

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 January 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.

OPPORTUNITY

City Extra & Enrichment



Echo Eternal Project

Through our Echo Eternal project, students are learning how the voices of Holocaust survivors continue to educate future generations, challenging prejudice and intolerance wherever it exists.

January's performance highlighted the experiences of the Windermere Children, with a particular focus on Harry Olmer, using storytelling and performance to help students engage thoughtfully with the impact of the Holocaust and the lessons it holds for society today.

Opportunity Day: Learning Beyond the Classroom

As part of our commitment to providing meaningful learning experiences, students across the school took part in a dedicated **Opportunity Day**. Each year group engaged in carefully planned visits designed to broaden horizons, raise aspirations and bring learning to life.

Year 7 - Chester Zoo



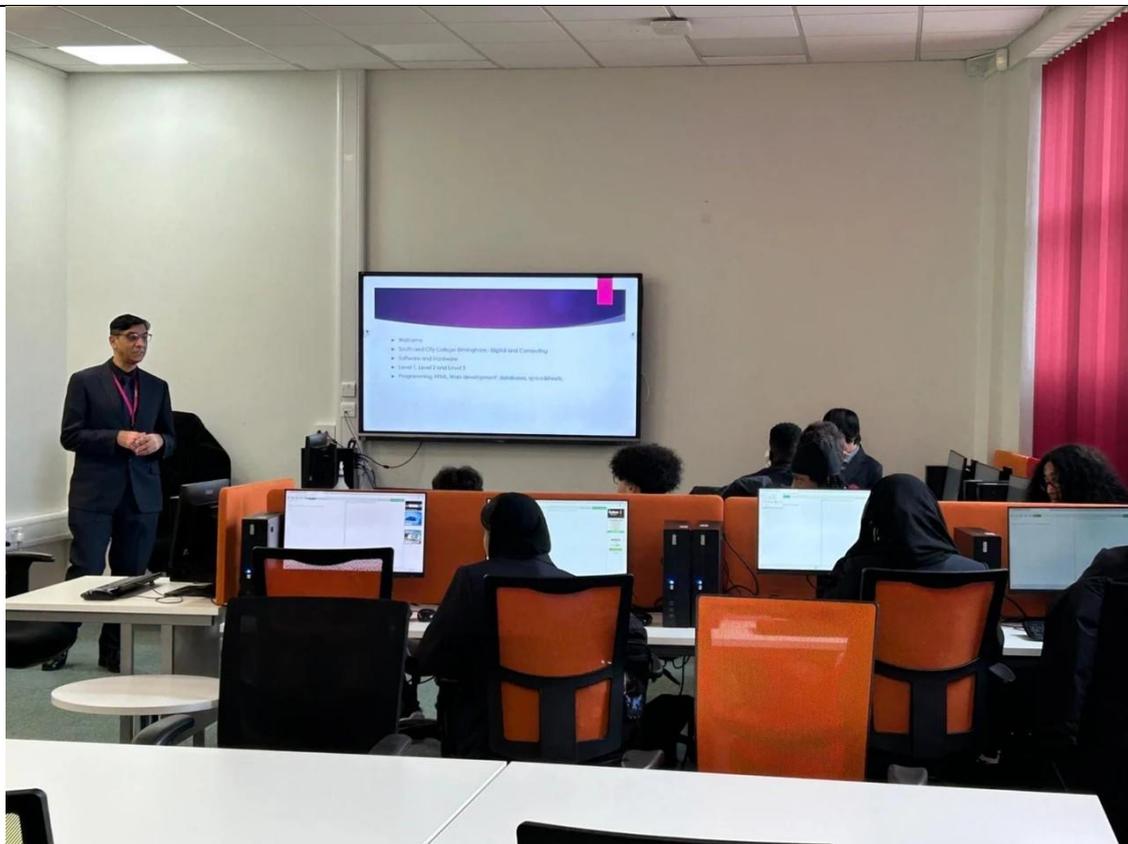
Year 7 students visited **Chester Zoo**, where they explored conservation, biodiversity and the importance of protecting endangered species. The visit supported learning in science and geography while encouraging curiosity, teamwork and respect for the natural world.

Year 8 - Bletchley Park

Year 8 students travelled to **Bletchley Park**, deepening their understanding of World War Two and the importance of codebreaking. Students learned about the work of individuals such as Alan Turing and explored how intelligence and innovation helped shape modern Britain.



Year 10 - South & City College Birmingham



Year 10 students visited **South & City College Birmingham** to explore post-16 pathways and future career options. The visit gave students valuable insight into vocational courses, college life and the skills required for further education and employment.

