

13 March 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

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.

Learning Habit 4- Homework and Deadlines

Corrections continue this week for Homework and Deadlines. Students will always receive 45 minutes of homework daily with a two-day notice period. This method helps students embed the powerful knowledge they will need to apply in a lessons and examinations. We have been giving students feedback so that it is 100% accurate. This is a very important learning habit for exam success. All information can be found on our website under the homework section here: <https://www.dixonsba.com/about/homework>

Free Breakfast

Our free breakfast offer in the Bistro from 8am continues. Students can have bagels or cereal and a drink.

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@bgis.co.uk 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 8 Advisory Evening - Thursday 17 March 4-6pm

If you have children in Y8, you should by now have received an appointment for a meeting with their subject teacher. If you have any queries, please contact school. We are looking forward to having parents/carers in the academy following the relaxation of covid guidelines around parents evenings.

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

If you have children in Y7, please clear a space in your diaries for Thursday 4 April. More information to follow.

This can be a challenging time for students in exam years. For Y11 students, there are Trust wide masterclasses, academy-based masterclasses and a revision retreat has been arranged to support them in the lead up to exam. For Y13 students, our KS5 team are supporting them with applications to university and strategies to improve outcomes. If there is anything your child needs, please let us know.

We continue our journey of school transformation for the best outcomes for our students to ensure that they can all climb their individual mountains to university or a real life equivalent, thrive in a top job and live their best life. Thank you for all your support at home with homework, it is much improved, and we know from experience what a huge difference it makes. We work as a team to support our students.

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

Yours faithfully,



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Principal

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