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Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of this half term, I am pleased to report the behaviour data for this week. There are 300 students that have received no negative behaviour points this week, and 541 students who have received positive behaviour points. The year group with the most positive behaviour points this week, are year 7. Well done year 7! 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.

Redevelopment:

As we return for the new half term, there will be several noticeable changes to the school. The redevelopment of floor 2 has been completed, with two additional labs and a science studio, meaning experiments can resume. This also means that the ground floor and reception will now be closed and redeveloped. During this phase of the development, there will be a temporary reception on the carpark, next to the MUGA, and all students will enter via the gate on Cregoe Street. From Monday 5th June, all visitors, students, families and deliveries will be taken via the entrance on Cregoe Street. Any students with lift passes will still have full access to the lift.

Drop off and pick up:

I would like to take this opportunity, especially with the relocation of the school entrance, to remind families that the safety and wellbeing of all students at City Academy is our main priority and as such we ask all families to be mindful when dropping off their children. Roads should not be blocked, and additional care taken to ensure the junctions around the school do not become a significant hazard to our children. Please take care.

Local community:

At City Academy, we work with an incredibly helpful and supportive local community, that we are pleased to be a part of. Residents regularly speak to me and the team about the positive attitude and manners that our children demonstrate. However, in the last half term, some students have not behaved in the respectful manner that we have come to expect at City Academy. Please discuss this with your child and encourage them to use the local parks if playing football, to ensure they remain respectful if using the Peace Garden and encourage them to move home as quickly as possible at the end of the school day.

Staffing:

Following a prolonged period of recruitment, in the face of a national recruitment crisis for teachers, I am incredibly pleased and proud to share that City Academy has secured a full teaching staff body for September 2023. My team and I have secured a good mix of experienced teachers, leaders and teachers new to the profession. The recruitment was supported by the manner with which our children continue to greet and welcome guests to City Academy and the respectful way that they move around the school, in addition to their continued and unwavering commitment to the academic success. Please share this news with your child, as we will.

Half term:

Year 11 intervention continues throughout half term. All sessions will take place at Newhall Street and run from 10am until 1pm. The schedule is below:

	Tuesday 30 th May	Thursday 1 st June	Friday 2 nd June
Subjects	English and History	Hospitality and Catering and English	Spanish and French

Uniform and equipment:

As I have shared many times, we are committed to making sure your child is prepared and ready for the world after City Academy and as such, believe in maintaining high standards around our expectations. Please take the half term break to replenish your child’s stationery and to ensure their uniform meets the expectations laid out on the school website and in your child’s planner. As always families that need any support with this, please contact us by email on enquiries@corecity.academy and we will do our best to help.

Punctuality:

We are also changing our approach to punctuality from Monday 5th June. Currently, if your child is late, but before 9am, twice a week, they receive a detention. As we move into the new half term, all students who arrive after 8:35am, will receive a same day, 1 hour detention, issued and communicated through Class Charts. As always, all genuine issues/challenges will be discussed on a case-by-case basis, however, punctuality is one of the main causes of issues in employment, and we are committed to your child’s success. Students arriving to school after 9am will continue to receive an hour's detention but will also receive no present mark for the morning, as our registers close at 9am. This will impact your child's attendance as well as potentially facing fines through the fast-track process.

Homework club:

During this half-term, we opened Homework Club for our students in the LRC, providing a space in which students could work and study for an hour without distractions and reduce the workload they had to take home. Students completed a range of homework assignments, from Mathswatch, Educake and GCSE Pod, to coursework assignments which will contribute towards GCSE Grades. Homework Club is scheduled on the following days:

- Monday 3:10-4:10 (LRC) and Wednesday 3:10-4:10 (301/302) for Years 7, 8 and 9
- Tuesday 3:10-4:10 (LRC) and Thursday 3:10-4:10 (LRC) for Years 10 and 11

We would love to see your child make use of this facility to not only complete homework, but also to make use of the graduate coaches we have in English, Maths and Science, to support them with their studies and get specialist help when they need it. I look forward to seeing them there!

GCSE examinations:



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GCSE exams continue after half term, with Year 11 students continuing to demonstrate their resilience and commitment to their success. Please follow this link for the exam timetable, outlining the remaining exams, [Examinations - City Academy \(corecity.academy\)](https://www.corecity.academy/examinations).

As always, I thank you for your continued support and look forward to **welcoming all year 7-10 students to the new entrance on Cregoe Street, on Monday 5th June at 8:30am.**

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Bakewell
Headteacher