

11 June 2023

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I have a couple of updates and some news items to go through with you all for clarity and communication as we approach the end of our academic year.

#### **Equipment and Uniform Shop**

The equipment and uniform shop is open from 8am to 8:15. All items are available for purchase or loan. Please contact us if you need support with anything. We have PE kit and all equipment.

#### **Free Breakfast 8am in the Bistro**

Bagels, cereal and toast are available for free at 8am every morning.

#### **Important Dates for your diary**

20 June - Y11 Leaver Assembly

22 June - Y11 Prom. Arrivals from 6:30pm

26 - 28 June - Sports Day

28 - 29 - June Bugsy Malone Performance - £5 per ticket (adult), £3 concession.

(Tickets from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dixonsba>)

3- 4 July - Hope University Visit - Y8

10 - 11 July - Hope University Visit - Y9

13 July - DBA Culture Day - students have requested a day to celebrate their rich heritage. They will be arriving to school either in national dress from their birth or ancestral country or wearing colours which represent the flag of that nation. Food will be served with an international theme in the canteen.

18 July - Student Finish for the academic year

17 August - Y13 Results Day

24 August - Y11 Results Day and 6th Form Sign up Day

29 August - Y7 and Y12 Onboarding Sessions - 8am arrival for 8:17 start

30 August - Full school Return - 8am arrival for 8:17 start

#### **MCAS App Reminder**

Please ensure that we have an up to date copy of your email address and that you have downloaded the app My Child At School. All correspondence is now done via the app. All reports will be issued via the app. Support can be given to set it up by contacting the academy. All reports will be sent out this way in the next academic year together with any free school meal vouchers.

#### **Attendance**

In secondary school, 19 days' absence throughout the school year correlates, on average, to a grade at GCSE in all subjects. 97% attendance is the Academy's expectation, but we are striving for 100% every day. Students under 90% are classed as persistent absentees by the Government and, if all attempts to improve attendance has failed, the case will be sent to the Local Education Authority. They will then investigate the case and potentially prosecute parents for non- attendance at school; this can involve large fines. It is ultimately the parents' responsibility to ensure their child attends school.

#### **Changes to the school day - Academic Year 2023 - 24**

There is change to the finish time of the school day in the academic year 2023 - 24. Monday - Thursday lessons will finish at 3:20. This is to incorporate Personal Development Studies and Careers into a fixed slot on a Thursday p1. We are excited about the opportunity to book visiting speakers and events for our students.

The DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) Session will be moved to the advisory slot at lunch time where that year group is not on lunch break. This will give us the opportunity to deliver more focused intervention sessions.

#### **Extra-Curricular Provision**

The following clubs are running after school. Please encourage your child to attend.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths GCSE Revision	English GCSE Revision	Maths TT Rockstars	Staff CPD	English GCSE Revision
Music KS4 Support	History GCSE Revision	Science GCSE Revision		Bugsy Malone Band
Art KS4 Drop in	Geog GCSE Revision	History GCSE Revision		Italian Club
Homework Club	French GCSE Revision	Spanish GCSE Revision		Y10/Y11 Art Drop in
	Art GCSE Revision	KS4 Music Support		Tech GCSE Revision
	Business GCSE Revision	KS3 Art Club		
	Homework Club	Art Y10		
		Philosophy Club		
		R.E GCSE Revision		
		Homework Club		
Dodgeball KS3/4	Y8 Football	Girls Football	Y9 Football	
Y7 Football	Dance KS3/4	Table Tennis		
Y7 Badminton	Y8 Rowing Club			

Thank you for your ongoing support. We continue in our endeavour to get better every day.

Yours faithfully,



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Principal  
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