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**Dear Parents/Carers** 

Welcome to the latest update on developments at City Academy. For those of you with year 11 students you will be aware that since my last letter, they have completed their mock exams at our Newhall site.

This was, for them, an introduction to the importance of their past study time and a realisation of what needs to be achieved when the real exams start.

It also provides the school with lots of extra work in marking all the papers, but the work is beneficial as will highlight any gaps in students understanding and knowledge and will help us in knowing where exactly to target any intervention necessary to bridge those gaps.

As we have mentioned in the past, school life is preparation for adult life, and one of the important lessons, along with so many others, is the recognition that a person's future is often in their own hands, and however many people are there with them to help them achieve and do well, they as individuals have to take responsibility for what ultimately will be the outcome of that help.

Please be assured we at City are keen for your child to be the best they can be and achieve as much as possible to help open the doors of opportunity once they leave us.

We have been outlining the fresh start to them all regarding arrival times, school equipment, and preparation but ultimately, they will all be responsible for the attitude they bring with them into school and then into the classroom.

Can we ask you, as parents and caregivers to help us encourage them all to bring their best attitude towards what they are going to be facing, learning and experiencing every day at City so we can all work towards the best possible outcomes. Not only in the exams later this academic year, but also for the progress through the year groups which will ultimately lead to your child's successful future.

We are pleased to announce over the next few weeks, we have some new members of staff joining us to enhance the teaching work force, but also provide your child with enhanced pastoral support, so we can continue to get to know them, so we are able to meet their needs, to enable them to flourish and find a sense of belonging with us.

We are also pleased to say, now that the year 11s have rejoined us at the Langley Walk, they will get to see the improvements to the building along with the emphasis on them starting the day right so that things are in place not to miss out on any opportunities of learning.

Please be assured we are continuing to strive to provide the best for all here and we will update you next week on more changes and improvements that we have in the pipeline.

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Exciting times ahead and we thank you for the cooperation in our work to help educate your children.

Yours sincerely,

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