

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents & Carers

As we complete the first week of the new academic year, I'm pleased to write to you with some key information and updates.

### Queen Elizabeth II

Following the sad news about the death of the Queen, we have used Tutor time this afternoon to allow students the time and space to discuss their feelings. We understand that this news brings great sadness for members of our community, and I would like to reassure you that we have handled this sensitively. We have ensured that our communication with our learners is strong, that the children are well supported in understanding more about the historical importance of this moment, why some adults are clearly feeling sad, and how to behave sensitively towards others.

The Department for Education has advised us that all schools should remain open during the current national period of mourning, and once details of the funeral are confirmed by the Royal Household, we will provide further information.

### Toilets

Over the summer holiday, we have had a substantial amount of work to our school building, including replacement of the school roof, foundations laid for the extension to our dining area, and improvements to our toilet facilities. We have some building work still ongoing, and these areas have been safely fenced off from students.

The purpose of the improvements to our toilet facilities was to increase the number of toilets available to students, following feedback from students and parents that students were having to queue for long periods at break and lunch time. The toilets were also nearly 20 years old so needed renovation.

I have included a picture below of one of the new toilet blocks. As you will see, the cubicles are individual cubicles. Each cubicle has a floor to ceiling door and wall, meaning they are completely private. There is a shared hand washing facility.

There are now three new toilet blocks, however, throughout the Academy, we also have female only and male only bathrooms for students to use if they wish.

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### Tutors

Your child will have spent time this week getting to know their Tutor. Your child's Tutor should be your first point of contact if you have any questions or concerns. All staff at City Academy have the same email format which is [firstname.surname@clf.uk](mailto:firstname.surname@clf.uk) If you are unsure of your child's Tutor email address, please email [CABinfo@clf.uk](mailto:CABinfo@clf.uk) and we can send you this information.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a 'Meet the Tutor' evening, further information will be sent to you in due course.

### Pencil Cases

All students have been given a student planner and a pencil case containing required stationary. It is essential that students bring these to school daily, to ensure they are equipped and ready to learn. You can also write any messages in your student's planner if you need to give any information to your child's Tutor.

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### Free Breakfast

We offer a free breakfast (bagels and cereal) to all students, which is available to everyone in the Venue between 7.45am and 8.15am. Students can access this via the side gate next to our main car park.

### Lost Property

Please can you ensure your child's belongings and uniform are labelled with your child's full name. Although we cannot be responsible for student property, if items are labelled, we will then be able to return lost items. Anything that is not labelled will be placed on our lost property table, next to main reception.

### Parent Coffee Mornings

We hold regular coffee mornings for parents on Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am.

On Thursday 15th September and Thursday 22nd September, the coffee mornings will be for new Year 7 parents, where our Family Support Team will be available to help with things like Parent Pay accounts, Free School Meals and any other transition queries.

### Year 11 Results

I am delighted to share that our previous Year 11 students achieved the best set of results we have ever had. The number of students achieving grade 4 – 9 in maths and English, increased by 14% to 59%. The number of students achieving grade 5 – 9 in maths and English, increased by 16% to 36.3%.

Over 50% of students got a grade 5 or above in both maths and English. On average, students achieved nearly half a grade per subject better than the national average in terms of progress.

We also saw an increase in the number of students achieving grade 7 and above in all subjects.

Thank you for all your support, we are excited about the year ahead.

Best wishes



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