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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we wish you a Happy New Year and hope that 2023 is a positive year for all of us!

I'm sure you have already asked your children about school this week, but I wanted to share my thoughts with you about our continued progress.

On Wednesday, students returned to the academy after the Winter break, to a reset of behaviours and affirming of high expectations. We have of course assessed our progress and amended elements of our practice to ensure our students are clear about our expectations and the reasons why they are so high. Please ask your children about the changes regarding uniform/equipment sanctions and sanctions for being late. It continues to be our aim to work with you to ensure your children are ready and fully prepared for their experiences in the wider world, to ensure their success. There are 480 students that have received no negative behaviour points this week, and 570 students who have received positive behaviour points. 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.

Uniform has been a big focus this week, in terms of expectations. We are committed to our students feeling prepared for their learning, and understanding the standards expected at school with regards to their presentation, as this will be mirrored in the wider world. We are, of course, aware of the challenges many families are currently facing, and remain 100% committed to supporting families facing hardship. If you require support with any part of your child's uniform, please email Ms Taher on r.taher@corecity.academy, who will contact you to offer our support.

In the classroom this half term, we have relaunched our focus on literacy and reading. Your children will now have a Word of the Week, or 'WoW'. These are tier 2 words, meaning, general academic words that are found in a variety of subjects. Please speak with your children about our WOW and ask them to use the WoW in a sentence. In addition, students in years 7-10 have been introduced to their new class reader. We have invested heavily in reading at City Academy. Please speak to your children about the book they are reading. We look forward to our newly developed library opening later this term!

Next week sees the first GCSE examinations of the academic year for some of our year 11 students. We have prepared them well for their exams in Health and Social Care and Sports Studies. We have arranged for some intensive revision sessions on Monday and Tuesday next week, as final preparations. Please speak to your children about their exams to make sure they are focussed and prepared.

Finally, next week, 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.



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I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R Bakewell", written over a light grey rectangular background.

Mrs Rebecca Bakewell
Headteacher