

3 April 2022

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 second full term.

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

Our equipment and uniform shops open from 8am. All individual items are free of charge. If students have lost two or three full pencil cases by now, there will be a small charge to replenish stock. If they have no money to purchase a full pencil case, we will provide it and take their name for later payment. The rule is in place to teach them responsibility and personal organisation. The shop is open from 8am. All uniform can be borrowed. If any family needs support, please let us know and we will provide it. We will never put a student in a correction who is doing the right thing. All students should be in line up areas by 8:15 ready for a prompt start at 8:17.

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Daily attendance to school is vitally important and a big area of focus for us as an academy. Every student must attend every day to give them every opportunity of success. Please encourage your child to arrive on time. Punctuality is a very important part of holding down a job in adult life. If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please use the following email: [attendance@dixonsba.com](mailto:attendance@dixonsba.com) to contact our attendance team. We have medically trained staff in school, if you are not sure if your child is well enough, and they have not tested positive on a LFT, we are happy to make that judgement in school after a visit to the medical room. We would always contact you if we thought your child needed to be at home or see a doctor.

#### **Year 7 Advisory Evening - Thursday 7 April 4-6pm**

If you have children in Y7, please attend on Thursday 4 April. We would like to meet as many families as possible.

#### **Parking on Heliers Road**

I ask parents and carers not to park on Heliers Road, it is making access for residents and staff very difficult, and it is also hazardous for our students with so many moving cars. Please park on Broadgreen Road. Your child can walk the short distance to school from there to the academy gates.

#### **Meetings are by appointment only**

All meetings with parents, carers and other organisations are by appointment only as with any other professional organisation. If you leave a message with reception, the appropriate person will contact you in good time.

#### **Invigilators Required**

If you would like to earn some money during exam season (from Mid-May to the end of June), we are looking for new and experienced invigilators to join our team in school. Full training is given. If you are interested, please email: [lroberts@dixonsat.com](mailto:lroberts@dixonsat.com)

#### **End of Term Arrangements**

Our term ends on Friday 8 April at 2:25pm, it is a normal school day. We return on Monday 25 April at 8am for the summer term.

#### **Year 11 GCSE Support**

There are revision classes taking place during the Easter break at DBA. There is also the revision retreat over Easter weekend that a number of the students are attending. Please encourage your child to attend as many sessions as possible. They will have had the opportunity to sign up to the sessions so that they can gain access to the site. The teacher delivering the session at DBA will meet them in reception at the correct start time. If you are unsure of any sessions or times, please contact Paula Jones on [pjones2@dixonsba.com](mailto:pjones2@dixonsba.com)

Your child should be spending a lot of their time studying over the Easter break to ensure that they are exam ready.

You will be pleased to know that we were visited by the Trust Executive Team for a review last week. They interviewed students and toured the academy with them. They are thrilled by the changes the school has made in such a short time and how wonderful your children are. We continue to support them with our warm/strict approach to achieve their goal of succeeding at university or a real life alternative, thrive in a top job and live their best life. Maintaining high standards now is vital for their adult life to be successful.

Enjoy your Easter break.

Yours faithfully,



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Principal

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