

Tuesday 11th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Over the past few weeks, many students at City Academy may have seen me around and wondered who I am and what my role is, so please allow me to introduce myself.

My name is Mr Mann, and during the half term break I was appointed as Executive Headteacher within CORE Education Trust. This role involves overseeing Arena Academy and City Academy. Mrs Bakewell remains as Headteacher of City Academy, and together we will work collaboratively to ensure that the students of City Academy receive the best possible education and opportunities, leading to academic outcomes which equip them for their post-16 careers.

I am an experienced Headteacher having been appointed to Arena Academy several years ago. Prior to this, I have over 20 years of experience working in various roles within Birmingham inner city schools. By providing this additional layer of leadership to City Academy, we can work as one to enhance and continue to strive for the very best for our students.

Over the last few weeks, I have met many wonderful students at City Academy who are rightly proud of their school. Over the coming months, I hope to meet many parents too. Only through staff, students, and families working together, can we truly fulfil our mission: *To provide a warm and welcoming environment where every student can learn and grow, preparing them to succeed in college, sixth form, or an apprenticeship.*

Please find attached to this letter our Mission, Vision, and Values at City Academy, known as *The City Road to Success*. I will soon be sharing our school priorities with all parents and students, and Mrs Bakewell and I welcome the opportunity to meet with parents to hear your views on how we can continue to improve City Academy. A date for this meeting will be shared shortly. A number of opportunities will also be offered throughout the year for you to connect with me, starting with the following event.

The first opportunity for parents of Year 11 students to meet with me in person will be on **Tuesday 11th November**, during the Year 11 Parents' Evening. I hope all Year 11 families have saved the date, it would be fantastic to see 100% attendance.

This evening provides a valuable chance to speak with staff about your child's progress in preparing for next summer's external examinations, explore how you can best support your child at home, and raise any concerns you may have. I will be in attendance, so please do come and say hello - it will be a pleasure to meet you.



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I look forward to working with you all and to seeing City Academy continue to thrive on the *City Road to Success*.

Yours sincerely



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