



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

### **Dear Parents & Carers**

As we approach the end of another fantastic academic year at City Academy, I'd like to take this opportunity to send home some key information and dates ahead of next year.

As ever at the end of the academic year, we say goodbye to colleagues who have worked hard to help our students – Miss Davies, Miss Betts, Mr Williams, Miss Tidball, Miss Trzneskwa, Miss Siwek and Miss George. I would like to thank them all for their hard work and wish them luck in their new schools and roles.

I am pleased to say we are fully staffed for September, and will be introducing the new staff members in the first newsletter of 2019/2020.

During this year the academy has continued its successful improvement journey - including our Ofsted report, where we were judged as 'Good' across all areas. I am confident that our year 11 students will have achieved their best possible result based on the huge amount of work and effort put in by your children, with your support and the hard work of their teachers. Year 11 students are able to collect GCSE results from **City Academy on Thursday 22**<sup>nd</sup> **August between 10am and 12 noon**. We will have ITV filming here on results day, although they will only do one-to-one interviews with students who give their permission.

I am pleased to confirm that the following pastoral support staff have responsibility for the year groups as follows:

Ms Leat – Pastoral Leader for Key Stage 3
Mr Pearce - Pastoral Leader for Key Stage 4
Ms Baker - Pastoral Support Worker for Year 7
Ms Anderson – Pastoral Support Worker for Year 8
Ms Henry - Pastoral Support Worker for Year 9
Mr Konsal - Pastoral Support Worker for Year 10
Miss Bailey - Pastoral Support Worker for Year 11

New year 7 students start at City Academy on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.40am. All students in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8.40am.

A reminder that students are able to come into school from 7.45am and we offer all students a free school breakfast, which is available in the Venue from 7.45am until 8.30am.

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A reminder that Year 11s are in school until 4.15pm for a compulsory additional lesson on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Year 7, 8, 9, 10 - Monday to Thursday		
Learning Session	Times of the day	
Learning Family	8.40am – 9.00am	
Period 1	9.00am – 10.00am	
Period 2	10.00am – 11.00am	
Break	11.00am – 11.20am	
Period 3	11.20am – 12.20pm	
Period 4	12.20pm – 1.20pm	
Lunch	1.20pm – 1.55pm	
Learning Family	1.55pm – 2.15pm	
Period 5	2.15pm – 3.15pm	

Year 7, 8, 9, 10 - Friday			
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Period 1	8.40am – 9.40am		
Period 2	9.40am – 10.40am		
Break	10.40am – 11.00am		
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#### Term Dates 2019-2020

Term	Start	End
Autumn Term 1	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Spring Term 3	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Term 4	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Summer Term 5	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Summer Term 6	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July

### Key Dates 2019-2020

# **INSET Days**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

#### Other:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 – Year 7 First Day Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – First Day of school for all students Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Bank Holiday

### **Parent & Other Evenings**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 – Open Evening
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Year 8 Options Evening
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 - Year 9 Parents' Evening

## **Uniform and Equipment**

All uniform needs to be ordered online – please see the information enclosed for guidance. The website address is <a href="https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/cityacademy">https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/cityacademy</a>

The school uniform we require is as follows:

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- Blazer with Academy Logo must be ordered online
- Tie must be ordered online. For next year the colours will be as follows:

Year 7 – Yellow

Year 8 - Red

Year 9 - Blue

Year 10 - Green

Year 11 - Purple

Please note that this is for replacement ties – if your child already has a different colour, this is fine.

- You are welcome to purchase a sweater with Academy Logo, but this is optional but this must be ordered online
- White shirt/blouse can be purchased anywhere
- Black Trousers or skirt can be purchased anywhere
- Black shoes (Not trainers) can be purchased anywhere

### The school PE Kit we require is as follows:

- Red long socks must be ordered online
- Red PE T shirt or polo shirt- must be ordered online
- Red PE jumper or long sleeved games top must be ordered online
- Black shorts or black skort can be purchased anywhere
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms or plain black sports leggings can be purchased anywhere
- Trainers and football boots with studs or moulded studs can be purchase anywhere but must be suitable for 4G pitches.

#### Students must also have:

- A bag large enough to fit an A4 sized textbook
- A pencil case containing pens, pencils, a rubber, a sharpener and a ruler
- A calculator

Students will be issued with an A4 sized planner on their first day in September, which must be carried at all times.

Finally from me, thank you for all your support. We look forward to seeing you and the students for another excellent year in September.

Best wishes

Jon Angell

Principal, City Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Academy Councillor Election – City Academy**

We currently have vacancies for <u>two Parent Academy Councillors</u> on our Academy Council and you are very welcome to put your name forward should you wish to stand for election.

