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Hello parents / Carers and welcome to the SEND newsletter for City Academy week ending 1st May.

This letter is now emailed directly to you as a parent of a child on the SEND register – if there are any questions or concerns, please use my email address at the bottom of the page.


This week in City Academy:

Attendance Update

Attendance for students with SEND at City Academy continues to be strong and is currently at 88.6% one point up on national average. However, the school has an average of 90.2%. Attendance is vital to ensure your child is performing to their best potential, to ensure your child is ready and supported each day we have a **breakfast club that begins at 0745am should your child like to come to school to eat, study and socialise** before school begins at 0830.

SEND Reforms and Consultations

The SEND Reform proposal or 'White Paper' is a major proposal by the Government to change the way that SEND supported is implemented and funded in UK schools, including City Academy. To see how this may affect you , please read this blog [here](#) and in order to have your views heard , see below to attend a meeting with Birmingham City Council.









CALLING SEND PARENT CARERS!



Join us at one of our upcoming online sessions to share your views on the new SEND Reforms published by the Department for Education.

Places are limited so please book in good time!

Based on what you know about the reforms so far, you will have the opportunity to:

- Say what you think is positive about the proposed reforms
- Highlight what in your view has been overlooked
- Discuss how we can work together to implement the reforms
- Raise concerns and ask questions

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 Tuesday 5th May	 Tuesday 5th May	 Thursday 7th May
 09:30 - 11:00	 18:00 - 19:30	 12:30 - 14:00
BOOK NOW!	BOOK NOW!	BOOK NOW!

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Year 11 Exams and attendance

Year 11 exams start started today with Art and Design. The first seated exams begin next Friday on the 1st of May at 9am. Please support your child in exams by encouraging revision and ensuring that they are aware of which exams are being sat. **All exams start at 9am sharp and it is imperative that they arrive in time or they may be unable to sit the paper.** Please see the attached link to exam timetables, guidelines and exam support. Some of your children will have additional support through Access Arrangements, if you are unclear what this may mean or how your child utilises this support please contact the SEND team.

[Examinations - City Academy](#)

Year 8 Parents Evening

Year 8 Parents' evening was a great opportunity to meet and discuss SEND students and how they are academically progressing and supported in school. If you have missed your opportunity to discuss your child's progress this year, please contact the SEND team below and we can arrange a meeting at your discretion.



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Community Drive CIC – After School Resource

Community Drive CIC is a Birmingham-based organisation focused on supporting young people through inclusive education, SEND expertise and youth development opportunities. The organisation is led by two qualified SENDCOs, alongside a Skills Coach who provides specialist support for post-16 young people with additional needs.

Inclusion After Hours is a completely free after-school provision for young people aged 10 to 18 years old. The programme offers a safe, welcoming and engaging environment outside school hours, helping young people build confidence, friendships and life skills while accessing tailored support. Young people attending can benefit from:

- Gaming and social space
- Table tennis and air hockey
- Academic mentoring and study support
- Quiet study area
- SEND and EAL support
- Sensory room access

Sessions currently run on:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Location:
245 Berners Street
Birmingham
B19 2DT

Community Drive CIC is currently recruiting more young people to join the programme and welcomes referrals, expressions of interest and enquiries from families, schools and professionals who know a young person who may benefit.

Contact Details:
Community Drive CIC
245 Berners Street, Birmingham, B19 2DT
Register here: <https://lnkd.in/dBTbTRV8>



Barnardos Community Hub and Events – Ladywood / Edgbaston

This leaflet from Barnardo's outlines support available for families in Edgbaston. Families can access housing support, including help finding accommodation or resolving housing issues.

Financial advice is available to support with benefits, budgeting, and managing bills. Parenting support provides guidance on child development and effective parenting strategies.

There is also dedicated SEND support for children with special educational needs and disabilities. In addition, families can receive food and household support, including help accessing local food banks.

The service operates as a drop-in, meaning families can attend without an appointment between 9:00am and 4:30pm.



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Supporting Families in Edgbaston

We are here to help and support families.

- Housing support**
Help with housing issues or finding somewhere to live.
- Financial advice**
Support with benefits, budgeting, and managing bills.
- Parenting support**
Guidance on parenting and child development.
- SEND support**
Support for children with special educational needs and disabilities.
- Food & household support**
- Help accessing food banks and household support.**

Drop-in support available
9:00am - 4:30pm

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📍 **Doddington Green Children's Centre**
28 Doddington Grove
Birmingham B32 4EL

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Further Information and Contact

If you have concerns about your child's provision, please email me at:

SParkes@corecity.academy or Miss Hopkins, Asst SENCO Khopkins@corecity.academy

You may also contact my line manager Mr P Coleby, Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we are building a strong and inclusive community where every student feels confident, secure, and ready to succeed.

Best wishes

Mr Parkes

SENDCo, City Academy