

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

23 August 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: School Opening 2024-2025**

I write this letter in the hope that you all had a wonderful summer and a genuine excitement to open our doors again, ready for the new school year. Unfortunately, I know that for many of you this summer has been clouded by the awful scenes of civil unrest across the country. Having lived and worked in this city for a long time, I have built many personal and professional networks and have heard firsthand the affect it has had on feelings of belonging and safety.

While Leicester did not see the worst of it, I was still appalled by the scenes we all saw on the news and across social media and wanted to assure you that The City of Leicester College remains a welcoming place for all. Moral and community character remains at the heart of our ethos and informs all aspects of our behaviour expectations. We will be taking a proactive approach to dealing with any harm caused by the events of the summer, ensuring that students know where to go for support and reinforcing our high expectations for behaviour so that all students continue to feel that they belong at The City of Leicester College.

You may also have seen in the news, rather more positively, that The City of Leicester College had another really successful set of results this year. This is testament to the hard work of our students, the professionalism of our staff and the endless love and support that you give your children. It is always a team effort, and this community has once more shown that we are truly a great team! The huge majority of students secured their preferred place at college, university or training provider. We have a large group of students heading onto very competitive medical degrees, students who have achieved straight A\* at A-Level and straight grade 9 at GCSE which are incredible outcomes and reflects the overall strength of our performance. I know that for those of you who have children entering Year 11 and 13, it can be stressful but keep reassuring them and keep them working hard and I have no doubt that our next set of students can be as, or even more successful.

School will start for all students except for Year 12 on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024** at the following times, so please make sure your child is on site at least five minutes before this:

- **Year 7:** 08:30. Please arrive at the main entrance
- **Year 8:** 09:15. Please arrive at the main entrance
- **Year 9:** 09:15. Please arrive at the community entrance
- **Year 10:** 09:15. Please arrive at the main entrance
- **Year 11:** 09:15. Please arrive at the school side entrance
- **Year 13:** 09:30 at the main entrance.

**Year 12** will begin the following week to allow for setting up of timetables following enrolment this week. **Please ensure that your children are in full uniform**, with no prohibited items such as long fake nails, so that we can begin the year positively and not with conflict or having students miss learning. For more information on uniform and where it can be purchased, please see our website: <https://www.cityleicester.co.uk/home/parents-and-students/uniform/>

I wanted to also inform you that our very successful Breakfast Club has changed this year, following a change to our catering supplier. Our new caterers will be serving **breakfast from 08:00** rather than 07:45 this year, and students are able to use this service with free porridge and bagels available alongside a selection of purchasable items. This will begin from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

I have no doubt this year will be equally challenging as every year, but also equally successful and rewarding and I look forward to starting the journey with you again next week.

Kind regards,

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