking a holiday or planned a family occasion. Can I ask all parents not to arrange anything during the exam period - students have been working hard for these exams for many years and it would be a shame if they did not get the opportunity to sit them. The exam season starts on **Monday 4th May until 26th June**.



Important Academic Dates:

Week beginning 2nd March - National Careers week

Week beginning 2nd March - Year 7 + 8 PC2 Exams

Thursday 5th March - Careers Fair

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Thursday 26th March - HPV Vaccinations

Friday 27th March - Rewards Fair

Friday 27th March - end of term

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