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Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to report the behaviour data for this half term. This half term has seen 667 students awarded a total of 39,251 positive behaviour points. There are 220 students that have received no negative behaviour points this half term. The year group with the most positive behaviour points this half term are year 8. Well done year 8! Please discuss the Class Charts data with your child. At City Academy, all behaviour and attendance information for your children can be found by logging onto **Class Charts**.

If you do not have access to Class Charts, please contact us on [enquiries@corecity.academy](mailto:enquiries@corecity.academy) so we can support you to access this information.

This half term has been short, but very busy. Some highlights included:

- The successful completion of the Brilliant Club by some year 9 and 10 students, culminating in a graduation ceremony at Manchester University this week.
- A successful Echo Eternal performance in London in recognition of the testimonies of the survivors of the Holocaust.
- Our second Opportunity Day of the year to places such as Dudley Zoo, Bletchley Park, Brindley Place and the central library, as well as a successful GCSE Options Taster Day for Year 9 students.
- The whole of Year 7 attending a performance of the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at the Symphony Hall.
- An incredibly positive series of mock examinations by Year 11, who continue to demonstrate a strong desire and commitment to their success in the summer.
- Strong performances by teams in maths and science at the University of Birmingham in STEM challenges and the 'Top of the Bench' competition.
- The continued growth of student participation in Extracurricular activities both at the beginning and the end of the school day.
- The successful completion of the Bikeability course for numerous Key Stage 3 students.
- The continuation of successful partnerships with the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and the Hippodrome Education Network.
- A visit to Birmingham Live to meet MP Jess Phillips and learn about journalism.

As we move into the second half of the school year, I would like to remind families of the importance of regular school attendance for all students. Students who are absent from school miss opportunities for learning and socialisation which can sometimes build further barriers to students attending school.



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Regular attendance supports continuous learning and allows for misconceptions, or gaps in learning to be addressed in a systematic way. We have a large pastoral team at City Academy, as we value the relationship that we have built with our students and their families and encourage any families that need help or support to reach out to us. We will do our best to make a difference.

Today we shared news with all students in Year 9 and 10 of an opportunity to take part in a visit to South Africa in July 2024. This is fully funded and promises to be an amazing experience. Students interested in being selected for this should complete the form here <https://forms.office.com/e/wzEg1JHnuJ> For more information please speak with your child's Head of Year.

We have been contacted by Birmingham City Council to be able to offer all our families a £20 supermarket voucher per child. This is provided through the household support fund and due to our location is offered to all families. To receive the voucher, we have contacted all families for an update of email address details, as vouchers will be sent directly to your email from a company called Pluxee.

If you have not yet updated your details, please follow this link to share your updated details: <https://forms.office.com/e/KhXZNgVGnU>. Once you receive this voucher please redeem it as soon as possible, so that it does not expire.

Yesterday, you will have received a link to a parent survey. Your feedback is important to us, so all families who respond will be entered into a prize drawer to receive a £30 supermarket voucher. Please click on the following link to add your feedback: <https://forms.office.com/e/rFN96Eg3nf>.

I wish all families a safe and restful half term and look forward to greeting all students on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30am.

As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Bakewell  
Headteacher