

February 2025

Ofsted Inspectors praise 'Strong' teaching and 'Ambitious' curriculum at 'Inclusive' City Academy



'Vibrant and inclusive' City Academy Bristol is a school where students 'make good progress' thanks to a 'broad and ambitious curriculum', according to Ofsted inspectors. A team from the education watchdog spent two days assessing the school, during which time they met leaders from the school and its parent trust, spoke with parents and pupils, and carried out a deep dive into a number of subject areas.

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In her report, lead inspector Kelly Olive said: "Pupils enjoy attending this vibrant and inclusive school. They are proud to be part of a community where cultural diversity is celebrated. "The school has high expectations of the pupils that attend City Academy. Typically, pupils live up to these by working hard, behaving and achieving well. On teaching and curriculum, the report said: "Teachers have strong subject knowledge. They deliver the content of the shared curriculum well.

"Teachers provide clear explanations and model useful examples for pupils. In relevant subjects, pupils engage in thoughtful debate about topical issues."

On careers education and student progress, Ofsted said: "Pupils experience a well-considered careers programme from when they join in Year 7.

"They are supported in considering their plans for the future. For example, the school hosts visitors from colleges, universities and local employers."

On pupil behaviour, the report said: "Pupils learn in a safe and tolerant environment. The school is a calm and orderly place. On extracurricular activities, the report said: "Many pupils volunteer to be a member of the school council.

Pupils with SEND are well represented and have a strong voice in the school. And on SEND provision, the report said: "The school has a high proportion of pupils with SEND. Systems for the identification of pupils' needs are clear and work effectively.

Ben Tucker, Principal at City Academy, said:

"I am delighted that Ofsted has confirmed that we remain a 'Good' school in all areas. I am extremely grateful for all the hard work of our staff and students, and the continued support that we receive from our families and community."

Steve Taylor, Chief Executive Officer of the Cabot Learning Federation, said:

"I am delighted that inspectors recognised the joyful environment for children at City Academy. "The team works tirelessly and with great passion to ensure that anyone in our community can be assured of a strong experience – it is a highly successful example of how inclusive provision and high standards can and should be delivered in our city. I am delighted for the community and for the team at the school."

Important Dates

TERM 3

First day of term

Tues 7th Jan

Last day of term

Fri 14th Feb

INSET dates

Mon 6th Jan

TERM 4

First day of term

Tues 25th Feb

Last day of term

Fri 4th April

TERM 5

First day of term

Tues 22nd April

Last day of term

Fri 23rd May

BANK HOLS

Mon 21st April

Mon 5th May



[Specially-adapted hijabs are helping Muslim pupils have the confidence to play football.](#)

City Academy in Bristol has had 75 of the hijabs donated, which have straps and means the girls do not need to worry about their headwear falling off. It is hoped the clothing will make pupils feel comfortable while playing a range of school activities. Student Hafsa said: "I think it would encourage girls to take up sport as it's easily adjustable, comfortable and doesn't come off easily. When you play sport in a normal Hijab there is the fear it would come off."



Pupil Mihaal added: "I really like the new sporting Hijabs, they are really nice and the material feels great. I Like the way it is designed, it stays on and is very comfortable to wear."

Dr Norah El-Gohary, a cultural awareness officer with Bristol Muslim Cultural Society, is working with the school on the project.

She spoke to Muslim girls who told her they love sport but found PE kits too restrictive. "My vision and dream finally came true when these young Muslim girls experienced that freedom to completely embrace the game without having to worry about anything getting in the way," said Dr El-Gohary.

"I look forward to a brighter future for Muslim females in sports. This will foster more engagement and inclusion which is much needed today in our society."

The sports hijabs are made from lighter and more breathable material than traditional headwear.

Sweaty Betty Foundation, which works to promote physical activity among teenage girls, donated the specially-adapted hijabs to the school.

[Under 14's Girls Football](#)

The Under 14 girls kicked off their football season with a 3-2 win over Orchard with goals from Iris, Mariam and Lara. A special shout out to Taila for being the only year 7 on both teams. She had a brilliant game.

