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April 16th 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed a good break over Easter. I am grateful to all of the staff here who offered a fantastic range of additional classes for our exam groups throughout the school holidays. Well done to all of those students in years 11, 12 and 13 who made the most of these extra opportunities to ensure they are really well prepared for examinations.

Our next Parents' Forum takes place this Thursday April 19th at 4.30p.m. This will provide a valuable opportunity to update you on developments here at City Academy and to develop our work with parents in support of our students. Please return the reply slip overleaf or call school reception on 0121 270 8090 to confirm your attendance.

I also attach information regarding the election of two Parent Governors to our Local Governing Body. I am delighted that three parents have come forwards as prospective governors and you have an important opportunity to cast your votes for these important roles. Please return your voting form to school reception by Friday April 20th. Details of the outcome will be published on the school website, along with the names of all of our Governors and details of all Governing Body meetings.

We were sad to say goodbye to a number of staff at the end of last term. We welcome Ms Mellor to our French team and Mr Sangombe to our Design Technology team. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Longmore will be taking on the role of Head of Year 10. Mr Morton will be Assistant Head of Year 9 for the term while Ms Gilbert-Barrow is on maternity leave.

You will find all the latest academy 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**.

I look forward to a productive term ahead here at City Academy ensuring our young people make great progress on their learning journeys.

Emma Leaman

Acting Headteacher, City Academy

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April 19th Parent Forum Evening 4.30p.m.

Please complete and return the form below by Wednesday April 18th 2018:

Student name and form: _____

I would like to attend the April Parent Forum Evening.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



16th April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

I wrote to you a short while ago to invite applications for the vacancies we have for Parent Governors.

I am delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are three candidates for the two vacancies. This means that we must now hold a ballot.

Attached to this letter is:

- a ballot paper with the names of the candidates and their personal statements

You may vote for two parents as there are two vacancies. Each parent can only submit one ballot paper. As indicated on the ballot paper you should vote by marking an X alongside the name of the parents you wish to support.

Once you have marked the ballot paper you should place it in the ballot box, which can be found in the School Reception by lunchtime on Friday 20th April 2018. If it is not possible for you to vote in person, please return the form to me as Returning Officer, in an envelope marked 'Confidential Parent Governor Election'.

The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn.

When the election has been completed I will let you know the outcome. If in the meantime you have any queries, please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Emma Chapman

**Parent Governor Election
City Academy Local Governing Body (LGB)**

BALLOT PAPER

The following candidates have decided to stand for election as Parent Governor.

You may vote for two candidates. Please see the instructions below.

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CANDIDATE	VOTE
<p>Neville Kennedy</p> <p>My name is Neville Kennedy and I currently have one child in year 10 at City Academy. I also have three other children who have already completed their University education.</p> <p>I would like to stand as a Parent Governor as I feel I have the skills that can benefit the school. I can support the school as a lecturer who has worked in the Further education for the last 14 years and despite seeing many changes I still have a passion for education.</p> <p>I am friendly, resourceful and commercially aware as well as possessing effective organisation and prioritisation skills. I am always eager to challenge the existing conditions. I am an articulate, mature confident person, with an analytical and methodical approach to work.</p>	
<p>Tamara March</p> <p>I bring an honest and hardworking approach to my everyday work, this is the same attitude I would bring to this role. I am currently part of the curriculum committee on the LGB at Bloomsbury nursery School, elected by the Local Authority (Birmingham) which I have worked for since October 2003, 15 years' service as a Professional Support Assistant, currently based at A2E, educational Psychologists.</p> <p>I would work hard with and for the parents, teachers and Trust to help drive the improvement needed to provide our children with the best chance of success. The voice of the parents is so important in the running of the School. I believe my persuasive manner will ensure the parents voice is heard. Working within Local Authority has given me the experience and key leader skills needed within this role.</p> <p>Having two girls within the school, one in Year 7 and one in Year 9 I have had a relationship with the school for 3 years, seeing the changes, I would bring skills of passion and hands on involvement.</p>	
<p>Apphia Walker</p> <p>As a parent to a 15 year old about to enter Year 11 and an 11 year old about to enter Year 7, I am invested in the improvement, growth and success of City Academy. I am passionate about individuals achieving their best and will use my position within the Governing Body to ensure our children receive the education, support and opportunities they deserve.</p> <p>I am aware of the challenges faced as parents in an ever changing educational landscape and would ensure that the voices of parents are taken into consideration when important decisions are being made within our school. A Civil Servant for 13 years, I have skills and experience in operational, project, change and performance management. My ability to lead and work part of a team, strengthened by my communication and negotiation skills will be an asset to the Governing Body of the School and building relationships between parents, teachers and the Trust.</p>	

1. Place an X in the box against the names of the candidate/s for whom you wish to vote. You may vote for two candidates.
2. The completed ballot paper should be folded and placed in the ballot box which is located in the School Reception area.
3. Ballot papers returned by post should be marked "Confidential - Parent Representative Election – for the personal attention of Emma Chapman"
4. The deadline for the receipt of ballot papers is 12.00 noon on Friday 20th April 2018.
5. The ballot count will be conducted after the end of the academy day on the closing date
6. In the event of a tie, the Returning Officer (Emma Chapman) will decide the election by the drawing of lots.