

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Students of City Academy,

As we enter the final week of this term, may I thank you for your support. Attendance has improved, there has been a significant reduction in the number of suspensions, with students responding well to our standards and expectations.

### **Change to how we communicate with you**

From the start of next term, we will be sending messages via ClassCharts to all Students and Parents. For those parents who have yet to download the app, details of how to do this will be sent to you shortly. Parents and students will be sent a code that is unique for each student. Using ClassCharts, you will receive messages (including these bulletins), get details of your child's attendance, timetable and any rewards they achieve. Please ensure that you have set up ClassCharts by the start of the new term. If you have any difficulty, please contact Mr Dowe on [ADowe@corecity.academy](mailto:ADowe@corecity.academy)

### **Presentation in Books**

Well done to the vast majority of students who are making the effort to ensure that work in books is presented neatly and clearly. It makes such a difference to the quality of your book, and the ability to revise for future exams. However, there are still some students who need to improve, and their presentation of work is not up to the required standard. Please use the templates provided which outline how work should be set out, practice your handwriting and underlining titles and dates. If you need help with your handwriting, please speak to any member of staff and we will support you.

### **Year 11 revision and mock examination timetables**

Year 11 have responded extremely well to the support that has been in place this term. All Year 11 students will be given revision materials to complete during the holiday period as good preparation for their next set of mock examinations.

**The January Mock examinations begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January.** These mock examinations will replicate the summer examinations and give the students the opportunity to sit all papers. This will give us a clear indication of where they are at, and what needs to be put in place to best prepare them for the summer examinations.

Following the first set of mock examinations, student who achieved a grade 5 or above in English and Mathematics, now proudly wear a gold tie. Students will get a second opportunity to qualify for a gold tie in their next mock examinations, so please aim for a minimum grade 5 in every subject!

### **End of Term, and start of new term arrangements**

This term will finish on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Students will be dismissed from 12 noon onwards. Please encourage students to go home straight from school and not hang around.

All students are expected to attend school on Friday 19th, in full school uniform. It will be double merit points for everyone who attends so please do not start your holiday a day early. Students return to school on **Wednesday 7th January 2026**. We will be starting the term with two training days; therefore students **are not** required to attend on Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th January. This will enable staff to further develop the work on Teaching & Learning strategies that have commenced this term.

When students return on **Wednesday 7th** January at the normal school time of 8:35am, they should be in full school uniform. During the first part of the day, students will be practising 'Our City Way', which reinforces the standard and expectations of good behaviour and learning around school. This includes how to enter and exit the classrooms, how to move around the corridors, how to line up etc.

One more week to go before everyone can spend time relaxing and enjoying themselves with their family and friends.

Best wishes



**Mr Mann**  
**Executive Headteacher**