Player of the match was awarded to Alethea



Students visit the BOV to watch The Little Mermaid

Eighteen students from Years 7 and 8 at City Academy had an unforgettable opportunity to visit the Bristol Old Vic (BOV) to experience the brand-new production of *The Little Mermaid*. This reimagining of the classic tale featured original songs and lyrics, captivating the audience with its creativity and spectacular sets.



The students described the performance as ‘awe-inspiring’, with many leaving the theatre brimming with excitement and inspiration.

The highlight of the evening was meeting the lead actor, Lianna Cottrill, who delivered a stunning portrayal of the Little Mermaid. For the students, this encounter was even more special as Lianna is a proud former student of City Academy.

She generously took time to meet with the group, share insights about her journey, and sign autographs – a moment many will cherish for years to come.

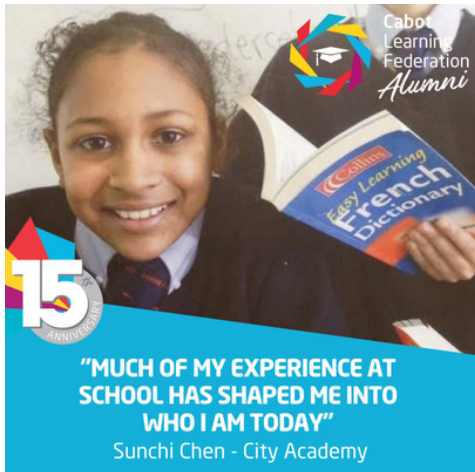
Rebecca Pearce, drama teacher at City Academy, said: “Seeing our students connect with such an incredible production and meet someone who once attended the same school as them was truly magical.

“Lianna’s journey from City Academy to the Bristol Old Vic stage is a testament to the power of hard work and determination, and it’s incredibly inspiring for our young performers.”

Ex City Academy student Sunchi Chen 'CLF Alumni 15'

Ex City Academy student Sunchi Chen is the first of the 'CLF Alumni 15', a new network of former pupils, who will form part of our Cabot Learning Federation's 15th anniversary celebrations.

This is what Sunchi has been up to since she left City Academy.



Sunchi Chen

Where did you grow up?
Easton, Bristol

What was your experience of school?
Even though I had great friends and loved a lot of my lessons, I still felt a bit different from everyone else as science was my favorite subject

Any memorable teachers?
I remember so many of my amazing teachers. I loved Art, so spent a lot of time with Mr Tanna and Ms Betts. I played on the netball team, so loved training with Ms Roberts, Miss Elleker and coach Laura.

What advice would you give your younger self?
Sometimes only you can see that path to your future, so always trust your instincts, and surround yourself with people who support and trust your decisions also.

How would your friends describe you at school and today?
School - Ambitious, talented all-rounder, kind and approachable.
Today - Quirky, self-assured, compassionate, with a big heart.

What characteristics have helped you navigate your career?
Tenacity and resilience.



Family Support at CAB

Introducing our Family Support Team at CAB

City Academy are excited to introduce Azmina Mitha, Hinda Noor and Raul Vasile who are part of our family support team.

Please feel free to contact the team if you need any support or guidance.

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Hinda, Raul, Azmina

ESOL classes available for CLF parents & carers of CLF pupils



Last month, 39 parents and carers of CLF pupils started beginners English courses in the Beacon Centre at City Academy Bristol. In these ESOL classes, the adult students are learning English that will help them to feel confident in their every day life, as well as supporting them in their communications with school.

School Catering

Please find our three-weekly menu on our School website

Breakfast

07.45am - 08.15am
Free breakfast is available for all students. Bagels with jam or a selection of cereal.

Breakfast items to purchase

Scrambled Egg,
 Bacon, Sausage,
 Baked beans,
 Tomatoes,
 Mushrooms, Hash
 Browns, Toast.

