

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of term, and before all pupils go off to celebrate Christmas and New Year with families, we want to take this opportunity to thank every pupil, every family and every member of staff for their commitment to Excellence at City Academy.

At the end of another busy school term, there is much to celebrate:

- We now have a democratically elected Student Leadership Team, representing our students' views and focussed on continuing to drive improvements and supporting the strive for Excellence at City Academy.
- Following significant investment, in January, all pupils in year 7-10 have a class reader, to raise the profile of reading at the school and foster/support a lifelong love of reading.
- All students experienced the first Opportunity Day of the year, with visits across the country. We have two more Opportunity Days scheduled for this academic year.
- We have been able to reward 100 students for their attendance, punctuality and attitude to their learning with a trip to the cinema.
- Year 11 students sat their first official mock examinations, giving them experience of what to expect in the summer. The mock exams were approached with great maturity from our year 11 students and the demonstrated resilience and a drive to succeed throughout the exam session. As a result, students are clear on their strengths and areas for development in each of their subject areas, which sets them up well for success in the summer. Following on from mock examinations, year 11 parents attended the first parents evening of the year. We thank all parents who showed their commitment to their child's academic success at City Academy by joining us on a cold December evening.
- We were pleased to showcase the work of our students at the Echo Eternal sharing event in December and look forward to more events in the lead up to Holocaust Memorial Day in January.
- The October reset has showcased our students desire for success with many students taking the opportunity to reflect and improve. Early in the term, we celebrated by sending 461 family's letters, where their child had received no negative behaviours. This week, over 100 students were rewarded with a trip to the Birmingham German market, the ice rink and Big Wheel for 100% attendance and 0 negative behaviour points. At a final count, for the whole of the Autumn term, 219 students have received no negative behaviour points, demonstrating Excellence in their conduct and attitude to learning at City Academy. I ask families to check Class Charts and to speak with your children about their successes this term.

There are many more positives that I could mention that have contributed to the success of this term. Pupils should be proud of what they have achieved and build upon the successes of this term.



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### End of term arrangements:

The Autumn term will finish on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. On Friday, there will be an early staggered dismissal, each year groups dismissal time is indicated in the table below. All students entitled to a free school meal will have the opportunity to collect a hot or cold meal at break time. If you collect your child from school, can we please ask that you ensure a prompt collection on Friday.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
11.30am	11.30am	11.20am	11.10am	11.00am

### Return to school:

All students will return to the academy on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. We will have a staggered start. Please see the timings below:

- Year 7 – 8:35am
- Year 8 – 10:20am
- Year 9 – 9:20am
- Year 10 – 9:50am
- Year 11 – 8:50am

All that remains to be said, is that we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable break over the festive period and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Bakewell  
Headteacher