

3 December 2021

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.

Data and Planning Days - Monday 6 December and Tuesday 7 December

You will be aware that on Monday and Tuesday your children are expected to study at home. They have been provided work by their class teachers to complete. The data and planning days are used across Dixons Academies so that teachers can review teaching, assessments and all learning to plan ahead for the next cycle to fill any knowledge gaps. This is particularly important given that our students missed so much face to face teaching during lockdowns and is a forensically focused approach to teaching and learning that keeps our student outcomes high. Students will return to the academy on Wednesday 8 December.

Learning Habits – Update

We have now embedded the learning habits of uniform and equipment. The vast majority of our students come to school in full uniform with the correct bag and footwear with the right equipment. For those that don't, the uniform shop is open from 8am where we can lend or give any students shoes, ties, trousers, shirts or the correct bag. We have placed an order for PE Kit so that we can support with that as part of our academy uniform. Our equipment shop is also open from 8am. All individual items are free of charge in our pupil reception area. 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. We will never put a student in a correction who is doing the right thing.

Learning Habit 3 - Punctuality

Our learning habit of punctuality continues this week. Students are expected to arrive on site from 8:00am and in line ups for 8:15. Hands go up at 8:17 for Morning Meeting. Corrections will be given for lateness. Thank you for your support in advance. We know that this is an essential habit for working life. We have seen a further reduction in corrections awarded for punctuality in the last seven days. We will continue to make this our focus until that number improves even further. Homework and deadlines will be our next focus in January. More on this to come.

Free Breakfast

Our free breakfast offer in the Bistro from 8am continues. Students can have bagels or cereal and a drink. We have upped the order again from the charity due to the high number of students arriving for breakfast in the morning.

Y11 Advisory Evening - 9 December 4 - 6pm

The Y11 Advisory Evening is scheduled for Thursday 9 December 4 - 6 pm. If your child is in Y11, please put this date in your diaries. Due to rising COVID numbers and the new variant, this event will be held remotely via SchoolCloud. More information on this to come.

Giving our families and community a voice

As the second highest performing Academy Trust in the UK, we know that education is the biggest driver of social mobility in families and communities, we are working hard to improve that for our students in a model that we know works. We also know that there are external factors that influence the lives of our families and communities that need addressing so we have joined Citizens UK as a founder member in Liverpool. This will enable us to fight for the rights of our students, parents and carers and influence policy makers to make permanent changes. I attended the first meeting last week and between now and the next meeting in January, I really need to find out what matters to you, in our community. This has a closing date of January 10, 2022. I want to give you some time to think about it.

If you want your voice to be heard, please complete the MS Form with this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/gYczFjNpwf>

Or scan the barcode:



Covid and Masks Update

Liverpool City Council have decided to bring back the compulsory wearing of masks for all students in communal areas from Monday 1 November. This means that on corridors and in morning meeting spaces our students and staff will be expected to wear their masks.



Health exemptions will still apply and must go through their pastoral lead for the year group. It is true that our numbers are low yet we will support this measure to keep our families and staff body safer. Please ensure your children come to school with a mask to wear. If students are wearing disposable coverings, they must understand the importance of disposing them in a plastic bag in a lidded bin. If it is a cloth cover, it must be washed every day. If a student can not manage this, then the guidance is to keep it in a small plastic bag for 72 hours and rotate it with clean face covers. Face coverings must be plain coloured and must not be scarves, balaclavas or bandanas; they must be suitable for a place of work.

All students are encouraged to test at home twice weekly.

The advice in a nutshell is:

Test twice weekly at home with the LFT's being sent home with students

Do not attend school or college if you have coronavirus symptoms or a positive LFT– arrange a PCR test

Wear a mask on public transport

Wear a mask in communal areas, now mandatory in Liverpool.

Keep up good hygiene habits, including washing hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into a tissue or your elbow

Ask a member of staff to go to the medical room if you feel unwell

No need for self-isolation if fully vaccinated or under 18 years of age

All contacts to take a PCR test whilst continuing to attend school or college as normal

Following a positive case, all contacts will be followed up by NHS Test and Trace

I would like to take this opportunity to share some feedback with you about our academy from visitors this week. The Lord Chief Justice and The Trust Board visited the school and were really impressed by the manners of our students and hard work that they saw in classrooms.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Burnett of Maldon, is the most senior Judge in England and Wales spoke with our students about his role and they asked him some really well thought out questions about justice and the law. I sat in on the session and felt really proud of our students.

The Trust Board felt that there was a marked difference between when they visited the school before the academisation was decided, to now. The school is calm and students are focused. I explained to them about our journey and why it is so important for our families that we have the highest of expectations, which we know translates into the best outcomes for students.

We have to be consistent, insistent and persistent with our learning habits and our standards every day. Dixons Broadgreen Academy will, like all other academies in our Trust, be outstanding and oversubscribed. We take one more step on our journey every day. Thank you for your support at home.

If there is any further information you require, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully,



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