

30 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.

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 after a full week of additional training in advisory time and another of implementation. 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. We have been giving students feedback so that it is 100% accurate. Corrections issued dropped by 59% between Monday and Friday. That means the majority our students are working hard to climb their mountain to university or a real life equivalent. I know a lot of you are supporting them at home, thank you so much. It makes the difference for those top grades over time. As Michelangelo said, 'the greatest danger for most of us is not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark.' We have the highest of expectations for our students. 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.

Attendance

If your child is unwell and can not 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.

Trust Day - Non- Student Day - Friday 11 February

A note for your diaries, we have a Trust Training Day on Friday 11 February. It is a non-student day. Work will be set to complete at home.

We continue our journey of school transformation for the best outcomes for our students to ensure 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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Principal

Dixons Academies Trust

