

Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to report the behaviour data for this week. There are 331 students that have received no negative behaviour points this week, and 583 students who have received positive behaviour points. The year group with the most positive behaviour points this week, are year 9. Well done year 9! Please discuss this continued positive behaviour at City Academy with your children. I would like to remind families that all behaviour and attendance information for your children can be found by logging onto **Class Charts**. If you do not have access to Class Charts, please contact us on enquiries@corecity.academy, so we can support you to access this information.

I am pleased to write to you at the end of a busy term, we are due to celebrate the terms academic successes in celebration assemblies on the last day of term. Many pin badges and certificates will be awarded in recognition of our students' success this term. As always, it will be a pleasure to see students pin their newly awarded badges to their blazer with pride. Please speak to your child about the rewards assemblies. In addition, this half term, each year group ran a form competition. The form rewards trip will see over 150 students rewarded for their contribution to their form, their year group and to City Academy over the last term.

During the break, we are delivering intervention sessions for year 11 students over a number of days. Your child will have received a letter outlining the sessions they are invited to attend. There are a very few days of learning left before the first GCSE exams, which begin on Wednesday 7th May, so please ensure your child attends the Easter sessions and support them in following a revision schedule at home over the break. The main exam season for 2025 starts on 7th May for Enterprise students with the first large exam for all students taking place on Monday 12th May with English Literature. Over the next four and a half weeks the rest of the exam season unfolds until the last exam on Tuesday 17th June with Spanish.

Guidance for students on examination conduct can be found at [IFC-Written Examinations 2024 FINAL.pdf](#) and we would encourage all students to familiarise themselves with it along with additional guidance on the use of social media during the exam season [JCQ Social Media Infographic v4](#).

End of term arrangements:

On Friday 11th April, we will celebrate the end of the spring term. As such, we have arranged for a finish that is slightly earlier than normal as a reward for your child's commitment to their learning and to meeting the expectations at City Academy. The arrangements mean that all students will have access to their normal hot or cold lunch and then students will be dismissed during lesson 4, or at the end of lesson 4. The timings are as follows:

- Year 8 and 10 students will be dismissed between 13.10 and 13.20
- Year 7, 9 and 11 students will be dismissed between 13.40 and 13.50

At the end of a busy term, it is important that all students head home promptly once dismissed to begin their spring break. For any families that need to make alternative arrangements for students to be collected and if there are any delays, please contact us through reception to let us know the details, so that we can support you with this. Please call reception on 0121 729 7100 if you have any questions.

Return to school:

The summer term begins at 8.30am on Tuesday 29th April. As always punctuality is incredibly important to us, as we embed lifelong habits for success. We will have a staggered start. Please see the timings for your child/children on our return:

- Year 7 – 8:30am
- Year 8 – 10:15am
- Year 9 – 9:45am
- Year 10 – 10:15am
- Year 11 – 8:30am

We ask that when students return after Easter, that they are ready for learning, meaning that their uniform, including footwear, and their equipment meets our standards. If you need more information about this, it is detailed on our website and in your child's planner. I would also like to remind you that we open our canteen and undercroft every Monday to Thursday for breakfast club, at 7.45am and at 8am on Fridays. Students need to enter through the main school entrance. We have breakfast available for all students, at no cost. Students have the opportunity to socialise with their friends, play board games, complete homework or revise for their next assessments and take part in structured sporting activities.

Finally, the safety and welfare of children and young people is everyone's responsibility. There are a number of services in Birmingham and online that are able to support families and children. This support can range from help and advice for mental health to staying safe online and out in the community. Please help our school community to stay safe over the Easter break. Please see some useful links below if you or someone you know needs support over the break:

Keep your child safe online- www.ceop.police.uk or www.nspcc.org.uk

Support for mental health- www.kooth.com

Food bank- www.trusselltrust.org

Health- www.healthforteens.co.uk

More information can be found via our school website <https://www.corecity.academy/>.

All that remains for me to say is that I wish you and your family a safe and restful break and I look forward to **welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 29th April**. As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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