

21 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. We have seen a 27% reduction in late arrivals since this learning habit has been introduced. We will continue to make this our focus until that number improves.

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 Exam News

The government have stated that they are "firmly committed" to exams going ahead in summer 2022 whilst at the same time asking schools to put in place a contingency plans in the "unlikely event" that exams are cancelled again. This would follow a similar pattern to last year in which students are awarded Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). Whilst there is currently no guidance on how this is to be done, we do know that TAGs would be closely based on students' performance in formal assessments that are taken across the course and it is important that you and your child are aware that their PPE grades would form a part of this.

The best advice we can give our students is to continue to work hard in every lesson, follow the advice of teachers and mentors (Y11) and apply themselves at home with independent study/ revision periods.



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.

Giving our families and community a voice

As the second highest performing Academy Trust in the UK, we know that education is the biggest driver of social mobility in families and communities, we are working hard to improve that for our students in a model that we know works. We also know that there are external factors that influence the lives of our families and communities that need addressing so we have joined Citizens UK as a founder member in Liverpool. This will enable us to fight for the rights of our students, parents and carers and influence policy makers to make permanent changes. I attended the first meeting last week and between now and the next meeting in January, I really need to find out what matters to you, in our community. This has a closing date of January 10, 2022. I want to give you some time to think about it.

If you want your voice to be heard, please complete the MS Form with this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/gYczFjNpwf>

Or scan the barcode:



I would like to take this opportunity, once again, 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 every 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Fidler', located below the 'Yours faithfully,' text.

Mrs R Fidler

Principal

Dixons Academies Trust

