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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great pleasure that I write my first letter to you as Headteacher of City Academy Birmingham. I am privileged and proud to lead the school and look forward to sharing with you the many successes of the school through regular communication. City Academy Birmingham is a thriving, diverse and outward-facing inclusive school in the heart of Birmingham; the wealth of diversity of culture and tolerance within the school and local community particularly attracted me to the post.

First and foremost I would like to share with you my vision for the school. I want each and every student, irrespective of their background, to have the opportunity to be the best that they can be both in terms of academic achievement and personal development. Enabling students to dream, helping them to believe they can achieve and giving them the skills and tools to be successful are vital in providing them choices for when they leave school. Whether they want to go on to college/university, secure an apprenticeship, or enter the world of work, it is our job to help them achieve those next steps. This can only be done in partnership with parents and carers however, I am keen to meet as many of you as possible over the coming weeks. I will be in touch soon with details of an opportunity to meet myself and the new governing body to hear more about the vision and many successes of the school.

I am pleased to say that myself and Mr Brant have had a very successful handover and it goes without saying that we all wish him the very best of luck in his new role as Headteacher of a school in Wales. The handover has enabled me to get in and see the work of the school over the last few weeks and get to understand our next priorities. This has included being an audience member at our recent Echo Eternal performance – a truly inspiring and thought provoking arts project involving an incredibly talented group of City Academy Birmingham students. If you did not see the performance, please visit our Twitter page to find out more (@CORECityBham). The full performance will be shared online soon!

Our core values of **collaboration, opportunity, respect, and excellence** are essential to ensuring all students have the ability to dream, believe and achieve. Excellence begins with all students attending school every day on time, wearing their uniform with pride and behaving in a respectful and responsible manner. This is just one aspect of school life we ask for your continued support in. Our high standards will continue to ensure students have the best choices available to them when they leave school.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming months 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', written over a horizontal line.

Miss Karen Slater
Headteacher