

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to report the behaviour data for this week. There are 359 students that have received no negative behaviour points this week, and 620 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.

It was a very calm and purposeful first two weeks back at school. The new year 7 students have settled in well and are already producing some excellent work in their books across all subjects. Although all years have settled well, we have been incredibly impressed by the year 11 students' return and the positive attitude towards their learning, in what is their final year at secondary school. We are already running both form time and afterschool intervention sessions. Participation and attendance at both sessions has remained high. We look forward to sharing more information about year 11 at our Year 11 Success Evening, coming up at the beginning of October.

In addition to welcoming the students back, it has been my pleasure to welcome the staff back, including a very warm welcome for our new staff. Please speak to your child about their learning and their teachers.

Joining the Library

As you are no doubt aware, at City Academy, we are keen to help develop your children's literacy skills and unleash the power of reading. Research has shown that regular reading, combined with studying has a significant impact on outcomes and pupils' ability to access more challenging language in exams and beyond. As part of this drive, we want all City Academy students to be able to access and borrow books from Birmingham Library/their local libraries; not only to access texts essential to their studies, but to develop a love of reading for pleasure. Joining the library is a simple online process and will require parents to support their child's application. To be able to join the library, click and follow the instructions on this link: [Register | Birmingham Libraries \(spydus.co.uk\)](https://www.spydus.co.uk). We look forward to seeing your child/children making use of the library and enhancing their reading skills.

Road Safety

Safeguarding your children while in our care is our absolute priority. So, it is only natural that this would extend to their movement into and out of the academy. You will be aware that City Academy, at the centre of Birmingham, is surrounded by bustling traffic on a dual carriageway at the time pupils are travelling to and leaving school. The Senior Leadership Team and duty staff have noticed a rise in pupils putting themselves at risk by failing to use the crossing (which has traffic lights); choosing to cross in more dangerous areas, like the middle of the road, and running across the road while the traffic lights are on green, forcing cars to emergency stop. Our care for your child/children makes witnessing incidents like this very concerning and worrying. Within the academy, we will be reminding students of the importance of road safety and crossing appropriately, but we would also appreciate your support in this by reinforcing this message and impressing the importance of safety on the roads to your child/children over the coming days/weekend. We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.



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As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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

Rebecca Bakewell
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