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Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to report the behaviour data for this week. There are 351 students that have received no negative behaviour points this week, and 684 students who have received positive behaviour points. The year group with the most positive behaviour points this week are year 10, a pattern repeated for the second week. Well done year 10! Please discuss this continued positive change in 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](mailto:enquiries@corecity.academy), so we can support you to access this information.

This week, we launched the **Sharp System**, which allows young people to report any incidents which occur within the school and local community anonymously and without fear. Aside from the reporting tool SHARP delivers educational content to raise awareness on a wide range of subjects including bullying, health, community issues, weapons and hate crime. Assemblies have shared the benefits of the Sharp System with your children. Please speak to them about it at home.

During half term, next week, we will be welcoming year 11 students to Newhall Street daily between 10am and 1pm for half term intervention sessions. Teachers have prepared sessions to support your children in securing the knowledge they have been taught, in preparation for their mock examinations that begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The mock timetable can be found on our school website, by following the link: <https://www.corecity.academy/curriculum/year-11-mock-examinations/>. If you have any questions, please contact us on [enquiries@corecity.academy](mailto:enquiries@corecity.academy).

After half term, there are more days of industrial action planned for teachers. The first planned day is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. I will write to you on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, with further details of our plans for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

We have our scheduled Year 7 Parents Evening on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Parents will be able to make appointments to see their child's form tutor, as well as ask subject teachers about the learning journey that their child is on in each subject. The parents evening will be held at Langley Walk. We look forward to seeing you there. Please book your appointment by following the link: <https://city.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

I am excited to announce that the building works are continuing at City Academy and after the half term break, we will be moving onto another completely renovated floor. This floor includes 10 refurbished classrooms, a newly designed Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and the SEND area. This is the most exciting handover yet, as it means we can now open the LRC for students during break and lunch, but also our homework club will begin after half term. Homework club will run every day until 4pm and will be staffed by our teaching assistants, meaning there is help and resources on hand to support your children with their learning, as well as building lifelong habits in learning. We will post some pictures next week, as the furniture starts to arrive and share them on Twitter, so please follow us, for updates.



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Our second Opportunity Day of the year, is scheduled for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, we are pleased to be offering the following opportunities:

Year 7 will be visiting Warwick Castle, year 8 will have a sport and activity day at Nechells Leisure Centre, year 9 will have a STEM activity day at Langley Walk and year 10 will be visiting South and City College in Longbridge for a college taster day to support them with their post 16 and career choices. Please ask your children about Opportunity Day and look out for more information in the coming weeks. Again, we will Tweet throughout the day, as we do most days to keep you up to date with what is going on at school, so please follow us.

As always, we are committed to keeping your children safe, so please see some of the support and guidance on this link: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) to ensure your children are safe when using social media over the half term break.

Finally, I wish all families a safe and restful half term break and look forward to welcoming all students back to City Academy on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 8:30am**. Remember we open for breakfast for our year 10 and 11 at 8am, so please encourage your children to arrive early.

As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Bakewell  
Headteacher