

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re. End of Spring Term

It has been another great term at The City of Leicester and our students have continued to develop their character and I wanted to mark the holiday with an update of what has been happening in school. Students continue to show what a wonderfully united community we have at The City of Leicester College. From the Leicester Black Icons exhibit put on by our students, to learning about the Hidden Voices of local History, fundraising for the victims of the Ukraine war and the in-depth discussions held about the religious observances of other cultures, our students have shown their moral character and their belief that citizenship and civility are at the heart of our community. Twenty-six of our students also attended a conference organised by "Citizens UK" to discuss how students of all backgrounds could be supported to achieve their potential. Most impressively of all, one of our Year 10 students was asked to co-chair the next meeting in May and we could not be prouder!

Through all of the uncertainty and change over the last few years, everyone in our community has pulled together and supported each other, including families and I think that has been the true secret to our success over the pandemic. This support is most needed of course for students approaching their exams. The coming months will test the resilience of our young people and Easter will no doubt be a time of focussed and dedicated revision. The indications are that our students are better prepared than ever before due to the way we have adapted our curriculum in the last two years. With active learning and ambitious preparation, the sky is the limit and I am excited to see lots of happy faces on results day.

We have this term been reviewing the food menu at break and lunch times. With food prices going up, unfortunately food prices in school are also having to rise. We have though updated our menus to ensure food is better quality and therefore still good value. The menus for after Easter can be found on our website: https://www.cityleicester.co.uk/parents/tucasi/

I wrote to you a few weeks ago to ask for your support when collecting and dropping off your child(ren). Local residents and business leaders have been happy that things are much improved so I thank you for your support. The local council have been meeting with Evington residents and have agreed that wooden barriers will be installed on the grass verges near the school to ensure that the road remains unblocked during the start and end of the school day. Please be aware that these barriers will be installed in the coming weeks if you regularly collect or drop off your child(ren).

You will also find attached a letter regarding uniform. Being correctly dressed and equipped makes a huge difference to behaviour, engagement and outcomes so please can I ask that you

check the letter and ensure that your child has everything they need from uniform, to red pens and rulers ready for when we return.

With such a wonderfully diverse community, this break will mean different things to different families. To those observing Ramadan; to those celebrating Easter; Passover; Vaisakhi; or any of the many other festivals occurring in the next few weeks and; to those for who the break is just a nice time to spend time with your families; I hope you have wonderful time and I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 25th April.

Kind regards,

Mr K. Vernon Head Teacher