

26 June 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. 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.

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.

The House System

The House System is up and running. We are already adding up appreciations and attendance points. Our Sport Leaders, Student Council and Community Leaders have all been nominated, results will be shared this week. These posts will last for 12 months and are open to all. They are fantastic opportunities to develop leadership skills for our students which look great on university and job applications.

Year 7 Mountain Climb

The Year 7 trip to North Wales takes place on Monday 27 June. We are looking forward to spending the day with them demonstrating the importance of resilience, team building and enjoying their company.

Arrangements for the end of this term

Sports Days - Sports Day for all year groups is currently being planned. All students will be asked if they would like to represent their House in a range of competitions.

The final student day is Wednesday 13 July. Staff will complete 2 Data and Planning Days based on the cycle 3 assessments so that all gaps in learning can be revisited.

Y6 Open Evening - Thursday 7 July

All parents of our new intake will receive a letter inviting them to an open evening on Thursday 7 July. More information to come.

Y6 Transition Day - Friday 8 July

All students joining us in September will be invited to a transition day at the Academy on Friday 8 July. More information to come.

Summer Camp - Monday 25 July to Friday 29 July

Students in Y6 joining us in September will be invited to a summer camp at the Academy which will include 5 fun days with a mixture of lessons, cooking, sport, work with LFC foundation and the opportunity to make new friends. Letters have been sent in the post.

Y13 Results Day - Thursday 18 August

Y11 GCSE Results Day - Thursday 23 August

More information on the set up of those days is to follow.

It is worth noting that exam results can not be collected by anyone other than the person named on the certificate unless there is a signed consent form registered with us.



On Task - our final Learning Habit

Sections of On Task will be rolled out this week. You will receive communication about what it looks like and how it works. We will be focusing on movement around the academy and transitional routines at first because these routines are not new to our students. We will, as always, start off by explaining the purpose to the students and giving them a grace period to get used to the change.

September Dates

Y7 and Y12 to attend their first day on Thursday September 1 at 8am

All year groups return on Friday September 2 at 8am

I would also like to take this opportunity to state again that we are very proud of your children. More visitors to the Academy have told us how calm and purposeful they find it here. They are visiting academies across the country. It is our pleasure to show off our students who are getting it right every day, working hard, acting with integrity and being fair.

Thank you for your ongoing 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.

Enjoy your week.

Yours faithfully,



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Principal

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