

23 January 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.

Learning Habits – Update

We have now embedded the learning habits of uniform, equipment and punctuality. The vast majority of our students come to school in full uniform with the correct bag and footwear with the right equipment on time. 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. 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 start this week for Homework and Deadlines after a full week of additional training in advisory time. Students will continue to 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.

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. We have upped the order again from the charity due to the high number of students arriving for breakfast in the morning.

Y10 Advisory Evening - Thursday 27 January

The Y10 Advisory Evenings is on Thursday 27 January on SchoolCloud. All families have been sent links to make appointments with subject teachers. If there are subject teachers any families with children in Y10 do not manage to get hold of, please email them for feedback.

Covid Guidance

To protect our families and colleagues, we will continue to wear masks in communal areas and ask that the guidance continues to be followed.

The advice in a nutshell is:

- Test twice weekly at home with the LFT's being sent home with students
- Do not attend school or college if you have coronavirus symptoms or a positive LFT
- Wear a mask on public transport
- Wear a mask in communal areas and classrooms
- 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
- Following a positive case, all contacts will be followed up by NHS Test and Trace

Free School Meals - Please apply if you haven't already

We are aware that the effects of the COVID-19 virus may have reduced some household's income and we are keen to work with our families to ensure they access any additional help available to them.

Free school meals can save families over £200 per year per child and can lead to other benefits, for example an annual voucher to help towards the cost of school uniform. Furthermore, registering for free school meals will raise extra funding from central government for the academy to fund valuable support for students.

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below:

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance



- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

The academy works together with Liverpool Council to confirm entitlement to free school meals and all information provided will be kept confidential. Furthermore, our cashless payment system means that students claiming free school meals cannot be identified by others. Please click on this link to apply: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

I have had a small number of students asking for help to eat at lunchtime. We will always feed them. If there are any families that require any additional support, please contact us.

I feel so proud of our students. We have been talking about our sentences, Y7 sentences are about to go up on the website while the others are being recorded and our students want to have such a powerful impact on the world. A number of them were interviewed for some video clips for the Trust. It is so wonderful to hear them talking about how safe they feel at school, how our values are helping them focus and that they understand the importance of our learning habits and how they will help them as adults.

Because we want the best for our students, we must 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. One of our parents told me that her son is telling her about having integrity and doing the right thing simply because it is the right thing to do, one of our key values, so thank you for all your ongoing support at home. It is fantastic get this feedback. We work together as a team to so that our students can climb their individual mountains to university or a real life equivalent, thrive in a top job and live their best life.

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

Yours faithfully,



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