



“Pride, Grit and Team Spirit”

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the latest edition of the City Academy Newsletter. This is where we publish information, celebrate achievements and share important updates.

Thank you for your continued support

Jon Angell, Principal

2017-2018 Remaining Term Dates

Term	Start	End
Autumn Term 2	Monday 30 th October	Friday 15 th December
Spring Term 3	Tuesday 2 nd January	Friday 9 th February
Spring Term 4	Monday 19 th February	Friday 23 rd March
Summer Term 5	Monday 9 th April	Friday 25 th May
Summer Term 6	Monday 4 th June	Tuesday 24 th July

REMAINING INSET Days and OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

INSET – School closed to Pupils

Tuesday 2nd January
 Monday 9th April
 Friday 6th July
 Monday 9th July

Other:

Thursday 18th January – Year 8 & 9 Options Evening
 Thursday 8th February – Year 10 Parents Evening
 Thursday 1st March – Year 7 Parents Evening
 Thursday 22nd March – Year 11 Parents Evening
 Thursday 19th April – Year 9 Parents Evening
 Monday 7th May – May Bank Holiday
 Thursday 12th July – Year 8 Parents Evening

Last Day of Term Celebrations

On Friday 15th December, we will be having an end of term celebration for students. This will finish at 12pm, when students will be allowed to leave.

City Academy Festive Production – 13th December

Over forty students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are producing and putting on a Christmas production for families. This is taking place on Wednesday 13th December at 6pm, in the school theatre for families and the local community.

The production is inspired by ‘Into the Hoods’ which uses physical theatre, devised pieces and urban fairy tales. There will be singing, music, dancing and hip hop.

City Academy students will also be directing, producing, organising costumes, arranging the music, making props, taking care of sound and lighting and performing in what will be a fabulous festive, fun extravaganza!

We would love to encourage all pupils and their families to attend. Tickets are now available from reception for £2.50.



Year 8 & 9 Options Evening

Year 8 & 9 Options Evening takes place on Thursday 18th January.

We will be sending information home nearer the time, but please do put this important date in your diary.

Year 10 Parents’ Evening

Year 10 Parents’ Evening takes place on Thursday 8th February.

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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.

Pastoral Team

Mr Pearce - Pastoral Leader
Mr Talbot - Pastoral Support Worker for Panthers
Mr Konsal - Pastoral Support Worker for Tigers
Miss Bailey - Pastoral Support Worker for Lions
Miss Anderson - Pastoral Support Worker for Leopards
Ms Collins - Pastoral Support Worker for Year 11
Ms Palmer - Pastoral Support Worker for Year 7/
Family support and Transition

Year 11 Presidents

We were really proud to see so many year 11 students run for Student President this year. We held a hustings event for the candidates to talk to their year group. Students then voted for their president and it was an extremely close run contest. The successful candidates were:

Boys President: Raphael Bojang
Boys Deputy: Muhammed Njie



Girls President: Dana Moffett
Girls Deputy: Ahlan Muhamed



Student Voice Team

The City Student Voice Team is up and running and we now have 121 members ensuring we are representing our Student Voice and promoting the City's ethos of "Pride, Grit and Team Spirit"

Maths Homework Club

Maths homework club is now on! This is open to all students and takes place on Tuesdays after school in CE010.

Uniform

We'd like to thank all parents for helping us to ensure that students are in full uniform. Can we please ask that students do not wear tracksuit bottoms under trousers, and also that only City Academy branded jumpers are worn.

The Jazz Ticket Performance at Colston Hall

The Jazz Ticket is a schools-based music education project that brings together young musicians from across the UK to work with leading jazz professionals on a set of specially arranged compositions marking the centenary of the birth of six Giants of Jazz.

Performing Arts BTEC pupils at City Academy alongside pupils from Cotham and Bristol Cathedral School performed at The Colston Hall, supporting the Nu Civilisation Orchestra. Performing as part of The Jazz Ticket nationwide music programme, they add energy to new arrangements of works by great jazz legends.



Black History Month Trip to Bristol University

On 11th October, 11 students visited Bristol University for a Black History Month trip. They met many BME staff in senior positions, met students and heard about the societies that are specifically for BME students and what type of events they have coming up in future. They heard poetry, took part in an icebreaker, and then the students themselves wrote some poetry.

They had a tour of the University of Bristol, lunch and then an art workshop, a dance workshop and choreographed their own routine to some Afro-Beats.



England Rugby

Students have been working with England Rugby designing a new rugby shirt with their 'All School program'



Sport

We have had some really great successes across our rugby, football and netball teams so far this year.



Ovo Mentoring Programme

We have been taking groups of students to Ovo Energy Company, as part of a positive mentoring program, run by the West of England Mentoring



Youth Voice Conference

As part of Bristol City Council's democracy week, a group of students took part in the Youth Voice Conference. The students took part in a variety of activities, including talks about political engagement in schools, a Q&A with a panel made up of local politicians and finished with a debate on votes at 16.

Throughout the day, students put their views across. It was great to see all the young people listening to each other, confidently contributing and respecting each other's opinions.



Accelerated Reading

Congratulations to Ridita Hussain in year 8, who is our first Accelerated Reader word millionaire!



Madrid Trip

A group of students recently visited Madrid and had a wonderful experience. If you'd like to read all about it you can visit the blog -

<https://madridcab2017.wordpress.com/>

Here are a few pictures:



ESOL

We're enrolling now for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses and a basic IT course. There will be a Maths course for ESOL learners running from February 2018. Please call 0117 954 2806 to find out more or pop into the Beacon Centre, next to City Academy on Russell Town Avenue BS5 9JH.

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 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

Contact Details

It is really helpful if you can please provide us with up to date contact details. Please send your child's name, along with your up to date telephone numbers and email addresses to warel@cityacademy.bristol.sch.uk or tell reception.

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<http://www.cityacademy.bristol.sch.uk/>

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