



**“Every Student a graduate – every student a leader”  
Trust, Commitment, Challenge**

**Newsletter – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Dear Parents/Carers

We have recently had a visit from the Department for Education. The adviser met with Jon Angell, the school's extended leadership team, members of the Academy Council and the Executive Principal of the Cabot Learning Federation. The adviser also observed lessons, met with pupils and reviewed our school's key documents.

Following recent Government updates, it was confirmed that we are the 4<sup>th</sup> highest for progress in English and the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest for progress in Maths across Bristol. We are also in the top 10% of the country for Maths progress.

We were very pleased that the adviser found that all the staff here have an excellent drive to improve the Academy and we are well supported by the Cabot Learning Federation. Pupils told him that they really value the strong relationships between staff and pupils. They also told him that they feel very strongly that there have been lots of great improvements over the last two years.

He was impressed by the quality of the marking and feedback given to pupils, particularly in English. He also told us that our Academy Councillors are ensuring that they use their diverse skills to ensure we are improving.

He also found that our self-evaluation process is strong and that Cabot Learning Federation ensures it is accurate and appropriate. We are pleased that he recognised that we know the areas that we should focus on as a school to make us even better, such as continuing to improve the progress in History, Geography and Science, and continuing to share the best practice in assessment across all our subjects. We are working hard to ensure that all pupils take pride in their work to make sure standards of presentation are the best they can be in all subjects, and to ensure that all pupils are challenged.

The adviser could see that we are working hard to ensure that our overall attendance improves, and

have seen excellent improvements in the last few weeks, thank you for your support in doing this.

Thank you for your continued support

Jon Angell, Principal

**2016-2017 Remaining Term Dates**

Term	Start	End
Term 5	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Term 6	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

**Key Dates**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – INSET  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 – May Bank Holiday  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 Parents Evening  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 11 Prom  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - INSET

**Attendance Information**

There is a direct number that you need to call if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason. The telephone number is 0117 9542822, this number will go straight to our attendance team.

**MP Thangam Debbonaire Visits City Academy**

MP Thangam Debbonaire took time out of her busy schedule to visit City Academy. The MP was greeted by Principal John Angell and students Rashid Salawu Thompson and Shae White.

The Labour MP toured the academy going from classroom to classroom talking to students about life as an MP and asking students about school life at City Academy.

Principal Jon Angell said, “It was fantastic for Thangam to come and visit us and I would like to thank her for that. It was an amazing experience for our students to be able to meet and talk to an MP of Thangam’s stature.”



## Meet the City Academy Language and Literacy Team



Ms Hickey  
Head of  
Faculty



Ms Rodgers  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Faculty



Ms Fuller  
Literacy  
Coordinator



Mr Ahmed  
Leader of  
Community  
Languages



Ms De Luca  
Teacher of  
English



Mr Murphy  
Teacher of  
Spanish



Mr Lock  
Teacher of  
English



Mr Callander  
Teacher of  
English



Mr Billis  
Teacher of  
English



Ms Ahmad  
Teacher of  
Community  
Languages



Ms Kaur  
Teacher of  
Community  
Languages



Mr Griffin  
Teacher of  
English



Ms Parmar  
Teacher of  
Spanish

## Spanish Trip

Please see our website for a letter regarding the trip to Spain that is running in October. If your child wishes to attend you will need to return the permission slip and deposit by 6<sup>th</sup> April.

## Football Champions

On Thursday our City Academy Bristol boys football team produced a defensive masterclass in the final of the Bristol Schools Cup to take home the trophy with a hard fought one nil win over St Bedes Catholic College. Congratulations!



## Art workshop at the Royal West Academy in Clifton

Recently 20 of our Year 9 pupils attended an art workshop at the Royal West Academy in Clifton.

We visited the archives, which are not open to the public and saw priceless historical artefacts linked to the architecture and design of the Academy.

Pupils completed a drawing, based on their own interpretation of the future of their creativity.

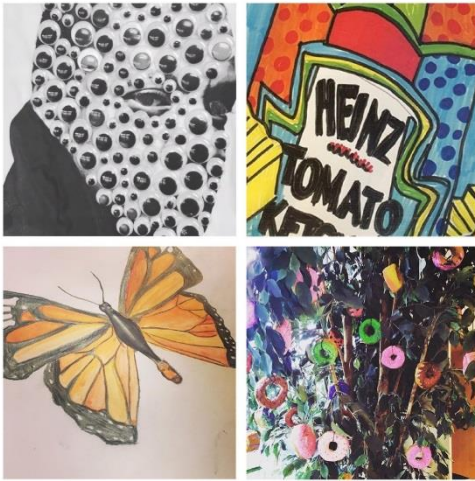
We finished the workshop with a viewing of the exhibition, "Strange Worlds - A vision of Angela Carter".





