

January 2020

Free Breakfast for All Students

A reminder that we offer a FREE healthy school breakfast including bagels and cereals, available to all, so that students are settled and ready to learn at the start of the school day.

Breakfast is available daily from 7.45am to 8.30am Monday to Friday. Please encourage your child to take up this excellent offer.

Contact Details

It is really important that we hold up to date address and telephone number details for your child, and for emergency contacts. If you have changed address or have a new telephone number please tell reception or send your child's name, along with the updated details to warel@cityacademy.bristol.sch.uk

Lost Property

We are finding an increasing amount of lost property. Please can you ensure your student's uniform, coats and PE kit are labelled with their name and year group. That way, we can ensure items are returned the correct students.

Lost property is kept in reception for two days, where we will check for name labels, and then after the two days we will put items without name labels on a lost property table in the main corridor. At the end of each term we will donate anything left to charity.

Student Food & Drink Credit Top

Students are able to top up using cash either before school, at break time and at lunch time using the machines in the Venue and corridor. If parents wish to pay by credit/debit card then you are welcome to call school 01179413800 extension 219 to pay over the phone, or come to reception where we can take a card payment.

Parking

Please can we remind parents to drive carefully and slowly at all times when dropping off or collecting students. We would like to encourage students to walk and use public transport wherever possible.

There is to be no parking on designated pavements or double yellow lines.

Important Dates

REMAINING TERM DATES

Term 3

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February

Term 4

Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April

Term 5

Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May

Term 6

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

INSET DAYS

Friday 3rd April 2020

Friday 3rd July 2020

Monday 6th July 2020

Other

Friday 8th May 2020 – May Bank Holiday

PARENTS EVENINGS

Thursday 30th January 2020 – Year 8

Thursday 13th February 2020 – Year 10

Thursday 27th February 2020 – Year 7

Thursday 26th March 2020 – Year 11

Thursday 30th April 2020 – Year 8 Options Evening

Thursday 9th July 2020 - Year 9

Visit our new website for news and events:

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

Follow us on Twitter @City_Academy

Exam Invigilators Needed

Our CLF Academies are looking to recruit more Exam Invigilators, readers and scribes to assist with scheduled exams.

These are casual positions, where you will be advised when you will be needed, and you advise if you are available.

The role is paid on an hourly rate plus holiday pay. For more information and to apply please go to:

<https://isw.changeworknow.co.uk/cabotlearningfederation/vms/e/careers/positions/c9pGrbqeTo6iVbPZmHAXnG>

Period Project

A pioneering initiative which aims to end period poverty for good across Bristol was officially launched.

BBC Points West visited City Academy to find out how they tackle period poverty in their school and the stigma that surrounds it.

Free sanitary products are available to students from the Pastoral Team.

To watch this piece please click on the link below.

<https://www.clf.uk/city-academy-on-bbc-points-west-3/>



Introducing PC Ryan Day

A little bit about me

I began my career in December of 2000 at the ripe old age of 20. The last 19 years, I have been based mainly in the South Gloucestershire area with some time being spent in the city of Bath. My last 4 years have been spent working for the Investigations Department (CID for us older ones) investigating serious and organised crime. I love all things active and I have a passion for food and motorcycle restoration.



Why does the City Academy need a full time Police Officer?

Some of you may be surprised to hear that the role of the Schools Prevention and Engagement Officer is not a new one. My predecessor, PC Parsons, retired from the role a number of years back and since that time the role has not been permanently filled. City Academy is one of several schools across the City that are fortunate enough to have its very own in-house officer.

It is widely accepted that over time, having an officer based within a school setting is beneficial to the welfare and education of its students.

My Role and why I applied....

My role now is predominately based around engagement and the prevention of crime. My working day starts at 7am when I share breakfast and stories with students in the Venue. This is what I would consider quiet time where students gently flow into school. Throughout the day, I work closely with the Academy's safeguarding team, teachers and students, gathering information and identifying any immediate concerns.

At around 3pm, I leave the premises and position myself outside of the main entrance of the school. This gives me chance to talk to parents and guardians before the main gates are opened. After a brief walk around the local area, I head back to finish my reports and create actions for the following day.

