

11 October 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

#### **Free Breakfast 8am in the Bistro**

Bagels, cereal and toast are available for free at 8am every morning. Head of Year will be there to help and support your children at the start of the school day should they need to talk to someone.

#### **Y11 PPE1 Exams start on Monday 14 November**

All timetables have gone to students. This is an exercise to see where gaps are to move learning forwards and to generate working grades. Thank you for encouraging your child to attend extra classes at the end of the school day. Attendance has been good.

#### **Visitor from the House of Lords - Baroness Barran**

The Under Secretary of State for Education, Baroness Barran visited the Academy and wrote to us upon her return to Westminster, this is what she said: "I wanted to thank you, your staff and your pupils for the welcome and hospitality I received during my visit to Dixons Broadgreen Academy on Friday 14 October 2022. During our tour of the school and meeting, it was clear the school has made significant improvements since joining Dixons Academies Trust. I was particularly impressed by the students who accompanied us on the school tour – they are a credit to themselves and the wider school community. They spoke about the changes they have seen and could articulate how they were benefitting from them. Our short tour of the school also impressed upon me the diligence and concentration of the pupils, and the care and commitment of staff towards delivering the best possible education for them. During our conversations with the staff and your team, it was evident there is a secure and consistent view of how to drive forward school improvement."

Your children are a real source of pride for us. The way they conduct themselves in school and the way they are learning to respond to others is a testament to their hard work and integrity.

#### **Improving our SEN provision**

Now that we have settled the school and embedded our learning habits, I am looking for volunteer parents to take part in a listening exercise so that we can improve our provision for students with EHCP plans and additional needs and our communication with families. If you are interested in taking part to help us get better please contact kwilliams@dixonsba.com with your contact details so that a meeting can be arranged. I am hoping to hold the first listening exercise w/c 21 November.

#### **Donations to the food bank**

Our Y12 and Y13 students are collecting any food, beauty or personal care items to donate to the local food bank. Thank you for the response from our families so far.

#### **Support for families**

We have received a message from a local business who will donate items that we will share with our families in need as soon as they arrive. If you think your child maybe entitled to free school meals or if you live over 3 miles away, then a free bus pass, please contact reception for details on how to apply.

#### **Parking on Heliers Road**

We would request that all parents collecting children park their cars on Broadgreen Road so that their child can walk the short distance from the academy. The road should be access only to protect our residents and their right to park outside their own house. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

#### **Extra Curricular Offer - Week Commencing 14/11/22**

The following clubs are taking place from this week:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Drama Club Boys Football Book Club	Netball	Girls Football Be Her Lead		Art Club
Year 8	Drama Club Book Club	Boys Football Netball	Girls Football		Art Club
Year 9	Drama Club	Netball	Girls Football	Boys Football	Art Club



Year 10	Boys Football	Drama PE	Be Her Lead Photography Art	
Year 11	Maths Revision	Drama PE	Photography GCSE Art	English Revision
All Years	Singing Guitar Fitness Dodgeball	Singing Guitar Debate Team Homework Club	Singing Music Technology Orchestra Table Tennis Badminton Show Rehearsal Homework Club	Equality & Diversity Homework Club Band Rehearsal

### Learning Habits

We continue to embed our learning habits for success in adult life and to prioritise teaching and learning in the school so that our students can continue to climb their own personal mountain to university or a real life equivalent, thrive in a top job and live their best life. Please ensure that your child attends Mountain Rescue for any uniform or equipment that they may need and arrives to school on time with their homework for that day to avoid a correction. We are working on positive response so that our students learn how best to phrase things they would like to communicate to others so that they are understood and listened to.

### Careers Appointments

Careers appointments are available for students in all Year groups. We are working through all years yet if you feel your child is in urgent need, please contact us and we will get them seen earlier.

### Counselling and Student Support

Our onsite counsellor has been working with students daily to give them additional support. LFC has set up three programmes in school to work with our students on their leadership, resilience, self esteem and organisational skills. Our Literacy programme is very popular with the students and they are making great progress with reading and writing. If your child has not been selected yet and you think they will benefit from one of these programmes, please contact their Head of Year.

Please also encourage your child to participate in the extra-curricular sessions available to them.

Have a fantastic week.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs R Fidler  
Principal  
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