

22 February 2023

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. Please contact us if you need support with anything.

Free Breakfast 8am in the Bistro

Bagels, cereal and toast are available for free at 8am every morning.

Teacher Strikes

The teachers in the NEU have their second day of national action on Tuesday 28 February.

- **All Y13 and Y12 are expected to complete the work set by class teachers.**
- **All Y11 need to be in school for Maths, Science and English lessons. We are less than 3 months away from their actual GCSE exams. School opens at 8am as usual. Free breakfast will be available in the Bistro.**
- **Work will be issued to all other year groups and given to them in a paper copy.**

Important Dates for your diary

- Monday 27 February - Y11 GCSE Speaking Exams begin for PPE2 grade.
- Tuesday 28 February - National Strike Action - please see the additional letters for arrangements
- Thursday 2 March - World Book Day; Y11 Mentoring Session 2:25 - 3:30
- Monday 6 March, Tuesday 7 March - Data & Planning Days - Work set for students to complete at home.
- Thursday 9 March - Y10 Parents Evening 5-7pm
- Monday 13 March - Friday 23 March - Y11 PPE2 Exams (informing final run up to GCSE's in May)
- Thursday 29 March - Y9 Parents Evening 5- 7 pm
- Thursday 20 April - Y8 Parents Evening 5-7pm
- Monday 24 April - Y11 GCSE Speaking Exams - final.
- Thursday 4 May- Y11 Mentoring Session 2:25 - 3:30; Y7 Parents Evening 5-7pm

MCAS App Reminder

Please ensure that we have an up to date copy of your email address and that you have downloaded the app My Child At School. All correspondence is now done via the app. All reports will be issued via the app. Support can be given to set it up by contacting the academy.

Changes to Uniform on PE Days

Because essential learning time is being lost while students are changing, we have taken the decision to allow students to come to school in their PE Kit on the day(s) that they have PE. They must wear the following:

- Full grey DBA PE Kit
- Black base layers when it is cold underneath the PE Kit or branded DBA leggings, jogging bottoms and/or top (available in the uniform shops). Some sizes available for loan or purchase in the Mountain Rescue shop from Helen.
- Blazer

Y11 Prom

The first set of invitations will be issued on Friday. Students who embody our values and have with excellent attendance will be issued with the first set.

Attendance

- In secondary school, 19 days' absence throughout the school year correlates, on average, to a grade at GCSE in all subjects. 97% attendance is the Academy's expectation, but we are striving for 100% every day. Students under 90% are classed as persistent absentees by the Government and, if all attempts to improve attendance has failed, the case will be sent to the Local Education Authority. They will then investigate the case and potentially prosecute parents for non- attendance at school; this can involve large fines. It is ultimately the parents' responsibility to ensure their child attends school.



Extra-Curricular Provision

The following clubs are running after school. Please encourage your child to attend.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths GCSE Revision	English GCSE Revision	Maths TT Rockstars	Staff CPD	English GCSE Revision
Music KS4 Support	History GCSE Revision	Science GCSE Revision		Bugsy Malone Band
Art KS4 Drop in	Geog GCSE Revision	History GCSE Revision		Italian Club
Homework Club	French GCSE Revision	Spanish GCSE Revision		Y10/Y11 Art Drop in
	Art GCSE Revision	KS4 Music Support		Tech GCSE Revision
	Business GCSE Revision	KS3 Art Club		
	Homework Club	Art Y10		
		Philosophy Club		
		R.E GCSE Revision		
		Homework Club		
Dodgeball KS3/4	Y8 Football	Girls Football	Y9 Football	Y11 Football
Y7 Football	Dance KS3/4	Table Tennis		
Y7 Badminton	Y8 Rowing Club			

Thank you for your ongoing support. We continue in our endeavour to get better every day.

Yours faithfully,



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Principal
Dixons Academies Trust