I soon hope to start delivering presentations and educational inputs around a variety of topics including online safety, weapons, and drugs amongst others.

In time, I hope to be involved in various extracurricular activities such as sports and social clubs, I feel it is important to continue engagement outside of my uniformed role.

People ask me why I would want to give up the glitz and glamour of serious crime to become a Schools Officer. My reply is simply that prosecution and punishment alone is not enough. I feel education and engagement at a young age is imperative in order to give young people the tools they need to successfully navigate a sometimes-difficult path to adulthood.

I would love to meet as many parents and guardians as possible throughout the year and will be making regular appearances at parents' evenings, so please come and talk to me then, or after school at the school gates.

Accelerated Reader

So far KS3 students have read a total of 40,009,517 words.

We have 4 students who are now word millionaires! Congratulations to:

Rachel R 1,542,468
 Iolo BP 1,537,434
 Mohamed A 1,112,889
 Mhela S 1,077,248

All students in year seven and year eight now have 20 additional minutes of reading time a day, please remind your child to bring in their book every single day. It has been great to see students engaging in their reading; keep an eye out for additional competitions and prizes coming soon.

We will be welcoming a new librarian to the school at the beginning of February.

Prohibited Items

We are duty bound to regularly remind parents and students of items that are prohibited in school. The list of items that will be confiscated include, but not limited to:

- Lighters
- Matches
- BB guns / toy guns
- Water pistols
- Cigarettes
- E-cigarettes
- Hammers / spanners (for fixing bikes but they have to be confiscated)
- Anything that could be considered a weapon
- Drugs
- Drug paraphernalia

Items will be confiscated, and depending on the item, could result in disciplinary action.



City Academy's performance of Aladdin the musical, will be taking place on 17th and 18th of March 2020. Details about times and tickets will be shared

ESOL Adult Education

We run ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses for adults. Our classes are at different levels, from Pre-Entry to Level 1 and are taught by qualified, experienced tutors.

Ofsted recently inspected the City of Bristol College, and the Adult Learning Programme received a grading of 'Good' which is where our ESOL provision sits. Verbal feedback from the inspector who visited one of our classes as part of the ESOL 'deep dive' was that he was "very impressed with what he saw".

From the report: "The college makes good use of community learning centres to introduce potential students to learning. Adult students highlight how they gain in confidence from working in such supportive environments."

For more information please call Janet or Charly on 0117 954 2806 or pop into the Beacon Centre, which is the building next to City Academy.



Extra-Curricular PE Timetable: Term 3

	Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	SH1	Basketball Club Yr 7/8/9 	Basketball Club Yr 10/11 	Basketball Club Yr 7/8/9 	Basketball Club Yr 10/11 	
	SH2 & SH3	5-a-side Football Club 	5-a-side Football Club 	5-a-side Football Club 	5-a-side Football Club 	
	SH3	5-a-side Football Club 	5-a-side Football Club 	5-a-side Football Club 	5-a-side Football Club 	
After School	3G	Bristol Storm Basketball All Years  JM	Recreational Badminton All Years  TB/JM	Football Training Year 9 & 10 Boys  JM	Girls Active Dance Club  HP	Bristol Bears Rugby Club Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls 
	SH	Fitness Club All Years  TF	Boys Football Year 7 & 8  TF/BP	Girls Football All Years  TB/HP		
	SH	Trampolining  SL				

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Baggator youth club opening

24th Friday January 2020

3:30pm-7:30pm

2 Tokens for FREE FOOD AND

DRINKS

The Pickle Factory, 13 All Hallows Rd, Bristol BS5

Sport Tournaments 0HH



Soap and bath bomb making



Cinema Room

Free nails and hair



**PLAYSTATION 4 AND XBOX
TORNAMENTS**





Advanced Cycle Training

Bikeability Holiday course for ages 11-15 years

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th February 2020



Get the skills & confidence to ride independently

- Bikeability Level 3 for secondary school pupils
- 4 hours' training over 2 afternoons
- A great way to get active this half term!

For more information and to book:

<https://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/bristol-holiday-courses>

Courses are partially funded by Bristol City Council for local young people. The additional cost to families is just £35.