

12 June 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. 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 to contact our attendance team. We have medically trained staff in school, if you are not sure if your child is well enough, 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.

Y11 Study Leave

Study leave has started for those Y11 students who wish to study at home around their GCSE examinations. Lessons are still timetabled so we would recommend that for those subjects not already examined, students attend those lessons with subject specialists. There is also the opportunity for students to undertake independent study in lessons where the course has finished should they chose to attend each lesson. Some students have asked that they can remain in school where they can concentrate so they will continue to follow their timetable around their exams.

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. Thank you so much for your cooperation. It makes a big difference to our exit routines.

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.

The House System

The House System is up and running. We are already adding up appreciations and attendance points. Our Sport Leaders, Student Council and Community Leaders were all nominated last week and we await their results. These posts will last for 12 months and are open to all. They are fantastic opportunities to develop leadership skills for our students which look great on university and job applications.

Place to Be and The LFC Foundation

We have confirmed our agreement with Place 2 Be who will be providing us with on site counselling and student support services from September. We are also working with the LFC Foundation this term and this will continue into the next academic year. Our students will get an opportunity to gain leadership qualifications and improve personal responsibility and organisation. All important skills for adult life. We look forward to welcoming them as part of our wider mountain rescue team.

LCWC Homework Reset

At Dixons Broadgreen Academy, our mission is to provide all students with a first-class education; one that opens every door in their adult life to maximise their life chances in the future. It is our moral responsibility to fulfil our mission of ensuring every student succeeded at University or real life alternative, thrived in a top job and lived their best life.

We know the highest of expectations delivers the best outcomes and improves the lives of young people, so we are relentless in our work with students and work hard to provide them with the necessary information to meet and uphold our standards. Occasionally, this requires us to reset the expectations around a habit which has already been introduced by restating the purpose behind it and provide additional training to clarify the required expectations that result in outstanding academic performance. This is especially important as new habits are being introduced.

Our retraining of homework has been successful. All students have been shown examples of good homework and homework that does not meet the expectations and had the chance to discuss whether different pieces of homework meet the criteria they have been provided with.



In view of this, we feel it is appropriate to commence corrections for all students whose homework has not been done and for those whose homework has been submitted yet did not meet the criteria in one more week. These will recommence on the 20 June. To be clear, corrections will still be issued to students who do not submit any homework during this period.

We believe the homework habit encourages self-development and self-discipline. Research shows students who complete regular homework don't just perform better at school and during exams, they learn broader life skills and associate hard work with long term rewards.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. If you would like further information on the Look, Cover, Write, Check process, please go to the 'about' section of our website where you will find an example. Alternatively, you can contact Mr Gee, the Assistant Principal with responsibility for homework.

Reset of Punctuality to lessons Habit

For the next two weeks we will be reinforcing our learning habit, Punctuality. We believe that every minute of learning matters. If a student is just one minute late to every lesson, that means that by the end of the year they will have lost 10 days of teaching. Our learning habit, Punctuality, ensures that all students are able to maximise every minute of learning, 100% of the time.

We give all our students 3 minutes to make their way on time to every school event. We know this is achievable because we tested it between the opposing corners of the school site that are furthest away from each other. We know that if students walk with pace and purpose they can get to every lesson on time and no student should be out of lesson without a pre-arranged appointment or written permission.

One of our values is to 'Be Fair.' Consequently, it is right that our students should receive adequate information and guidance to support them in meeting the very highest expectations. Therefore, orientation for our reinforced expectations for Punctuality to lessons will begin on the 13th of June and will last a full week. This will ensure students are sufficiently aware of why the habit is important and what is expected. From 20th June students not meeting the expectation can be given corrections for punctuality to lessons.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Head of Year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to state again that we are very proud of your children. There are so many of them who are getting it right every day, working hard, acting with integrity and being fair. We had a Lead HMI Inspector visit the academy this week and he remarked on how it was very different to before and how calm, warm and purposeful the academy is. A University assessor also visited lessons and they were so impressed with the speed at which our students started to work and their focus.

Thank you for your ongoing messages of support as we transform the school on our journey to outstanding. We all want the same thing- the best possible opportunities for our young people.

Enjoy your week.

Yours faithfully,



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Principal

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