

Friday 23 January 2026

Dear all,

It is always heartwarming when the school receives positive reinforcement of what we do and this week has been a 'good news' week for City Academy. Our students did us proud in both of the articles detailed below. A huge thank you to all staff involved and showing City Academy in such a positive light. Well done everyone.

The time and effort that goes into planning Opportunities days are immense. These visits are invaluable to students and we all know how much our students enjoy the trips:

<https://www.expressandstar.com/your-world/2026/01/19/explore-day-inspires-students-with-science-sport-and-history-adventures/>

The CORE Hello programme is very unique to CORE and we are very proud to host it at City Academy. Thank you to Emily, Liz and Matt for teaching our most vulnerable students in such a passionate and caring way. If you have not seen CORE Hello in action, please visit them on the fourth floor: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W647wvRfbAw> [‘My English is ten times better’: Inside the Birmingham school supporting displaced children | ITV News](#)

### **Warn, Move and Remove**

Please ensure that you are applying the new behaviour policy consistently to reduce low level disruption in the classroom. Our students respond very well to praise, and it is encouraging that our positive to negative ratio has increased to 96% positive to 4% negative. Please continue to shower the students with rewards and praise for behaviour that goes above and beyond. We will soon be launching recognition boards which will be placed in every classroom – more information about this will be given shortly.

### **Food Market 3:30 – 4:00pm every Friday**

As mentioned previously, we will be holding our first 'Food Market' today outside the main reception area. So far, we have two organisations who are donating food to us, FareShare Midlands (100kg of various food items) and Mr Singh's Pizza (100 fresh Margherita pizza boxes). Please promote this with the students today – they can use their bags to put the food in. Thank you to Manisha and Neelam who have kindly agreed to lead the Food Market every Friday.

### **Visit of Lu Lawrence - Daughter of Holocaust survivor Zigi Shipper**

Ms Lawrence was in school yesterday speaking to our student leaders and delivering an assembly detailing her father's experience of the Holocaust. During her tour of the school, she commented how polite and respectful our students are and left very impressed with the school. Another example of 'good news' week.

### **Envision Project**

The good news continues. Year 9 Students from City Academy took part in this competition and achieved a very commendable second place. Feedback from the students was that they enjoyed the experience and had gained significant confidence in doing a presentation in front of an audience. Well done to our students for representing City Academy so impressively.

### **SEND Coffee Morning - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

Parents of SEND students have been invited to attend a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 9:00 - 11:00am. This will be an opportunity for them to discuss any concerns they may have in a relaxing and informal environment. If you are free during this time and would like to attend, please speak to Steve Parkes.

I hope you have a nice weekend, let's hope the good news keeps on coming.

Yours sincerely



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