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Dear parent/carer,

You will see from the letter from Adrian Packer, which accompanies this one, that we plan for all students of City Academy to be based at Langley Walk from September 2022.

The other letter sets out the many benefits we believe students will experience being part of City Academy on one site, and the improved facilities they will be able to enjoy at Langley Walk.

Nonetheless, I appreciate that you may have expected your child to be remaining at Newhall Street for their year 11 and that this news may cause you some concern.

I want to emphasise, from the outset, that we are committed to making the transition to year 11 as smooth as possible for you and your child, and to providing whatever support we can. Please be reassured that they will continue to study the same subjects as now, supported by the teachers who know and have cared for them during their time with us. They will be based at Langley Walk, a site many will be familiar with. However, we are keen to understand if there are specific aspects of this plan that cause significant difficulties for any families, and to provide support where we can.

This week, I will be sharing a questionnaire for you all to complete, to give you an opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings around the move to Langley Walk. In the coming weeks, there will be opportunities for you and your child to visit Langley Walk and familiarise yourselves with the surroundings. At these events, you will have an opportunity to ask any questions that you feel will support your child's move to Langley Walk.

Kind regards

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## FAQs

### **Why are you making this change?**

We are committed to creating a City Academy that can inspire, enable and enrich the lives of students, and while we have made great strides towards this vision, we are hampered in delivering a truly single identity while spread across two sites. Moving to a single site means we can accelerate our ambition, widening the curriculum offer, offering more choice and a higher quality of educational experience to students.

### **Why not leave year 10s at Newhall St for their last year, instead of creating this disruption?**

The new site will give students more space, better facilities and the many benefits of being City Academy on one site – that we believe they should all be able to experience and enjoy as soon as they are available. We believe this in students' best interests and we will do everything possible to make the transition as straightforward as possible.

### **What will happen if the building works aren't complete by September, will year 11s stay at Newhall Street?**

We are working with an experienced project manager, who is fully focused on completion by September. However, we are mindful of the ongoing impact of the pandemic on workforce and supplies, and will have contingencies in place to manage any slippages in delivery, so that students' education is not disrupted.

### **Will there be portacabins?**

Temporary accommodation will be just one of a number of contingency measures available to us in the event of the works being incomplete. The most important thing is that students' will be able to follow their timetable, supported by their current teachers, and that their education continues as planned.



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### **I don't want my child to move, can they stay at Newhall St?**

We expect every student will be part of City Academy at Langley Walk and we are keen to explore how we can support families to make this transition. In future, Newhall Street will be used for Trust-wide provision (including CORE Hello, masterclasses and a number of the new innovative partnerships we have underway) and, unfortunately, will no longer be available. Therefore, it is important we understand any barriers to your move to see if we can help.

### **Can they move to JQA?**

City Academy has a close relationship with JQA and as a trust we are committed to offering places to students who apply within our family of schools. However, our schools offer slightly different options blocks to one another, and this may have an impact on your child's education. As such it is important that we understand any barriers to your moving to Langley Walk to see if we can help.

### **Will you be introducing free transport to help students whose journey to Langley Walk will be difficult?**

This is certainly something we can consider if families tell us the journey is a major difficulty for their child. However, we are hopeful that, given the age of year 11 students, the close proximity of Langley Walk to Newhall Street and the number of public transport routes serving the site, this won't be an issue for the vast majority.