Lunch Time

12.40pm - 13.20pm
 Saved daily - Hot Meals, Pasta Bowl, Jacket Potatoes with various Fillings, Sandwiches, Paninis, Filled Baguettes (Vegetarian options available)
 Hot & Cold Puddings

Free School meals

You can apply for free school meals and Pupil Premium if you get any of these benefits.

- Universal Credit if your household income is less than £7,400 a year or £616.67 a month after tax.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment & Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit & have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

Visit www.gov.uk/apply

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAT OPTIONS				
Weeks Commencing Monday 6 th JAN, 27 th JAN				
Pasta Bolognese With Salad and Garlic Bread	Southern Fried Chicken Burger With Diced Potatoes and Coleslaw	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding With Roast Potatoes and Vegetables	Jerk Chicken With Rice and Peas Or Plain Rice	Battered fish With Chips and Beans
Weeks Commencing Monday 13 th JAN, 3 rd FEB				
Pepperoni Pizza With potato Wedges corn on the cob And Salad	Beef and mushroom pie served with mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables	Roast Chicken and Stuffing With Roast Potatoes and Vegetables	Beef lasagne With Salad and Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers With Chips and Beans
Week Commencing Monday 20 th JAN, 10 th FEB				
Beef burger with Cajun Spiced Potato Wedges And Salad	Chicken Kiev with Roasted new potatoes And Coleslaw	Roast Turkey & Stuffing With Roast Potatoes and Vegetables	Beef Enchiladas With Salsa And Tortilla Chips	Breaded Fish With Chips and Beans
VEGETARIAN OPTIONS				
Weeks Commencing Monday 6 th JAN, 27 th JAN				
Vegetable Bolognese With Salad and Garlic Bread	Southern Fried Quorn Burger With Diced Potatoes and Coleslaw	Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake With Roast Potatoes and Vegetables	Chickpea Curry With Rice and Peas Or Plain Rice	Roasted Vegetable Tart With Chips and Beans
Weeks Commencing Monday 13 th JAN, 3 rd FEB				
Roasted Med Veg Pizza With Potato Wedges And Salad	Vegetable Pie served with mashed potatoes and vegetables	Vegetable Wellington With Roast Potatoes and Vegetables	Vegetable lasagne With Salad and Garlic Bread	Falafel With Chips and Beans
Week Commencing Monday 20 th JAN, 10 th FEB				
Vegetable Burger with Cajun Spiced Potato Wedges and Salad	Quorn Kiev With Roasted New Potatoes And Coleslaw	Quorn And Mushroom Pie Bake With Roast Potatoes and Vegetables	Vegetable Enchiladas With Salsa And Tortilla Chips	Stuffed Pepper With Chips and Beans

ParentPay

Please ensure you have obtained your login details to access ParentPay. Our aim is to phase out the use of cash in School. ParentPay is an easy way to pay for Lunch, and for trips taking place throughout the academic year.

Please ensure your child has money on their account to enable them to purchase a school meal, or send them in with a packed lunch.

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Work Experience - Year 10 Parents

Construction	Art & Theatre	Retail	Sport & Leisure	Teaching	Engineering	IT & Computing
BAM Construction	Bristol Old Vic	Tesco	Empire fighting chance	Easton Primary School	GKN Aerospace	Torchbox
	Travelling Light (TBC)	Vision Express		City Academy School	Rolls-Royce	
	Bristol Beacon			Summerhill Academy	Bristol University	
				St Phillips Marsh Nursery school	Airbus	
				Into University	ARUP	
				Easton community childrens centre		
				Barton Hill Academy		
				Bannerman Road academy		
Film & Television	History	Science	Uniform Services and community	HR, Administration & Finance	Design	
AProductions		We the Curious	Wellsprings Settlement	Bristol City Council	Cryer and Coe Architects	
	Bristol Museum	Bristol University		Barclays Bank		
		SS Great Britain		HMRC		
Green and bold =	Companies which are waiting for applicants from CAB 2025					

Work Experience - Tuesday 8th July to Friday 11th July (INSET on the Monday)

We hope the search for a Work Experience placement is going well. There are only a few weeks left now to confirm a placement and have the paperwork filled in and with your child's tutor.

