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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education here at City Academy. We have seen some amazing academic strides amongst all students during this half term and we look forward to reviewing their progress after Easter. We also have been working hard to embed the new structure of the day and timetable which we feel is now supporting the learning culture of our school.

Earlier this term we informed you that we are working closely with Birmingham schools and West Midlands Police to reduce the number of weapon related offences in our city. As part of this partnership we are completing a number of bag and body searches of students. These will be completed in school by senior members of staff using metal detecting wands. The first of these searches will take place on **Wednesday 28th March**. We will then be completing two more searches in the Summer term which will be on randomly selected dates without prior notice. We thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of our young people in this city.

I am sorry to report that we have had a number of complaints from the local community recently regarding the way students travel home from school using both public transport and on foot. Although this is a minority of students, please ensure that you have a conversation with your child(ren) about the manner in which they travel home as we will be sanctioning those students who do cause issues in the local area. West Midlands Police have kindly agreed to send in a team to work with students in assemblies after Easter about how they travel to and from school.

Finally, a reminder we **finish school for the Easter Break on Thursday 29th March at 12pm**. School reception will be open during the Easter Break and Year 11 are expected to attend all revision sessions which are running for them. Full details of the programme can be found on our website.

We **return on Monday 16th April at 8.30am**. Students should return in full correct school uniform: blue shirt, grey skirt/trousers, school shoes, tie and blazer. We also ask that parents ensure all students have a school bag and are in possession of at least two pens, pencil and a ruler.

You will find all the latest news and information on our school website cityacademy.academy, and can also keep up to date with our news on our City Academy Twitter feed [@corecityacademy](https://twitter.com/corecityacademy).

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you a fantastic Easter Holiday,

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