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Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to report the behaviour data for this week. There are 447 students that have received no negative behaviour points this week, and 681 students who have received positive behaviour points. The year group with the most positive behaviour points this week, for the third week in a row, are year 9. Well done year 9! Please discuss this continued positive behaviour at City Academy with your children. I would like to remind families that 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.

I am pleased to write to you at the end of a busy term, having celebrated success with all students earlier today. Today, we celebrated academic success, behaviour success and success in continuing to meet the expectations we set at City Academy. Many pin badges and certificates were awarded today in recognition of our students' success this term. It has been a pleasure to see students pin their newly awarded badges to their blazer with pride. Please speak to your child about the rewards assemblies. In addition, this half term, each year group ran a form competition. There will be a rewards trip for the winning form in each year group early in the summer term. A letter will follow shortly.

This week, year 7 had a safety input from the police, using VR headset technology to support in delivering their message about keeping safe in the community. All year 7 students used VR headsets, which is the launch event for their Personal Development learning for the next six weeks. In addition, this week, we have had assemblies delivered by the Birmingham Mission around the Easter message and completed a Personal Development session today around the month of Ramadan and autism awareness. Please speak to your child about all the opportunities they have experienced this term.

Also, this week, the Teaching and Learning team began our 'Student Voice' programme, designed to give students a chance to discuss the learning and quality of education in individual subjects, and help them become part of the dialogue that shapes the curriculum of the subjects at City Academy. Mr Dowe selected students to have their say about their learning in history and science. Students completed a questionnaire, designed to enquire about the key areas of our curriculum, lesson framework and delivery. In both subjects, students stated that they are taught well, and that the lesson framework is followed. Students could also begin to discuss how, what they are currently learning is building on what they had done previously and felt that they could also generally state what they needed to do to improve their performance in these subjects. Students wanted more of an understanding of how history could link to future career choices, and more experience of practical experiments in science (the ongoing refurbishments to the building will facilitate this). The students' honesty and articulacy were a credit to both us and you, our families, and Curriculum Leaders will enthusiastically respond to help continue to drive the quality of education.

Today, year 11 students received the results of their mock examinations. Please speak to them about their results. During the break, we are delivering intervention sessions for year 11 students over a number of days. Your child will have received a letter outlining the sessions they are encouraged to attend. There are a very few days of learning left before the first GCSE exams, which begin on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>



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May, so please ensure your child attends the Easter sessions and support them in following a revision schedule at home over the break.

**School begins at 8.30am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.** As always punctuality is incredibly important to us, as we embed lifelong habits for success.

Finally, the safety and welfare of children and young people is everyone's responsibility. There are a number of services in Birmingham and online that are able to support families and children. This support can range from help and advice for mental health to staying safe online and out in the community. Please help our school community to stay safe over the Easter break. Please see some useful links below if you or someone you know needs support over the break:

Keep your child safe online- [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk) or [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Support for mental health- [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

Food bank- [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)

Health- [www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk)

More information can be found via our school website <https://www.corecity.academy/> .

All that remains for me to say is that I wish you and your family a safe and restful break and I look forward to **welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am**. As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Bakewell  
Headteacher