

Friday 6 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of City Academy,

As we enter the final week of this half term, I continue to be delighted as to how our students are responding so positively both in the classroom and during social times. As we observe lessons, we see students more engaged and less passive, the standard of presentation in books has considerably improved and is very visible and evident. Well done to all our students, please keep up this standard for the remainder of this academic year.

Parent Tours

A reminder that if you do want to tour the school and see how amazing our students are during a normal school day, please see the attached poster for more details on how to book a tour. Please come and see us, you may even see your own child hard at work, your feedback will be invaluable to us: [Parents Tour – Fill out form](#)



Year 11 Next steps and Mock examination results

As Year 11 prepare for their Summer Examinations, it is vital that students are using their revision timetables and completing at least 2 hours per day of additional revision. Please remember the online platforms that all of Year 11 have access to, including GCSE Pod, Sparx, Educake and Seneca. In addition to this, we will offer targeted support out of their normal timetable. All of these sessions are specifically designed to cover areas students need support with. This will include:

- Lunch and Learn sessions
- Period 6
- MyTutor online 1-1 tutoring
- Saturdays and Holiday school from now until the exam period
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If your son/daughter is invited to attend these sessions, then they should attend, as attendance is compulsory and will give them the best chance to be successful in the summer exams.

Year 10 upcoming events

There are two important, upcoming events for Year 10.

Work Experience - all students will be offered to spend a week on Work Experience. More details will be given after the half-term holiday. In the meantime, Year 10 students need to be thinking about where they would like to spend the week. If any parent works for a company that would accept a student for Work Experience, then please contact the school.

Mock interviews - a valuable experience for students is the ability to speak at an interview. All students will be given the opportunity to experience a 'mock' interview which will help them when they are in this situation when going for a job, college or university interview.

One Break, One Lunch

After the Easter holidays, it is my intention that all students will have the same break and lunch, rather than have it split over two sessions. This will mean less disruption to lessons and enable friends/siblings from different year groups to have break and lunch together.

Careers Fair

We will be holding a Careers Fair for our students to help them determine which career path they wish to follow. We will have representatives from various colleges and sixth forms on board, but it would be good if we could have representation from a variety of jobs. If there are any parents who would be willing to come along and talk about their job to students, what qualifications are required, and the best route into a job, please contact Mr Coleby on PColeby@corecity.academy.



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Attendance – Everyone’s Responsibility

Whilst we have made significant improvement in the level of attendance this year, unfortunately we have had to issue penalty notices to some families of students who have not been attending. To avoid us having to issue further penalty notices, can parents ensure that their child attends school every day.

Half term

School will close at the end of school on Friday 13th February, it will be a normal school day, and students will be expected to be in full school uniform. Students will return on Monday 23rd February, when we will start the second half of the Spring Term undertaking 'Our City Way', when we will remind students of our high standards and expectations. Please get the second half of the Spring Term off to a good start by being on time and in perfect school uniform.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes

Mr Mann
Executive Headteacher