The opportunities listed in GREEN and BOLD are waiting for applications from City Academy students and are keen to work with our young people. Other places on this list have taken students in the past so could be good places to approach.

If you need any further help please contact Miss Martin - rachel.martin@clf.uk

Post 16 Open evenings & taster sessions



ROBINS
FOUNDATION

If you are interested in study with Bristol Robins here are a few dates you'll be interested in.

Post 16 Open Evenings and taster sessions

- Taster Session 2 - Wednesday 19th February 2025, 10am - 2pm
- Online Q&A 2 - Monday 31st March 2025, 6:30pm
- Taster Session 3 - Wednesday 9th April 2025, 10am - 11:30am
- Open Evening 4 - Tuesday 6th May 2025, 6:30pm
- Taster Session 4 - Wednesday 28th May 2025, 10am - 11:30am
- Online Q&A 3 - Monday 7th July 2025, 6:30pm

[Click here for more information](#)

GCSE Boost 2025 Parents and Carers event

How to best support your child

- 77% of Year 11 students report experiencing mental health challenges related to exam anxiety, according to teaching staff.
- 47% of Year 11 students feel distressed when arriving at or leaving the exam hall.
- 58% of parents have contacted schools, concerned about their child's ability to cope with exam pressure.

Join us for an empowering evening at Aerospace Bristol on Thursday, 13th March, 2025, from 6pm, designed to support parents, carers, students, and teaching staff in navigating the challenges of GCSEs.

This event will focus on four key areas:

1. Mental Health
2. Diet and Nutrition
3. Motivation and Aspiration
4. Exam Techniques

Don't miss our live panel discussion, featuring professional and parental experts sharing insider tips on how to best support your child. The discussion will be followed by an interactive audience Q&A session, ensuring your questions are answered.

Explore future opportunities at our mini careers fair, which will offer honest and inspiring conversations about the pathways available for students in 2025.

This in-person event promises to provide valuable insights and strategies to help your child thrive and become the best version of themselves. We warmly welcome parents and carers from all backgrounds and academic levels.

GCSE Boost is a brand new wellbeing careers event where social responsibility meets post 16 recruitment and the aim of the event is to allow students, parents and carers to feel better going into GCSE exams.

Please note, there are only 500 tickets available for this panel event and they will be allocated first come first serve.

The panel will be announced shortly.

Extra Curricular Activity Timetable

Club	When	Day	Time	When	Who
Netball Club	Afterschool	Monday	3pm-4pm	SH	All
Dungeons & Dragons	Afterschool	Monday	3-4pm	Discovery	All
GCSE PE Catch Up	Afterschool	Monday	3pm-4pm	TBC	11
Health and Social Care Catch up	Afterschool	Tuesday	3pm - 4pm	CE116	11
Invitation Football Club	Afterschool	Tuesday	3:00-4:00	Astro	10
Annie Production	Afterschool	Tuesday	3pm-5pm	A011	All
Mural Club	Afterschool	Tuesday	3:10pm-4:10pm	H112	7,8,9
History Homework Help	Lunchtime	Tuesday	12:40pm-1:20pm	H01	10,11
Maths Homework Club	Afterschool	Tuesday	3pm-4pm	CE010	All
Fitness	Afterschool	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	Gym	All
Kingball	Afterschool	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	SH	All
Boys Football	Afterschool	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	Astro	All
Ballet	Afterschool	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	E09	All
Chess Club	Afterschool	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	R05	All
Music Tech Club	Lunchtime	Wednesday	12:40pm-1:20pm	Music	All
Band Club	Lunchtime	Wednesday	12:40pm-1:20pm	Music	All
Guitar Club	Breaktime	Wednesday	12:40pm-1:20pm	Music	All
Wellbeing Wednesday	Lunchtime	Wednesday	12:40pm-1:20pm	R114	All
BCFC Girls Football	Afterschool	Thursday	3pm-4pm	Astro	All
DofE Club	Afterschool	Thursday	3pm-4pm	City Café	DofE Students
Young Carers	Lunchtime	Thursday	12:40pm-1:20pm	E110	All
History Revision Club	Afterschool	Thursday	3pm-4pm	H01	10,11
STEM Discovery Club	Afterschool	Thursday	3pm-4pm	R09	All
True Colours	Lunchtime	Friday	12:40-13:20	E119	All
Y11 Football	Afterschool	Friday	3pm - 4pm	Astro	11
Girls Only Jujitsu	Afterschool	Friday	3pm-4pm	SH	All
Music Club	Lunchtime	Friday	12:40-1:20	Music	All

