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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we enter our third month as a CORE sponsored academy here at City Academy, we are working hard to ensure all of our children benefit from great opportunities to achieve excellence. I have been impressed by the focus of our year 11, 12 and 13 students in the lead up to their GCSE and A' Level examinations and we have been reminding all of our students about the importance of using every minute in every lesson wisely to achieve their personal best.

We enjoyed great collaboration with parents at our Parents' Forum meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>. One of the actions we have taken from that meeting is to make sure that homework is being set in every subject and we are monitoring closely to make sure students are benefitting from this important element of their learning.

I am delighted to announce that we have now appointed two parent governors to join our CORE Local Governing Body, LGB, following the recent ballot. Neville Kennedy and Apphia Walker join Jagwant Johal, Chair of Governors; Natalie Byron and Ian Preston, Trust Governors; and Amina Stokes, Staff Governor. You can find all of the details on our website [www.cityacademy.academy](http://www.cityacademy.academy).

I am also pleased to inform you that we will soon be making an announcement about the permanent Headteacher at the School. We are currently interviewing some very strong applicants and look forward to the successful candidate taking up the post at the beginning of the next academic year. Our priority at CORE since becoming the sponsor has been on securing a new permanent leader to take over from Mr Wilson who was appointed by the previous Trust (PBAT) as the Headteacher on an interim basis this year. We hope to write to you again before the next half term break with an update on this very important matter.

As Ramadan approaches, some of our students may be fasting and we wish them and their families Ramadan Mubarak. For the remainder of our students, we encourage healthy eating and drinking water during the day in order to maintain good concentration, especially in hot weather. I would appreciate your support in reminding your child that we allow them to carry a bottle of water with them for lessons but do not allow other drinks in the classroom. Do please ensure your child comes to school either with money for their dinner,

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a packed lunch, or their Free School Meals sticker in their passport. I think it is very likely that some of our students who are eligible for Free School Meals have not applied. This entitlement ensures your child receives a proper meal every day and it also brings additional funding into the school for resources to support their learning so do please complete the form on the back of this letter to find out if you are eligible. Please do not hesitate to contact us on [enquiry@cityacademy.academy](mailto:enquiry@cityacademy.academy) if you would like more information on this.

I wrote last term asking you to remind your child about safe travel to and from school. In light of recent events at Dale End in the City Centre, it is particularly important that our students follow advice not to travel via that part of the City Centre on their way home from school.

Finally, we finish for **half term on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. This will be a non-uniform day for all students and will cost £1 per student, all funds raised will be going towards the Year 11 Prom Fund. We return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30am in full school uniform.

Do please keep an eye on our school website [www.cityacademy.academy](http://www.cityacademy.academy) or follow us on Twitter @COREcityacademy, where you can keep up to date with our latest news and find copies of all letters sent home to parents. We also send text alerts frequently to parents, for example when we issue letters home, so do please ensure your details are kept up to date with Reception.

With thanks for your continued support and collaboration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Emma Leaman'.

Emma Leaman

Acting Headteacher