

16 September 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

We hope that you and your family are well. This year is an important year for all students with the conversion of Broadgreen International School to Dixons Broadgreen Academy (DBA). However, this year is crucial to our Year 11 students. With so much turbulence over the last couple of years, it is important that we offer stability and reassurances to all Year 11 students and their families. With that in mind, there are several interventions that we are going to put into place to support your young person.

Y11 Mentoring Programme

Every student in Y11 will have an academic mentor. This mentor will be supporting and monitoring your child's progress along with Mr Lunt - Head of Year, Mr Davies – Director of KS4 Learning and senior leaders at DBA. There will be five mentoring sessions that will take place this academic year, prior to the GCSE/BTEC examinations that begin in May 2022. These sessions will provide an opportunity for a focussed discussion with your child on their aspirations and provide support to help them make informed choices about their future in education.

They will take place on the following dates from 2.25pm – 3.20pm on Thursday. Attendance is compulsory.

Thursday 10th November 2021

Thursday 2nd December 2021

Thursday 31st January 2022

Thursday 21st March 2022

Thursday 25th April 2022

Master Classes and Focused Intervention sessions – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (3.20pm – 4.20pm) and Friday (2.25pm – 3.20pm)

At the end of the normal school day, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, subjects will be organising Master Classes on different topics within their subject. The focus for these master classes will be on core knowledge that the students need to acquire and typically find challenging. For example, in science there will be a master class on Electrolysis. These master classes will typically be delivered to large groups by a subject specialist. A timetable will be distributed to all students detailing the dates and times of the master classes and we hope that you will encourage your child to attend.

Following the first assessments in November, which will take place during the weeks commencing 8th November and 15th November, targeted intervention sessions will be put on after the normal school day ends on Monday-Wednesday and Friday. Students will be directed towards sessions based on the detailed analysis of their performance in the assessments. For example, if in maths your child struggles with the questions on probability, then they will attend a small group intervention session with a member of the maths department on this topic.

Morning Meeting – 8.20am to 8.45am every day

Morning Meetings are an integral part of ensuring the culture at Dixons Broadgreen Academy remains strong. They allow all students to have a focussed beginning to the day. Important messages can be shared, routines and expectations reinforced, and opportunities given to practice recalling powerful knowledge that has been set for homework. It is imperative that students are punctual to school every day so that they experience the retrieval of powerful knowledge, as this is a crucial process in this knowledge becoming embedded into students' long-term memory. For Y11 students there will be a strong academic focus to Morning Meetings and will be paramount to their revision, both in terms of providing revision techniques to students but also in revisiting previously taught knowledge.

Cycle 1 assessments – Monday 8th November to Friday 19th November

As mentioned, all students will sit formal assessments under examination conditions in November. Again, a timetable will be designed and shared with students as soon as possible so that they can begin to plan their revision schedule. The purpose of these assessments is to identify gaps in learning and target intervention effectively.



Year 11 Parental Advisory Evening – Thursday 9th December 2021 (4pm – 6pm)

On this date, parents will have the opportunity to come into school and meet with their child's subject teachers and advisor. It is important that school and parents work closely together as we support our young people through this important stage of their education and help them to plan for their future, so we strongly encourage your attendance. At this event we will also be able to share fuller details with you about the mentoring programme, master classes and your child's assessment outcomes. Together we can help your child to succeed at university or a real-life alternative. We encourage you and your child to attend as it is important that we are all clear on what steps are needed to climb the mountain to success.

All communication to parents providing information on future events, such as Parental Advisory Evening, will be located on the academy website <https://www.dixonsba.com/about>.

If you wish to discuss anything further, please contact school on 01512286800 or email enquiries@bgis.co.uk.

Kind regards,



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