

Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to report the behaviour data for this week. There are 413 students that have received no negative behaviour points this week, and 609 students who have received positive behaviour points. The year group with the most positive behaviour points this week, 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, so we can support you to access this information.

This term is a very busy term, with many important dates. I will share the dates below; however, more information will be shared regarding each event/group of events.

1. Teachers strikes, **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**. A letter will follow early next week.
2. Bank holidays, **Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May**. The school will be closed on both days.
3. Rescheduled Spring rewards trip, **Thursday 4th May**. A letter will follow with further details for all students joining the trip.
4. Year 11 begin GCSE examinations on **Monday 15th May**. More details will follow; however, all year 11 students will sit their exams at the Newhall Street site.
5. Year 7 returns to Langley Walk on **Monday 15th May**. More details will follow.

Over the Easter break, we have again been encouraged and impressed by the commitment of our year 11 students and their families to their success this summer. Our out of school offer of intervention and exam preparation sessions continues over the exam period following the huge success of the sessions which ran during February half term and at Easter. Most of our sessions had over 90% attendance with Year 11 really showing their commitment and their will to succeed. We have further sessions planned for Saturdays and the May half term. These will commence on Saturday 29th April with biology and will run throughout the exam season until Saturday 10th June. We will issue letters to Parents and inform students of the dates of the specific sessions the students are required to attend.

This week began with a staff INSET day, where staff worked collaboratively, to address our practice and to further embed consistency at City Academy. We focused on further improving our support for SEND students, safeguarding procedures and taking our Form Time Reading activity to the next level, to further ensure our curricula and delivery is as inclusive and holistic as possible, that our students develop a love for reading, engage with texts with confidence, and that all staff are continually up to date with the procedures that keep our City Lights safe.

On Monday 24th April a group of students from Year 9 and 10 will visit Oxford University as part of their work in "The Brilliant Club". This group of 14 students have been working with a university tutor to develop their critical thinking and academic writing. The visit will be a launch event for the program, and if successful with their assignments the students will attend a graduation event at the University! This is the third time in 12 months that we have taken different groups of students to prestigious "Russell Group" universities following Year 7 and 8's visit to the University of Birmingham and Year 11's visit to Kings College London.



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As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Finally, we would like to wish all our families celebrating Eid this weekend, Eid Mubarak!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Bakewell".

Rebecca Bakewell
Headteacher