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Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to report the behaviour data for this week. There are 500 students that have received no negative behaviour points this week, and 659 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 third 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, so we can support you to access this information.

This week, we returned from the half term break to the opening of the 3rd completely refurbished floor. We are pleased that the opening of the 3rd floor, coincided with World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, as we have now been able to open our Learning Resource Centre (LRC). It has been a pleasure to see our students using the newly refurbished space throughout this week. As we move past the halfway point in the refurbishment, it is important that I share that the renovations are costing millions of pounds. The investment is worth every penny, as you can see the improved learning environment as we move around the building. It is however, important that we all value the improved environment and that there is a zero tolerance of any damage or abuse of school property. Unfortunately, any student that is found to willfully damage school property will incur a cost that will be passed onto their family. Please discuss this with your child, to ensure we all continue to look after our new and improved facilities.

During half term, year 11 students were invited in throughout the week to offer additional preparation for their mock examinations, that start next week. It was encouraging to see the commitment that students and their families have to their success in the future. As with everything, the amount of dedication and commitment students give to their studies, is generally equal to the success that they see on GCSE results day. We look forward the results of next weeks mock exams. The exam timetable is on the school website, please follow this link: <https://www.corecity.academy/curriculum/year-11-mock-examinations/>. All year 11 students must arrive at Newhall Street for 8:15am, where breakfast will be available for all students. All morning exams start at 8:45am. Students must ensure they are on time and well organized with their equipment.

There are two further days of industrial action planned for teachers this half term. They are on Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March. I will write to you on Monday 13th March, with further details of our plans for Wednesday 15th March.

It was really positive to see so many families yesterday evening at Year 7 Parents Evening. It was clear to see your investment in your child's education. I thank those families who attended and hope to see more families at our next event/evening.

Our second Opportunity Day of the year, is scheduled for next Friday, 10th March. We are pleased to be offering the following opportunities:



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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.

This week, we were joined by a new Assistant Headteacher, Mr Akil Dowe, who is responsible for teaching and learning at City Academy. He would like me to share the following message from him:

Warm greetings to all the parents of our 'City Lights'; I would like to formally introduce myself. My name is Mr Dowe, and I am the new Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning. I am very excited to join City Academy and to help make the Quality of Education one of the best in the city and the country. We have an ambitious plan to help your children receive the highest quality of education possible, and we will begin in earnest this half term. From next week, the new Quality Assurance process begins- this allows us to measure the quality and impact of our curriculum and our teaching. Your children will be a key element of this as we begin our weekly student voice, in which students can have their say on the quality of education and this will help us measure the impact and quality they observe and receive. Additionally, our Curriculum Leaders will be measuring the Climate for Learning in classrooms, ensuring that lessons start and end in an orderly fashion to allow your children to maximise learning time.

This is the first of my Teaching and Learning updates, and I endeavour to keep you, our parents and key stakeholders, informed about developments and the impact of our teaching and learning strategies. I thank you all in advance as you support City Academy on its continuing journey.

I'm sure you will join us in warmly welcoming Mr Dowe to City Academy.

As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Bakewell
Headteacher