These experiences play a vital role in helping students make informed choices, build confidence and develop ambition for the future.

COLLABORATION

Working with Families

Care and compassion shape the way in which we work together to support the growth and development of our students. We value the relationships we build with our families, working together to ensure success is realised. We only succeed as a team.

We are supporting students/ families and communities in some excellent ways:

Weekly Food Market:

Our weekly food market has started with fresh food and pizza being made available weekly for our students and the surrounding community. This has been a huge success

and we are continuing to grow the food market every week.



Free laptops for students at City academy:

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To support homework, revision and independent study, City Academy is providing free laptops to students who do not have access to a device at home. Please speak to **Mr Thomas (Room 403)** for more information

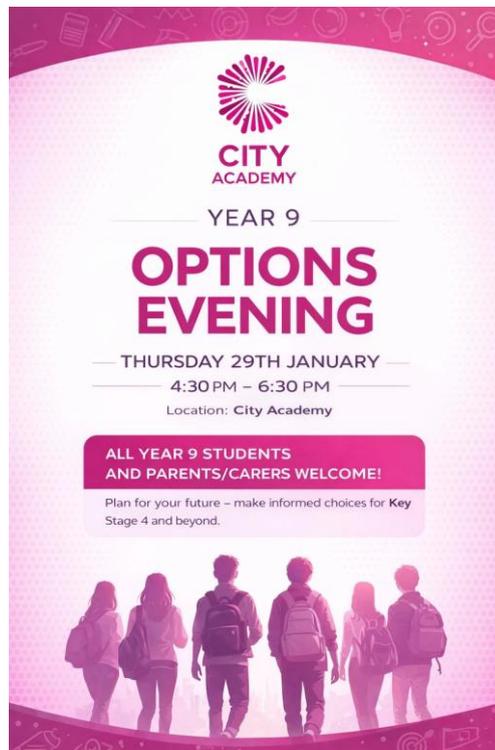
Do you want a free laptop?

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**Speak to Mr Thomas
in Room 403**

Year 9 Options Evening:



We would like to thank all parents and carers who attended our **Year 9 Options Evening**. It was fantastic to see so many families engaging in discussions about subject choices and future pathways.

Your support and involvement play a vital role in helping students make informed decisions as they prepare for Key Stage 4. We hope the evening provided useful information and reassurance, and we appreciate the positive conversations and questions shared with staff.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us to support your child's education and future success.

Police VR Workshops for KS3 Students

Recently, KS3 students took part in an engaging workshop led by the police, using virtual reality headsets to explore real-life scenarios linked to **criminal exploitation**. The immersive experience helped students better understand the risks young people can face and encouraged them to think carefully about personal safety, decision-making, and where to seek support.



Language Ambassadors:

We are looking for students who could support other students at the Academy.



Parent Tours at City Academy

We are pleased to continue offering **Parent Tours at City Academy**, providing parents and carers with the opportunity to visit the school during the working day and see learning and teaching in action.

These guided tours allow families to gain insight into our school environment, meet senior leaders, and ask questions about how we support students both academically and pastorally. They are an important part of our commitment to strengthening partnerships with parents and working together to support student success.

We would like to thank all parents and carers who have already attended a tour and encourage others to book a place if they would like to learn more about life at City Academy.

PARENT TOURS
— AT CITY ACADEMY —

Join us for a guided tour of City Academy during the school day.

- ✓ See learning and teaching in action
- ✓ Meet senior leaders and ask questions
- ✓ Gain insight into our school environment

Book your place: <https://forms.office.com/e/a0dSRGGfit>

Book your place:

Scan the QR code:

Strengthening partnerships with parents to support student success

ITV at City Academy:

‘My English is ten times better’: Inside the Birmingham school supporting displaced children - <https://www.itv.com/news/2026-01-21/inside-the-birmingham-school-supporting-displaced-children>

During a Tuesday morning lesson at a secondary school in Birmingham, children who have recently arrived in Britain are learning basic greetings in English.

The students share where they come from - Gaza, Yemen, Afghanistan, The Gambia, to name just a few. Many have fled war and persecution and speak little or no English.

The City Academy in central Birmingham runs a 12-week intensive course for the children to learn basic English skills to help them before they start mainstream education.

Around half of the academy's 600 pupils speak English as an additional language, known as EAL, and 52 different languages are spoken within the school.

"When I first came here, it felt harsh. I didn't know anything in the language and didn't know what people were saying," Amrullah, aged 12, told ITV News.



Important Academic Dates:

Feb 16: Half Term Break Begins

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