

20 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

It was so lovely to have parents in school for the advisory evening last week, all staff commented on it. We have missed the face-to-face contact with our families. Parent surveys revealed that you are happy with the school and would recommend it to others. Thank you so much for your support. We all share the same aspirations for our students. We will continue to work them hard and stick to our values so that they understand the purpose of it all.

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. We would like to meet as many families as possible.

Paris Trip Meeting - Tuesday 22 March 5pm

There is a family meeting for all students on the Paris trip. Mrs Unsworth is coordinating, please contact her if you require more information. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Y10 students.

We are seeing a real difference in our young people and their approach to learning, it is much improved. We continue to support them daily to achieve their goal of succeeding at university or a real life alternative, thrive in a top job and live their best life. Several visitors to the academy have commented on how polite, happy and well dressed they are. They are a huge source of pride for us. We continue daily with our warm strict approach bringing everything back to our values of work hard, have integrity and be fair.

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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