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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to share Ofsted's report <https://tinyurl.com/2p885zeu> about City Academy, following their inspection before Easter. As you will see, it is very positive about the school and the journey of improvement we are on. It is really pleasing to read the wonderful comments about our students – whose ambition, hard work, positive attitude, politeness and behaviour were all praised by the Ofsted team.

While recognising that the school 'Requires Improvement' overall, Ofsted said Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Leadership and Management at City are good. It describes City as "a vibrant and welcoming school" where "Pupils thrive in [a] warm, friendly and respectful culture." It also comments that the relationships between staff and students are "extremely positive" and that students "are always at heart of all [our] decision-making."

At City Academy, we are very ambitious for our students, and we aim to give them an excellent education, with as many opportunities as possible. It is fantastic this was recognised by the Ofsted team, which said: "Leaders have the highest expectations for their pupils." And they painted a very positive picture of the learning environment at City: "Pupils work hard in lessons and enjoy learning. They want to be knowledgeable and successful.

They are keen to take part in lessons, and many produce some lovely work."

As you know, we have worked really hard to improve behaviour at City Academy and the report is very positive about this. It says: "Leaders have worked very hard and effectively to improve behaviour and attendance in a very short period of time. As a result, pupils now behave very well in lessons and around the school site." And that "pupils say they feel safe in school." We could not have achieved this without our students' positive attitudes or your support for our behaviour reset, so thank you – it is appreciated and is having an important impact.

Of course, there is always more to do, and we are determined to build on the improvements we have made over the past few months, and to consider carefully how we can implement Ofsted's recommendations. Our positive behaviour strategy will continue, as will our personal development programme and pastoral care, highlighted as a strength in the report. All while continuing to ensure we deliver excellent teaching, learning and enrichment to our students, and the foundations for happy and successful futures.

This is a great start to the term and, with our building refurbishment due to complete soon, the future looks very bright for everyone at City Academy. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the City team for their energy and commitment; to you, for your continued co-operation and support; and to our brilliant students, who have made this achievement possible.

As always, thank you for your continued support.



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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Bakewell".

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