



Thursday 21st September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you for the first time as the Headteacher of City Academy Birmingham. You may already know some of my colleagues and me extremely well, but this term our school has a different name and an exciting new identity.

Last week, our students returned looking fabulous in their blue blazers and grey trousers/skirts. Ties and timetables were promptly issued to every child, before I personally welcomed all students in a special assembly. We talked about our mission statement (the journey to university) and discussed our core values of collaboration, opportunity, respect and excellence.

### **Respect**

Throughout the week, our students were smart, punctual and displayed exceptional manners. It was also apparent that my colleagues were extremely enthusiastic and keen to get to work. In many ways, it is this culture of mutual respect and optimism that best defines City Academy Birmingham. We all have huge aspirations for each individual child and we know that only the best is good enough.

### **Collaboration**

We are, of course, privileged to have such supportive and committed parents. I would like to thank you for your help and patience throughout this re-branding process. It has been a considerable undertaking, which relied heavily on your goodwill. To the very small number of parents and students still experiencing difficulties with blazer sizes, I sincerely apologise. We are working with Clive Mark to ensure that all students feel proud and comfortable in their new uniform.

### **Excellence**

The high standards that we have always maintained still apply to uniform and conduct. Shoes need to be shoes, trousers cannot be tight fitting, skirts cannot be short and ties have to be worn correctly. If you have any questions about our expectations, please do not hesitate to ask one of the pastoral team. **I must again stress that the Headteacher's decision is final in all uniform matters.** From next week, any student who does not meet our high standards (without a legitimate reason) will be sanctioned accordingly.

As always, we have a number of important diary dates for you:

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Open Evening: 6.00 – 8.00pm

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

School Photographs



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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

McMillian Coffee Morning

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Black History Week

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Y11 Parents Evening

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

End of Half-Term

(Students return on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8:25am)

Finally, I look forward to meeting you all personally as the year progresses. The school now has an exciting future and a real opportunity to develop and grow. I know that you will continue to support us as we strive to give your child the very best education.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Brant'.

Mr Andy Brant  
Headteacher