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Hello parents/carers and welcome to the SEND newsletter for City Academy week ending 15th 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 89% one point up on national average. However, the school has an average of 91%. 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.

Year 10 Success Evening

Year 10 students and parents had the opportunity to listen to speeches by Mr Mann and Mr Coleby, Executive and Deputy Head of City Academy, as well as Mr Nazar, Head of Year 10 in advance of the first set of Mock GCSE Examinations in June. The evening was a great success with students and parents having revision tips, careers advice from post 16 colleges and conversations with teachers.

The mock exam timetable can be found here: [Year 10 Mock Examinations - City Academy](#), beginning on the 17th of June 2026.

If you wish to discuss anything in relation to Year 10 success and Send, please contact via the email address below.



Year 11 Exams and attendance

Year 11 exams are well underway with the English Literature exam at 9am Monday 11th May 2026. 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](#)

Bring it on Brum – SEND Holiday Clubs

Several Bring it on Brum holiday club providers run programmes for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Some organisations offer specialist provision, designed specifically for children with SEND, while others provide inclusive provision, where children with and without SEND participate together.

Before booking or attending a club, please contact the provider directly. It is important to discuss your child's individual needs in advance so the holiday club can ensure the appropriate support is in place. The links for clubs by area of Birmingham can be found [here](#).



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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