Much like a Governing Body, the Academy Council's role is to ensure your children learn in a safe environment and to the maximum of their ability. I have attached further information regarding the role of an Academy Councillor.

All parents and carers are eligible to stand for election, except:

- Persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- Undischarged bankrupts
- Persons recently convicted of a serious offence
- Persons disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
- Persons subject to disqualification as a Charity Trustee
- Persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted
- Persons disqualified from being proprietors of independent schools
- Persons on the DfES List 99 (this is a list of people banned from working with children)

If you would like to put your name forward, please email me via <a href="mailto:linda.corbidge@clf.cabot.ac.uk">linda.corbidge@clf.cabot.ac.uk</a>.

You will need to include a brief factual statement about yourself (not exceeding 100 words). You might like to include a little about your background and why you want to be a Councillor. Please note the closing date for nominations is 5.00 pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Should an election be necessary I will circulate your statement and those of other candidates to voters. Please do take a look at the Academy Council section of the website for information about our Council.

If you have any questions about the role, please contact me on <a href="mailto:linda.corbidge@clf.cabot.ac.uk">linda.corbidge@clf.cabot.ac.uk</a> or Tel: 0117 2446233

Yours sincerely

Linda Corbidge Clerk to the Academy Council

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# **Academy Councillor Roles**

## **Academy Councillor**

Academy Councils are responsible for holding Principals and their leadership teams to account for the quality and effectiveness of the academy experience of the students under their care. They do this through monitoring performance against an annual academy improvement plan (AIP), through monitoring risks and responses to risks, and through overseeing systems and processes for the safeguarding of children and the health, safety and wellbeing of academy staff.

Academy Councillors are expected to both support and challenge the Principal and academy leadership with the aim of securing effective school improvement. The roles and responsibilities of an Academy Councillor include:

- To regularly attend Council meetings;
- To act as a 'critical friend' to the academy, providing challenge to the Principal where necessary;
- To ensure that the Health and Safety Policy is correctly implemented and to ensure that the
  Academy has processes and procedures in place to secure the health, safety and wellbeing of staff
  and students, including ensuring that statutory training requirements are met.
- To monitor the Academy's risk register, ensuring that risks and responses are appropriately identified, and that mitigation measures are appropriate in addressing risks;
- To approve and monitor academy improvement plans;
- To hold Principals and senior staff to account for achieving local academy targets including but not limited to student attainment and attendance;
- To approve and monitor any improvement plans following Ofsted and DfE inspections and monitoring visits, or internal or external reviews;
- To monitor the breadth, balance and effectiveness of the curriculum;
- To approve, review and amend local academy policies and procedures, and to monitor compliance with these;
- To receive reports about fixed term and permanent exclusions and review the effectiveness of
  provision to support pupils vulnerable to exclusion; and to be part of a panel to review decisions
  around permanent exclusion where necessary;
- To receive reports about Keeping Children Safe and ensure that the academy is alert to the safeguarding needs of children and young people, including its responsibilities under the Prevent Duty.
- To review the Academy's financial plans to ensure that resources are being directed appropriately, and to monitor the Academy's overall financial position;
- To be engaged in Academy recruitment processes, in particular for senior Academy leaders and Principal appointments;
- To feed into the appraisals of Academy Principals and other Academy leaders.
- To champion the achievement and educational entitlement of all children and especially those who experience disadvantage
- To act as an ambassador for the academy, its pupils and staff.

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# Parent Councillor

Parent Councillors are representative parents, rather than representatives of parents. To effectively fulfil the role, parent Councillors should, in addition to the responsibilities of an Academy Councillor:

- Make themselves known to the parent body;
- Listen impartially to concerns raised by parents;
- Guide parents regarding appropriate lines of action and procedures;
- Present a balanced view of issues, representing different sections of the community









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# What do I need to do to apply for a school place?

- Check out the guidance on applying to schools – available at www.bristol. gov.uk/schooladmissions, or by contacting School Admissions. The guidance contains details on how & when to apply, information on each school along with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria. With the mix of different types of school from Church schools, Foundation schools, Academies, Free Schools and Community secondaries the admissions policy could be different for each school you put as a preference so it's important to ensure you check this carefully.
- Some schools require supplementary forms to be completed as well as the common application form. Make sure you check if this applies to the school(s) you are interested in.
- Visit the schools. All schools hold open days. The guide tells you when they are, or you can call the school.
- Look at the school's prospectus and its website which are useful sources of information.
- You can name up to three school preferences. We advise you to name more than one school.
- Make sure you apply on-time. The deadline is 31 October 2019.

## **School Admissions (CH)**

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PO Box 3399, Bristol, BS1 9NE
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e school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk
t 0117 903 7694



# Why apply online?

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- It is quick and easy to do.
- You will get an immediate email confirming that your application has been received.
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