

October 2021

Black History Month

Throughout Black History Month, City Academy will be recognising the contribution and achievements of those with African or Caribbean heritage. It is an opportunity to celebrate the diverse school community and discuss what we are proud to be.

All students will take part in lessons across all subjects in school to celebrate Black History Month, as well as have the opportunity to work with organisations outside the classroom such as St Pauls Carnival, QTPOC and West African Dance Group as well as Somali cultural experiences.

If you'd like to find out more about Black History Month, please visit <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>



Year 7 Parents – Please complete our Transition Survey

We hope your child is settling well into life at City Academy. We would be very grateful if you would take a couple of minutes to complete the following survey on your experience of the transition process. Please note this survey is anonymous.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ViObpySMlk_m0IMbibQtAkKUZ6HxKVxBvtJBwieFbI9UME1CTE1RWkhaRIFXNlo_yQ05ETDMzNzBGMMy4u

Important Dates

REMAINING TERM DATES

Term 1

Thursday 2nd September to
Wednesday 20th October

Term 2

Monday 1st November to Friday 17th
December

Term 3

Wednesday 5th January to Friday 18th
February

Term 4

Monday 28th February to Friday 8th
April

Term 5

Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May

Term 6

Monday 6th June to Thursday 21st July

INSET DAYS

Thursday 21st October 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Friday 8th July 2022

OTHER DATES TO BE AWARE OF

Friday 17th December 2021 – students
finish school at 12pm

Monday 2nd May 2022 – Bank Holiday

Thursday 21st July 2022 – students
finish school at 12pm

Friday 22nd July 2022 – closure day

Visit our new website for news and events:

<https://cityacademybristol.clf.uk/>

Follow us on Twitter @_City_Academy

Introducing our Family Support Team

CAB LGBTQ+ lunchtime group!

Miss Jacobs and Miss Mulhern are running a LGBTQ+ lunchtime group. If your child is interested in attending the group, please ask them to speak to Miss Jacobs, Miss Mulhern or their Learning Facilitator.



Cake Sale Success

Well done to Bibi in Year 8, who organised a fantastic cake sale and raised over £300 for St Mungo's.



City Academy are excited to introduce both Azmina Mitha and Hinda Noor who are part of our family support team. Please feel free to contact them by email on Azmina.mitha@clf.uk and Hinda.Noor@clf.uk Or by phone 0117 9413800 - Extension 232



Prayer Information

City Academy is a diverse school that welcomes students from all cultures and backgrounds. We are happy to announce that the daily Zuhr and Jumma prayers have now resumed at lunch times. We are the only school in Bristol that have bespoke washing facilities for our Muslim students to prepare for their prayers.

We are fortunate that Imam Rizwaan comes to school every day to lead the prayers. Washing facilities are opened at 1pm by the Imam and students are then escorted to E116. Prayer mats will be provided by the school will be washed on a regular basis. We advise students to bring in a hand towel. Please contact Azmina or Hinda if you have any further questions.



Please ensure you have signed up for Parent Pay



E-Scooters

Please be aware that Electric Scooters (other than the VOI hire scooters) are **illegal to ride in a public place** – including all roads and pavements.

VOI hire scooters are only for those aged over 18.

Therefore, no students at City Academy should be riding an electric scooter to school.

The police have recently announced that they are able to confiscate (and destroy) electric scooters that are being ridden in public, so please ensure your child does not ride one to school.

How East Bristol's neighbourhood policing team are making communities safer

Please see this article from Avon and Somerset Police about policing in East Bristol

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/news/2021/10/how-east-bristols-neighbourhood-policing-team-are-making-their-communities-safer/>

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up to Parent Pay.

We need all parents to sign up, even if your child doesn't have school meals or receives free school meals.

This is because not only is this a payment system for things such as meals, snacks and trips, it will also become the main way in which we communicate to parents, so you must have an account to receive communications from school.

Soon, all our whole school and year group communication will be sent out via Parent Pay and put on our website.

Students will no longer be able to 'top up' their accounts using cash either, so it is really important to have an account.

If you have not signed up, and need a copy of the login details for your child, please email cabinfo@clf.uk or call us on 0117 9413800 or ask your child to collect a copy from reception.

