

26 February 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. If any family needs support, please let us know and we will provide it. 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 continue this week for Homework and Deadlines. Students will always 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. We have been giving students feedback so that it is 100% accurate. 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.

Attendance

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. If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please use the following email: attendance@bgis.co.uk to contact our attendance team. We have medically trained staff in school, if you are not sure if your child is well enough, and they have not tested positive on a LFT, 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.

Year 11 PPE 2 Exams

Year 11 will begin their PPE2 exams on 28 February. They have all the information they need to work hard for them and can do extra work on websites such as: www.senecalearning.com, [freesciencelessons](https://www.freesciencelessons.com) (youtube AQA examener), and other sites recommended by their subject specialist class teachers.

Data and Planning Days - Wednesday 2 March, Thursday 3 March

There are two data and planning days coming up where all teaching staff will examine performance in mid-year exams for years 7-10 and put plans in place to fill gaps in learning and reshape their teaching. These days are vital to securing powerful knowledge in all subjects. As is standard practice, students will learn from home on these days and be set work. All students to return to school on Friday 4 March.

Year 8 Advisory Evening - Thursday 17 March

If you have children in Y8, please put this date in your diaries. More on this to come.

We continue our journey of school transformation for the best outcomes for our students to ensure that they can all climb their individual mountains to university or a real life equivalent, thrive in a top job and live their best life. Thank you for all your support at home. We work as a team to support our students.

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

Yours faithfully,



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Principal

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