## Art Instagram

If you'd like to see more amazing artwork from City Academy pupils, you can follow the art department Instagram page - cityacademy\_art



## Internet Safety Day

Our year 7 students recently took part in Internet Safety Day. They discussed the benefits as well as dangers of Social media and tips on how to keep safe online.



## Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Ikal Warsame, Sammy Lester, Morgan Owen and Ihtisham Ilyas who recently represented City Academy in a Maths challenge against 30 other schools. The challenge went really well and the pupils did an excellent job of representing the Academy.

## Judicial Awareness Course

24 Students in year 9 participated in a judicial awareness day with a Crown Court Judge and volunteers from the ministry of Justice. The students investigated the role of jurors and judges in criminal cases and looked at what makes a good

witness in court. They identified some principles of cross examination and used real case studies to practise playing the role of Jurors.

There was also an investigation into the effects of sentencing on victims, defendants and family members.

The feedback from the facilitators was that it was 'A brilliant day today at City Academy. The students were so positive and an inspiration. They certainly have drive and determination to be successful in their future journey in life'



## BBC School News Report

Recently we welcomed Mayor of Bristol, Marvin Rees who spoke to year 9 students about mental health and aspirations.

Our own BBC School News Reporters questioned him on these issues as well as some fun questions like, 'do you ever have a pyjama day?' Sadly the answer from Marvin on this one was 'no' – though I suppose we can let him off, as he's a busy man these days. Another group of young reporters also made their own video, questioning students and teachers around the academy on the issue of pay for footballers and doctors – the video is on our website under 'news'.

Once again, congratulations to all BBC School Reporters at City Academy and thanks to year 9.

The whole story was on BBC Points West tonight and BBC Radio Bristol. You can view some of the pictures from the day on Twitter @CAB\_english.



## Uniform

We now have a website that you can use to order school uniform – it can be accessed here <http://www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/cityacademy>

We will continue to sell uniform at City Academy as well until the end of the academy year. For next year parents will need to use the website.

## City Academy Talent Show

Our drama and music departments will be putting on a City Academy Talent show in July. We are holding auditions for students on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> during lunch and after school. Please encourage your child/children to audition!

## Comic Relief

Staff, students and Post 16 students raised over £700 for Comic Relief by holding a non-uniform day, cake and sweet sales and a danceathon – well done to everyone involved.

## Make City Green Project

As part of the 'Make City Green' project a year 8 Geography group has been taking part in a gardening project.



## ESOL

There are English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses in the Beacon Centre. The Beacon Centre is also recruiting new learners for two upcoming short 'IT for beginners' courses.

For more information call Janet or Charly on 0117 954 2806.

## The Discovery Centre

Please see the link below to access our library blog:

<https://discoverycentrecab.wordpress.com/2016/11/16/bookbuzz-reading-challenge/>

## Low Cost Computers


Byte Back Scheme sell reconditioned, low cost computers. Here is a link for their website <http://www.bytebackitrepair.co.uk/re-use-scheme.html>

### Free School Meals – Are you eligible?

If you **do not** receive Working Tax Credit your child may be eligible for Free School meals. Please apply online to the Bristol City Council [www.bristol.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/fsm) for an immediate answer

Free School Meal Forms can be obtained from our reception desk if you do not have access to the internet or if you need help completing the form. For any further information please contact Donna Stark - 0117 9542819

Visit our new website for news and events:  
<http://www.cityacademy.bristol.sch.uk/>

Follow us on Twitter @\_City\_Academy 

### Student Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Break time</b>	Choir		Ukulele Club		
<b>Lunch time</b>		Music Club – E07	Music Tech Club – E07 Band Club		
<b>After School</b>		Year 10 Art GCSE – HD112 Year 11 3D GCSE – HD112	Year 10 Art GCSE – HD112 Year 11 3D GCSE – HD112	Rugby – Sports Hall or Astro	Cricket Club – Sports Hall
		Netball – Sports Hall	Year 11 Textiles – HD114	Year 11 Geography Revision – HD116	English Revision – E03
		Year 9 Art Club – HD114		Computer Science Club – CE01/CE09	Year 11 Maths – set 4 – R114
		Computer Science Club – CE01/CE09		Creative Writing Club – E111	
	Shine Reading	Shine Reading	Shine Reading	Shine Reading	
		Year 11 Maths – sets 1,2,3 - RO3, RO5, R09, R113, R114,			