

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to report the behaviour data for this week. There are 327 students that have received no negative behaviour points this week, and 565 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 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, so we can support you to access this information.

This half term has been very busy at City Academy, with Year 11 Success Evening and mock examinations, Year 7 Welcome Evening, Year 6 Open Evening, and much more.

Year 11 have now completed their first set of mock exams this academic year. Most students have displayed their dedication and maturity throughout the week, and we are confident this will be evident in the results that are produced. We do mock exams for a number of reasons, including:

- to support students with their preparation for the summer exams by them having a true experience of formal exams before their GCSEs
- so teachers can see the progress that has been made, but more importantly to highlight any gaps in knowledge, so that teachers can plan to close the gaps before the next mocks in January
- to demonstrate to students how much more they know and that their hard work and dedication is making a difference
- identifying any students that we feel may benefit from us applying for extra support for them, through exam access arrangements

We look forward to the results that will be shared during Parents Evening on Thursday 28th November, between 4:30 and 6:30pm.

We would like to thank all families who supported Open Evening on Tuesday by allowing their children to act as guides or helpers for the event. The number of students that volunteered to be a part of the evening was overwhelming and a credit to us and to you. It demonstrates how proud they are of their school and that they like showing it to others. We will continue to welcome families for tours throughout November to showcase the school when we are fully operational to demonstrate how dedicated our students are to their learning and our staff are to teaching and supporting young people. If you would like to join a tour, please let us know.

The window for secondary school applications for September 2025 closes on Thursday 31st October. If you or anyone you know has a child in Year 6, please share your experiences of City Academy with them and encourage them to include us in their application.

In addition to the above, the following has taken place this half term:

- The rewards trip to recognise our form challenge saw 108 students visit Inflate Nation in West Bromwich.
- We have welcomed a number of post 16 providers to share their offerings for our year 11 students after they complete their GCSE examinations.
- The business and computing department have offered a number of varied opportunities for year 10 and 11 students, including a visit to Goldman Sachs, a visit to Birmingham City University and hosting a small business owner for a question-and-answer session.
- We have welcomed our school link police officers to deliver assemblies on online safety and the law.
- COREus has begun again with City Academy students joining students from across CORE Education Trust to rehearse and perform as a choir. They have upcoming performances on the 7th and 11th November.

Some dates for the diaries for next half term:

- Monday 4th November - Term begins at 8.30am
- Monday 11th November - Staff Professional Development Day. No school for students on this day
- Wednesday 27th November – Opportunity Day 1
- Thursday 28th November – Year 11 Parents Evening
- Friday 20th December – End of Autumn Term

Today, we will be asking you for your thoughts about City Academy. We will do this by texting a link to a MS Form to your priority contact. We ask that you take the time to complete the survey and as a small incentive, will add the names of all parents who complete the survey into a prize draw for a £30 voucher.

Finally, we wish you an enjoyable, safe and restful half term break, and a Happy Halloween!

As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher