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Thursday 3rd October 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Success Evening

We are delighted to invite you to our “Year 11 Success evening”, which will take place on **Wednesday 9th October 2024** at City Academy. The event will begin at 5.00pm prompt and finish at approx. 6:00pm. Doors will open at 4:30pm for parents to arrive and be seated. 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 so they can share in this evening. 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 in various subjects, at no charge** for any attending Parents, which will support students in their exam preparations. In addition to our success evening, below you will find some 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 2025 exam period.

The first set of mock exams will commence on **Monday 14th October 2024** to **Tuesday 22nd October 2024**.

The second set of mocks exams will commence on **Monday 13th January 2025** to **Friday 24th January 2025**.



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Year 11 Parents Evening

Year 11 Parents evening will be on **Thursday 28th November 2024**. This evening will give you the opportunity to speak to your child's subject teachers and form teacher regarding your child's progress. As this is the last Parents' Evening before the GCSE exams start, parents' attendance is of vital importance, in this most crucial of years. The results of the October "Mock exams" will also be distributed during this time.

Year 11 Destinations

As an academy 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 and these commence on Friday 13th September. 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 11th April 2025. 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.

look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 9th October 2024, at 4:30 for a 5pm start.**

Your sincerely

Mrs K Stanley
Head of Year