

Friday 28th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to invite you to our “Year 11 Success evening”, which will take place on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023** at City Academy. The event will begin at 5.00pm and finish at approx. 6:15pm. 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 issue the June “Mock Exam” results, in addition to a booklet which gives 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 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 2024, 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 2024 exam period.

The first set of mock exams will commence on the following dates;

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

The second set of mocks exams will commence on the following dates;

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

### **Year 11 Parents Evening**

Year 11 parents evening will be on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**. 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



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based on post 16 options and these commence on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**, at **5pm**.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Jones  
Head of Year 11

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