

4 December 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.

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.

Free Breakfast 8am in the Bistro

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

Telephone Lines into the Academy

We have finally found a solution to our problem with the phone lines into the Academy. This week will see the introduction of a new system with split numbers for Main Reception, Safeguarding and Attendance and the facility to leave a message. Thank you for your patience with this. I know how frustrating it is trying to get through to main reception sometimes.

Important Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 8 December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day**

All students can wear a Christmas Jumper with their uniform on Thursday 8 September. Those that can donate to charity will be asked to give £1 for Save the Children. We will also allow a little longer for lunch if necessary, as Christmas dinner is always very popular with our students.

- **Monday 12 December- Y13 PPE2 Exams begin**
- **Wednesday 14 December - 6th Form Showcase Evening**
- **Thursday 15 December - A Day in the Life - 6th form Taster Day**

Y12/Y13 to work from home

- **Thursday 15 December - Y11 PPE1 Results are issued.**

Students will receive their results from PPE1 and will attend a mentoring session after school from 2:25 - 3:30 with their mentor. This will give them the opportunity to discuss their grades and ask for any support. They will then bring their grades home.

- **Thursday 15 December- School Production of Christmas Showcase. 6pm start**

Adult tickets are £4, concessions are £2. Please support this fantastic show. Our students and staff have worked incredibly hard to put it together. For information about tickets, please contact pgilbert@dixonsba.com. You can pay on ParentPay and buy on the door.

- **Friday 16 December- Data & Planning Day - student will be given work to do at home. Please ensure that it is completed. Teaching staff will be analysing PPE exam data to help close gaps moving forward for our Y11 and Y13 (where possible on this date).**
- **Wednesday 21 December - Last day of term - 1:30 finish**
- **Wednesday 4 January - Return to school - 8am opening**
- **Thursday 5 January 2023 - Y11 Parents Evening. 5- 7pm**

All Y11 students will be given an appointment sheet on Wednesday 7 December to book times. If you cannot attend, please contact fgee@dixonsba.com or Y11 Head of Year, lwilson2@dixonsba.com

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 will be done via the APP from 12 December**

Thank you again for your messages of support and for communicating with us around how we can improve. Feedback is very important to us. We always want to do better. We had more visitors in the academy this week who were full of praise for your children and the calm, safe and productive learning environments created by our teaching and support staff. They are a real credit to the school.

Have a fantastic week.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs R Fidler
Principal
Dixons Academies Trust