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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank all students, parents/carers, and staff for the welcome I have received since starting last week. I am eager to meet as many parents and carers as possible and will be available on Thursday 14th June 4-7pm. My headteacher talks will take place every half hour with the chance to speak with myself informally also. Year 9 parents should have received a letter about parents evening on the same night. Unfortunately it will not be possible for parents from other year groups to discuss progress with the teachers on that night as time will be prioritised for Year 9. We are always able to update on your child's progress at any time however; please contact reception to speak to their form tutor or Head of Year.

To assist parents/carers with planning for the next academic year, I am pleased to inform you that we can confirm our term dates for 2018/19 along with our allocated training days. (Please see overleaf) A reminder that students are not allowed to take holidays during term time. We appreciate your support on this as good attendance is such a critical factor in student achievement.

We are proud to say that our school attendance is currently above the national average. We continue to strive for 100% attendance every day as absence has such a detrimental effect on student achievement. Thank you to the families that continually support us on ensuring your child(ren) are in school on time, every day.

Another key element to students achieving excellence is a healthy diet. It is for this reason that we have recently adjusted the food we have on offer to comply with the school food standards for schools in England. We will be conducting student voice activities soon to help continue to shape the food offer.

Student behaviour is good at City Academy Birmingham and this was recognised in the most recent Ofsted inspection. We are proud of our high standards and continue to uphold these to ensure students have the best possible opportunities in school. To ensure our resources are directed solely at achieving the best results for students, on the rare occasion that school property is damaged, we will seek to recover costs from the family of any student that has caused it.

I look forward to meeting you on Thursday 14th June if you can make it but in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school office (0121 647 2760) if you have any queries or concerns. Alternatively, you may contact my PA, Natalie Styles, at nstyles@city-birmingham.academy to book an appointment with myself. We aim to respond to all communication within 48 working hours.

Yours faithfully,

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

Miss Karen Slater
Headteacher

Term Dates 2018/19

AUTUMN TERM:

Term Starts: Monday 3rd September 2018

**Please note students will return on Wednesday 5th September due to training days and will return at staggered times*

Half term: Monday 29th October 2018 – Friday 2nd November 2018

Term Ends: Friday 21st December 2018

Staff training days (school closed to students): Monday 3rd September and Tuesday 4th September 2018

SPRING TERM:

Term Starts: Monday 7th January 2019

Half term: Monday 18th February 2019 – Friday 22nd February 2019

Term Ends: Friday 12th April 2019

Staff training day (school closed to students): Friday 15th March 2019

SUMMER TERM:

Term Starts: Monday 29th April 2019

Half term: Monday 27th May 2019 – Friday 31st May 2019

Term Ends: Friday 19th July 2019

Staff training day (school closed to students): Monday 29th April 2019