

October 2022 - Term 1

## Macmillan Cake Sale

Jack Baxter and Saeed Hamkeh in year 9 helped raise £172 for the Macmillan Cancer research Cake sale on Friday 30th September. We would like to thank our parents Margaret Wookey, Tina Lewis, Emma Moore and Isabel Schmitke for all their generous donations and support.



### Important Dates

#### TERM DATES

##### Term 1

Monday 5th September to Wednesday 19th October

##### Term 2

Monday 31st October to Friday 16th December

##### Term 3

Wednesday 4th January to Friday 10th February

##### Term 4

Tuesday 21st February to Friday 31st March

##### Term 5

Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

##### Term 6

Monday 5th June to Friday 21st July

#### INSET DAYS

Thursday 20th October

Friday 21st October

Tuesday 3rd January

Monday 20th February

Friday 7th July

#### BANK HOLIDAYS

May Day - Monday 1st May

Year Group	Date
All Year Group Tutor Evening	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 7 Parents Evening	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Year 8 Parents Evening	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Year 9 Options Evening	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 9 Parents Evening	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 10 Parents Evening	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 11 Parents Evening	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 11 Parents Evening	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March

# Black History Month

This month we have had a number of extra-curricular activities organised for our students celebrating Black History Month. It started with a Year 10 assembly where our special guest Shakara delivered some inspiring Spoken Word Poetry. 120 students from Years 7 and 9 were involved in African Dance Workshops that were delivered by the charismatic Louis Eboa and his team. Authentic Somali food - Sukhaar and Barees (Meat and Rice) was served in The venue.

This was a great success, and the food was delicious. Thank you to our Years 10 and 11 students Yahya Mohamed, Siham Qeylow, Amal Hussein and Warda Bulhan for all their hard work

## Prayers

Daily Zuhr and Friday Jumma prayers are offered everyday at lunch time led by our local Imam Shaykh Ridwan Gangat.



## Exam Results

This summer our students, parents and staff at City Academy had every reason to celebrate their best GCSE results ever. Despite national results being lower than the previous year, all of their key trends were upwards.



Pupils overall made progress above the National Average from Key Stage 2 (Year 6) to Key Stage 4 (GCSEs), with an average Progress 8 score of 0.41. 59% of students achieved a grade 9-4 in English and Maths (which are like the old A\* to C and considered to be a passes), which is up 9% from last year. 36% of students achieved a grade 9-5 in English and Maths (this is equivalent to A\* - B and enables them to go on to do A levels of their choice), which is up 13% from last year.

The Maths Department is particularly strong, and teachers come from other schools to see best practice and how we manage to achieve year on year success. This year we also achieved our best English results ever.

Results were particularly high for our Somali students at City Academy this year. 81% of Somali students achieved 9-4 grades in Maths and English and 52% of Somali students got the excellent results of 9-5 (A\*-B). The progress they made from primary school was an incredible 1.21 that is over a grade better than the national average.

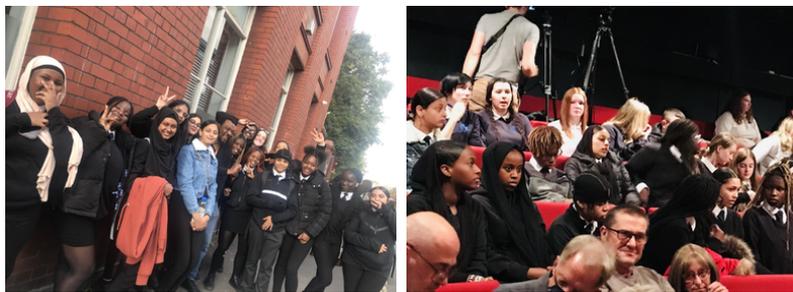
Anyone wanting to visit the school to consider admissions next year should ring 0117 9413800, as Open Days have been held over the last few weeks.

# Revealed at the Tobacco Factory

32 GCSE Drama and Performing Arts students went to see Revealed at the Tobacco Factory it was a powerful and engaging play that explores a range of themes including masculinity, racism and homophobia. After the show students had the opportunity to ask the actors and writers questions about the play. They have all been inspired by seeing it.

## Levi Roots Visit

At the end of September, Levi Roots, Chair of the Board for St Paul's Carnival and famous for his Reggae Reggae Sauce, came to visit Year 8 students for a motivational assembly. Students really enjoyed meeting him.



## School of Sanctuary Status

City Academy also applied to have its School of Sanctuary status reaccredited, (as it was the first secondary school in the city to get the award a decade ago), and they were successful. This means they have been judged to be safe and welcoming for newly arrived pupils, particularly those who do not have good levels of English or are seeking sanctuary, and that all the pupils are aware of the issues facing asylum seekers and refugees and are happy to support them.

The Principal, Ben Tucker, and Family Support Manager, Azmina Mitha, were asked to showcase this work at the University of Bristol's Wills Building, at an event to celebrate City of Sanctuary with the Mayor and Lord Mayor.



# Join us for daily Zuhr and Jumma prayer at City Academy at A0.11 (drama hall)



Wudu Facilities will  
be open at the  
beginning of lunch  
time.

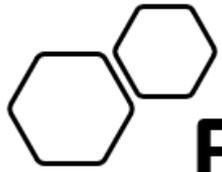
The daily Salah (prayer) is lead  
by Shaykh Ridwan Gangat.

*If you have any questions please  
contact Ms Azmina or Ms Noor  
Thank You*



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# FREE BREAKFAST

All students are welcome to have a free breakfast of a variety of cereals and bagels.

Side gates will be opened for all students from 7:45am till 8:20am



# Bikeability Holiday Course

## Get cycling this October!



- Level 2 Bikeability for 10 - 11 yr olds
- Level 3 Bikeability for 11 - 15yr olds
- Friday 28th & Saturday 29th October 2022

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