Travelling Light Theatre Company Performance

We were extremely fortunate to have the award-winning Travelling Light Theatre Company come to City Academy to perform **Vixen**, an original story by Matt Grinter about a young girl who is turning into a fox. "Expect to see beauty hidden in unremarkable places, friendships that don't follow the rules, the things that unite us and a girl aching to belong"

Teachers were so blown away by how fabulous Year 7 and CAB+ were whilst watching Vixen, they were extremely mature, focused, and respectful throughout. In the Q&A section after the performance, students asked brilliant questions showing that they had fully engaged and understood the symbolic representation of the fox and how the play was about belonging, family and aspiring to be successful despite adversity. It was great for students to see some live theatre again after all this time.





Online Safety Information

Child Gamers

An Ofsted study found that 20% of child gamers chat to people they do not know online, but can they spot extremist grooming techniques? Children in KS4 have been doing activities in recognising these dangers by using a resource called 'Gone too Far' produced by the London Grid for <https://goingtoofar.lgfl.org.uk/>

TikTok Family Pairing Feature

TikTok have a Family Pairing Feature with Educational resources for parents.

This feature allows family members to link their TikTok accounts with their childrens to manage certain settings and parental controls.

Childnet Toolkit

Childnet have created a parent and carer toolkit filled with quick, easy, and practical things you can do to help protect your children online. It includes how to talk to your child about how they spend their time online and how to communicate key online safety messages. It can be found here:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>

Online Safety - Latest News

Young people now more than ever are spending a lot of time online. We have seen a significant rise of social media conflicts outside of school time causing issues in school. This is taking up valuable time when it could be spent dealing with pastoral welfare. Research suggests that when parents put boundaries in place it reduces the risk of online conflicts. One way to reduce this is to have a family agreement.

The CAB website has lots of useful information to help children and parents navigate the online world. If you would like an **Online Safety Pack** please email our Online Safety Officer susan.qazi@clf.uk.

They are full of hints and tips and are available in several different languages and are suitable for parents of SEN children.

City Academy Website – NEW Reporting Harmful Content Button

Students are now able to report and seek advice on any online harm. Please see the information below. Students are able to click the exclamation mark tile on the student navigator, which will direct them to the website. Safer UK has created this tool to help students report online harms and signposts them to correct services. This is a very new service, and we encourage parents to have a look with their child - <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/report/?from=button>



We can help you to report these online harms



reportharmfulcontent.com

Extra-Curricular Activities – After school 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Netball Training – All Years Sports Hall		Badminton – All Years Sports Hall	Indoor Cricket – All Years Sports Hall	
Football – All Years Astro Turf		Rugby – All Years Astro Turf	Table Tennis – All Years Sports Hall	
Basketball – All Years Sports Hall		Year 9 Football Astro Turf	Girls Football – All Years Astro Turf	
Maths Challenge Club – All Years R114				

Lunch Times Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
GCSE Drama Club A011/A012	Debate Club E119	Newspaper Club E112	Choir Club A012	Feminist Poetry and Views E03
	EAL Club (Invitation Only) E115	Musical Theatre Club A011		Year 10 RSL Music Music Rooms
	KS3 Drama Club A011A012			

FELIX NIGHTS

**Wednesdays
6 to 7.30pm**



Playful session for older children 11 to 14 year olds at Felix Road Adventure Playground.

Sessions are led by the wonderful Del and Gemma on Wednesday evenings after our open sessions.

As well as just hanging out and doing their own thing, individuals have the opportunity to work on specific projects too.

For more information

Email eddie@upourstreet.org.uk

Call 0117 9541 409

Or drop by and speak to someone at the playground, during openings times.



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CLF Post 16

Open Evening

Wednesday 20th October 2021, 4.30-7.30pm

- ✓ Find out more about the Post 16 experience
- ✓ Explore our courses
- ✓ Meet the teachers
- ✓ Take a tour
- ✓ See what CLF Post 16 can offer you!

Visit www.post16.clf.uk/open-event to book your place.

Principal tours

Various dates and times available throughout October and November. To reserve your space call 0117 988 2525 or visit www.post16.clf.uk/open-event



www.post16.clf.uk

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