Please find above all the Extra Curricular activities available here at
The City Academy



Our Trust & Academy operate a zero-tolerance stance regarding sexual harassment

a policy which extends to all forms of bullying,
harassment or discrimination in the workplace.

We would like to make all parents and carers
aware that a new mandatory duty to prevent
sexual harassment in the workplace became
effective on the 26 October 2024.

Numerous high-profile cases and campaigns have
highlighted the need for enhanced protection against
sexual harassment at work – and has now been reformed

resulting in a new Worker Protection (Amendment of
Equality Act 2010) Act 2023.



The Trust and our Academy have reflected on this important legislation and are now taking further positive, preventative action in this area to respond. This includes:



Staff training



Staff voice
exercises



Reviewing our HR
policy & procedures



Reflecting on any
learning across
the Trust

If we are made aware of any concern, we will always treat these concerns with great importance and act in accordance with our internal procedures. It is our ambition that all of our academies provide a safe, happy and enjoyable space for our colleagues, pupils and visitors.

If you do have a concern of this nature then we have a complaints policy and procedure which you can access via our website.



Support for Inter-Parental Communication



FREE support
available
for one or
both parents

- Do you have a child or children aged between 8 and 14?
- Do you find it hard to get on with your partner or your ex?
- Do you argue or shout at each other?
- Or have you stopped talking to each other because it's too difficult?

If so, then this SIPCo project could help.

Support is available for either one or both parents. The help on offer will either be relationship therapy (delivered by the couple therapy charity Tavistock Relationships) or a local practitioner will help you access online resources which can be used at your own pace. If English is not your first language, translators can be provided.

Please contact Gina Pazienza:



relationshipsmatter@bristol.gov.uk



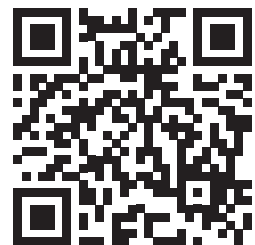
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TO CONTACT US

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If your child receives benefits-related free school meals, there are lots of holiday activities available.

*eligibility criteria applies

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Your Holiday Hub is funded by the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme, designed to provide holiday activities and nutritious food to school age children and young people in receipt of benefits related free school meals (FSM) during the school holidays. In Bristol, we have over 18,000 children and young people in receipt of FSM that are eligible to attend the sessions which can be booked online from 11 November.

Enjoy a fun-filled winter with Your Holiday Hub Children and young people in Bristol who receive benefits-related free school meals, can join in with lots of fun activity sessions taking place during the winter school holidays (23 December to 6 January). Your Holiday Hub sessions are fully funded and include a healthy meal as part of the day. Activities range from sports to crafts, and from drama to baking plus so much more. It's a really great way for children to stay active, meet friends, have fun and learn new things. To search all the sessions and book online, please visit www.yourholidayhubbristol.co.uk. If you have any questions, please contact haf@bristol.gov.uk



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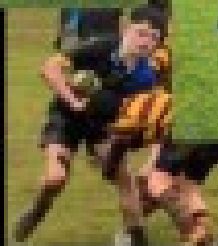
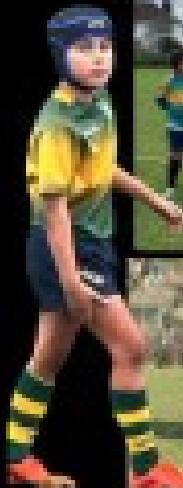
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