

25 September 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. We are proud to welcome the newest members of the Dixons family in our Y7 students. They have had a fantastic start to their school career and are settling in well. Their mountain climb was a huge success with all students getting to the summit.

#### **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@dixonsba.com to contact our attendance team. We have medically trained staff in school, if you are not sure if your child is well enough, 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.

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

I ask parents and carers not to park on Heliers Road, it is making access for residents and staff very difficult, and it is also hazardous for our students with so many moving cars. Please park on Broadgreen Road. Your child can walk the short distance to school from there to the academy gates. Thank you so much for your cooperation. It makes a big difference to our exit routines.

#### **Meetings are by appointment only**

All meetings with parents, carers and other organisations are by appointment only as with any other professional organisation. If you leave a message with reception, the appropriate person will contact you in good time.

#### **Year 7 Homework Training**

Out of fairness and for greater clarity we have suspended corrections for all Y7 students who are completing homework for the next two weeks to further train them in the technique of LCWC. We have already held 3 sessions after school, more feedback will be given via Advisors. Corrections will be issued for students who do not complete their homework and parents/ carers will be contacted.

#### **Mountain Trips**

All year groups who haven't yet had the opportunity to climb their mountain will be provided with the opportunity to do so this term. More information to follow.

#### **Uniform and Equipment**

All equipment is available to borrow or buy if your child arrives before 8:15 each morning to Mountain Rescue. It is their responsibility to equip themselves for the day. A correction will be issued for those who choose not to do so. The uniform stock operates in the same way. If any family needs support with equipment or uniform please speak to your child's Head of Year.

#### **Year 11 PPE Exams**

Year 11 PPE exams start on 11 November. We will hold a parental information evening prior to that date and timetables will follow soon. Please ensure that your child has started their revision at home.

#### **LFC Tickets**

Thank you to LFC, one of our partners in Mountain Rescue intervention for the 140 tickets we were able to give out to students this week. We hope that our families enjoyed the football and look forward to being able to share any future donations with our community in the coming months.

Thank you also, to all our families for your messages of support as we transform the school on our journey to outstanding. We all want the same thing- the best possible opportunities for our young people. We have had some fantastic feedback at Open Evening from families sending siblings to us and visitors to the Academy. We are very proud of our students and the way that they are embracing our values and we will support them every step of the way to succeed at University or a real life alternative, thrive in a top job and live their best life.

Enjoy your week

Yours faithfully,



Mrs R Fidler

Principal

Dixons Academies Trust

