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Monday 10th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by welcoming all the new parents and carers of students who have joined us this academic year. Starting a new school can be a stressful time for both children and their parents/carers but please rest assured, we value your input and feedback at all times, thus encouraging you to make contact with reception if you have any queries at any time. We have been particularly pleased at the positive way Year 7 have settled in the last week.

We are still enrolling new students to a few year groups so if anyone you know would like a school place, please encourage them to contact reception to come and view the school. Visitors regularly comment on how calm and productive our school feels throughout each day; all parents/carers (new and existing) are welcome to make an appointment to view the school at any time. If places are full, we can always place you on our waiting list.

We ensure high standards are maintained at all times in all aspects of school life as this contributes to student success. Part of our focus at the start of the year is on ensuring all students are dressed in the correct school uniform. A reminder that our 'personal property and appearance rules' can be found on pages 12 and 13 of the student passports. This includes reference to hair colour and jewellery.

We are pleased to offer a healthy school breakfast through the National School Breakfast Programme, delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast. Research shows that breakfast is a vital part of success at school and yet many of our students do not have a healthy breakfast each morning, for all manner of reasons. We urge you to encourage your child(ren) to make the most of this fantastic free opportunity that is on offer to all students from 8am each morning in the undercroft.

We have a close working relationship with the local neighbourhood police team. They provide us with support as a school including running workshops to help educate students to make safe, healthy choices and providing us with additional support services. Please do not be alarmed if you see police outside or even inside school; it is a supportive, education partnership benefitting students and the local community.



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Key Dates:

Thursday 19th September – 5:30pm – 6:30pm - **Year 11 Parent Engagement Evening**

Monday 23rd September to Friday 27th September – **Open Week**

Tuesday 24th September – 4:00pm – 6:00pm – **Open Evening**

Thursday 3rd October – 4:00pm – 6:00pm - **Year 7 Settling in Evening**

Thursday 24th October – 4:00pm – 7:00pm - **Year 11 Parents Evening**

Friday 25th October – **Break up for October Half Term** (*Students Finish at normal time*)

Monday 4th November – **Students Return 8:25am**

Our full-term dates can be found on our website under, <http://city-birmingham.academy/calendar/>

If you want to introduce yourself or have any queries, I can be found most days on duty at the front of school at the end of the school day, but please do not hesitate to contact the school office (0121 729 7100) if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Miss K. Slater
Headteacher
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