

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Success Evening 2025

We are delighted to invite you to our “Year 11 Success evening”, which will take place on **Tuesday 30th September 2025** at City Academy. The event will begin at 4:00pm and finish at approx. 6:00pm. The evening will focus on how we can work together to give your child the best opportunity for success in this critical year of their education. Whilst the evening will be largely aimed at parents, I am very happy for students to attend. During the event, we will provide an overview of each subject, relevant deadlines and key revision materials. In addition to this we will provide revision materials at no charge for any attending Parents, which will support students in their exam preparations. Outlined below is key information both parents and pupils need to be aware of in the coming months ahead.

Mock Exams

I am pleased to be able to share with you the key dates of the mock exams that your child will complete during the October and their second set of mocks in January. These mock exams are an important part of the work that your child is completing to prepare for their GCSE 2025, summer examinations. At City Academy, we want to ensure that your child is fully prepared for the summer examinations, and we hope that you will fully support us in delivering a successful mock examination period. These mock exams will ensure that your child fully understands the formal JCQ examination regulations, and how GCSE exams will run at City Academy. They will also enable students to practise their revision techniques, and the feedback they receive from these mock exams will indicate where students need to focus their revision. These examinations will provide your child’s teachers with a clear indication of where they may need additional support, to be able to achieve their full potential during the summer 2026 exam period.

- The first set of mock exams will commence on **Monday 13th October 2025 to Friday 24th October 2025**.
- The second set of mocks exams will commence **Monday 12th January 2026 to Friday 23rd January 2026**.

Year 11 Parents Evenings

The first year 11 parents’ evening will be on **Thursday 27th November 2025** and the second parents’ evening will be on **Thursday 26th February 2026**. The evenings will give you the opportunity to speak to your child's subject teachers and Form Teacher regarding your child’s progress. As this will be your last parent’s evening, it is important that you take the opportunity to attend and speak to your child’s teacher before the GCSE exams start. The results of the October “Mock exams” will also be distributed during this time, and the results of the January “Mock exams” will also be shared during the two parent’s evenings.

Year 11 Destinations

As an school we provide a range of careers information, education, advice and guidance (CIEAG), to encourage our students to make good choices and understand what they need to do to succeed in the careers to which they aspire.

We provide opportunities for a range of education and training providers to speak to our students to inform them about education qualifications (A-Levels, T Levels and apprenticeships), and we also promote and have access to a range of education and training providers to best suit their needs and aspirations. Weekly assemblies from these providers have been scheduled to provide students with further information based on post 16 options. Each child in Year 11 will have a 1:1 guidance meeting to allow them to discuss their interests and the courses and pathways that they intend to pursue. All students will need to make a minimum of two applications for Post 16 (Apprenticeship, college, sixth form) and our deadline on this is the end of the Spring Term, Friday 23rd March 2026. At this time lots of courses will begin to close and students risk missing out on their first-choice destination if they do not apply in good time. In addition, we want students to be able to focus fully on their exams in the Summer term and not have to worry about applications.

We value your ongoing support and strongly recommend that you attend this event, so that you are fully informed of what lies ahead during this important year in your child's education. Should you have any queries relating to this evening, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 30th September 2025 at 4.00 pm.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Stanley
Head of Y11