

14 November 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.

### **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.

### **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 from the charity due to the high number of students arriving for breakfast in the morning.

### **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.

All students are encouraged to test at home twice weekly.

The latest advice can be found on <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2021/09/02/a-welcome-return-to-school-for-students-in-england/>

The advice in a nutshell is:

Test twice weekly at home

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

### **Y11 and Y13 PPE Exams**

The PPE Exams for Y11 and Y13 continue this week. The students have behaved impeccably in these exams and are a real credit to the academy and their parents/carers. These exams will be used to reshape teaching to fill gaps in learning. Students are expected to revise for them and try their best. Parents and Carers will receive the grades for them in a report. It is worth noting that the DfE have said that exams will take place for this year group but if for any reason they are cancelled then this set and the next set could be used to inform teacher assessed grades. They are important. Please ensure that your child is revising. All students have their own revision timetable now and know how to revise.



### **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. More information on this to come.

### **Y9 Options**

The Y9 Options process is nearly upon us. On Monday 22 November, all students will receive options information in the academy. This will be followed by an Options Evening on Wednesday 1 December from 5 -7 pm. If your child is in Y9, please put this date in your diary. More information on this to come.

### **My Sentence**

We continue to talk to students about their sentence, we are now working through all year groups to record them to upload to our website. Their sentence is their legacy, it is how they want to be remembered and it is their impact on the world around them. They can change and most probably will, but it's so important to have that focus. I have been reflecting on my sentence during this half term break and how I can be better this term than I was last half term. I will be working hard to make sure that happens.

We will continue to have these formative conversations with all our students as we support them to climb their mountain to university or a real life equivalent, thrive in a top job and live their best life.

### **Appreciations**

All students have the opportunity to gain appreciations from their teachers, advisors and staff at DBA on a daily basis. We base them on our three core values - Work Hard, Have Integrity and Be Fair. There are even some students gaining appreciations for our drivers of Mastery, Autonomy and Purpose, which are much harder to achieve because they underpin more than one action. (More on our drivers to come). All appreciations are shared with students every Thursday in Morning Meeting. It is my favourite part of the week.

I would like to take this opportunity to share my appreciations for all the families supporting us to turnaround the academy and the messages of support you are sending in. We want the best for your children and behind everything we do sits our core purpose- to challenge social and educational disadvantage in the north. 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 ever day. Thank you for getting behind us.

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

Yours faithfully



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