

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Re. Exam Results, Rebranding and Start of Autumn Term 2022**

Rather incredibly we are already at the end of the holidays, ready to welcome your children back to school and I wanted to write to you to update you on what has been happening over the summer. You may have heard our wonderful students on Radio 1 Newsbeat yesterday talking about their wonderful achievements and the doors these results have opened for them. The news has been that results have gone down nationally this year because of the return to pre-pandemic levels of attainment. In fact, in June 2022 the Chief Regulator at Ofqual stated "Schools that get higher results than in 2021 will be few and far between, if any." It is with huge pleasure therefore to be able to say that we are one of those schools. In my time here I have often challenged our students and staff to aspire to be their best and develop their character and asked for your support to make sure our young people have all the support they need. Without this community approach, we would not be celebrating such success and I thank you yet again for all your efforts.

At A-Level, over 50% of our students achieved the top grades of A\* - B, which we are extremely proud of and the highest The City of Leicester has ever achieved. Furthermore, despite being a truly comprehensive college, over a third of our students have been accepted into one of the top-most selective universities in the country. Students from The City of Leicester College have this year been accepted onto prestigious apprenticeships, highly competitive medical degrees and much more. Most importantly though, students across the board have shown huge progress and whatever their starting point have done extremely well. We pride ourselves as being a school that is ambitious for all our students, and it is wonderful that almost all of our students have been accepted already to university, training or employment.

If anything, GCSE was even more amazing. Our average GCSE score was the highest we have ever had and is higher than the national average for the last five years, even including the years without exams. 58% of our students achieved a "Strong Pass" in both English and Maths, which is one of the key measures the Government uses to judge how well a school is doing. This is 15 percentage points above the National Average of 43% the last time that we had real exams, and higher even than last year's national average of 52% which will come down significantly this year when the figures are published. I could go on at great length about the great things our students achieved, but the most pleasing thing for me is that not only did our students perform brilliantly but the majority of them have chosen to stay with us into the Sixth Form.

It has been a truly great few weeks for us here at The City of Leicester College, but we are more focussed than ever on making sure that we get better year on year. You will have seen that the rebranding has now taken place and you will see the new badges on our letterhead and on the school when you are next here. The new uniform has been flying off the shelves at Uniform Direct and I have had lots of positive comments, but I will pass on my apologies that Uniform Direct briefly ran out of uniform. I am informed that everything is now back in stock in case you need any

last-minute items. We will also be making some amendments to our behaviour systems, so please look out for some information coming your way from our Pastoral team on Tuesday.

Finally, I just wanted to remind you of the starting times on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Entrance</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>08:30</b>	Arrive at the main entrance to meet their new tutors. The entrance will be open at 08:15.
<b>8</b>	<b>09:15</b>	Arrive at the main entrance to meet their tutors. The entrance will be open at 09:00
<b>9</b>	<b>09:15</b>	Arrive at the community entrance to meet their tutors. The entrance will be open at 09:00
<b>10</b>	<b>09:15</b>	Arrive at the main entrance to meet their tutors. The entrance will be open at 09:00
<b>11</b>	<b>09:15</b>	Arrive at the side entrance (at the top of the outside steps). The entrance will be open at 09:00

In closing, I hope you have had a wonderful summer with your families and that you enjoy the bank holiday.

Kind regards,



**Mr K. Vernon**  
**Head Teacher**