

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to report the behaviour data for this week. There are 325 students that have received no negative behaviour points this week, and 563 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](mailto:enquiries@corecity.academy), so we can support you to access this information.

This week has been a very busy week at City Academy, with Year 11 mock examinations, Year 6 Open Evening on Wednesday, and Opportunity Day today.

Year 11 have now completed their first set of mock exams this academic year. The majority of 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November, between 4:30 and 6:30pm.

We would like to thank all families who supported Open Evening on Wednesday 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 next week for tours daily between 9 and 10am, 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.

Today was the first Opportunity Day of the year. It saw students in year 7-10 visiting venues and learning experiences across the country. Below are the details of the visits:

- Year 7 visited Ackers Outdoor Adventure Centre.
- Year 8 visited Thinktank.
- Year 9 visited Old Trafford trip.
- Year 10 history students visited Warwick Castle.

Unfortunately, due to health and safety, we took the difficult decision to postpone the year 10 geography field trip this morning but have guaranteed all students that this trip will take place later in the year.



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Next week, will see the last week of this half term. So far, it has been a very busy, yet productive start to the school year. I am, as always incredibly proud of all that the City Academy family is achieving.

Finally, 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.

As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Bakewell  
Headteacher