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Hello and welcome to the SEND newsletter for City Academy for this week.

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%. Punctuality and attendance before 9am will improve your child's attendance, punctuality is especially important to ensure your child takes the opportunity to undertake interventions and support that City Academy has to offer.

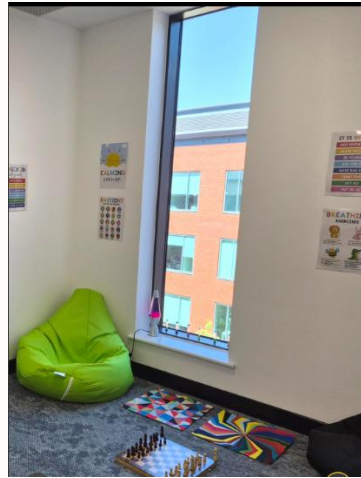
Attendance is vital to ensure your child is performing to their best potential, to ensure your child is ready and supported each day we have a **breakfast club that begins at 0745am should your child like to come to school to eat, study and socialise** before school begins at 0830.

### **One Break and Lunch**

It has a busy and positive week, with students moving collectively to one lunch, one break and the launch of the games room, study zone and football and sports field all in one week! Extracurricular such as games, tuition British Sign Language and use of Multi Faith Room are available and ensure that all our students cultural and social needs are available every lunch time.

### **Sensory Space**

Our new sensory space is now open on the fifth floor and is available as a therapeutic place to regulate, relax and reflect in addition to being a place to eat and learn for those who may be feeling overwhelmed with aspects of their sensory environments. If you have any questions regarding the space or how school can support your child with their sensory needs, please get in touch.



### **SEND Coffee Morning**

SEND Coffee morning was a fantastic event with parents engaging with Teaching assistants and the SENDCO in regard to post 16 studies, next steps to EHCPs and general support. Email and details of the next SEND Coffee morning will be out in due course but if you would like a personal meeting with myself or the SEND team, please use the contact details at the end of this newsletter.

### **Year 11 Exams and attendance**

Year 11 exams start started today with Art and Design. The first seated exams begin next Friday on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7 Welcome Evening**

Year 7 Welcome evening was a roaring success with over 100 attendees visiting the school to hear Mr Mann discuss the exciting future of City Academy.



If you have any children in year 6 or year 5 and are interested in a tour of the school, please contact myself and I will facilitate an opportunity to do so.

### **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



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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>

**INCLUSION AFTER HOURS**  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

**FREE!**

- PS5 / Gaming
- Table Tennis / Air Hockey
- Academic Mentoring
- Study Space
- SEND / EAL Interventions
- Sensory Room

**3.30PM - 6.30PM**

**JOIN NOW**

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### Further Information and Contact

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

[SParkes@corecity.academy](mailto:SParkes@corecity.academy) or Miss Hopkins, Asst SENCO [Khopkins@corecity.academy](mailto: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**