

26 July 2024

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our families well as we approach the end of this academic year. I have a couple of updates and some news items to go through with you all for clarity and communication for the start of the new school year.

End of Term Arrangements

The end of term for students will be Thursday 18 July at 1:10pm. Students will be dismissed from their Advisory groups. There is an intercontinental football competition in the afternoon that some students will be participating in and others will want to stay to cheer on their friends. We aim to finish around 4pm.

Return in September

Year 7, Year 12 and Year 13 students will return to the academy on Monday 2 September. Gates will open at 8am.

Year 8 - Year 11 students will return to the academy on Tuesday 3 September. Gates will open at 8am.

Full uniform expectations will apply. Students will receive their timetable on their return.

Dixons Broadgreen Community Hub

We are putting the work in to open a Community Hub on the academy site so that we can support our community more effectively. We appreciate all the uniform donations we have had so far and want to do so much more for our families. This will include a food bank, clothes bank, parental workshops, NHS sessions, asylum support and DWP advice. More information will follow on this soon.

MCAS App Reminder

Please ensure that we have an up-to-date copy of your email address and that you have downloaded the app My Child At School. All correspondence is now done via the app. All reports are issued via the app. Support can be given to set it up by contacting the academy. All reports will continue to be sent out this way in the new year together with any free school meal vouchers.

Attendance

In secondary school, 19 days' absence throughout the school year correlates, on average, to a grade at GCSE in all subjects. 97% attendance is the Academy's expectation, but we are striving for 100% every day. Students under 90% are classed as persistent absentees by the Government and, if all attempts to improve attendance has failed, the case will be sent to the Local Education Authority. They will then investigate the case and potentially prosecute parents for non-attendance at school; this can involve large fines. It is ultimately the parents' responsibility to ensure their child attends school. We know that the students who attend 90%+ of the time outperformed national expectations in their GCSE's last year so we need your children in school every day, in every lesson. New guidance has been sent out around expectations from the local authority for the next academic year.

6th Form Applications are still open

Applications to the 6th form are still open, thank you to those of you who have already applied to stay with us in your journey to University or a real life equivalent. We want to keep hold of as many of our students as we can because we care for them and want to push them during their final mountain climb. In the last academic year 96% of our Y13 students got to their destination of choice which is something we are very proud of. We have a variety of different routes to offer every student.

Please follow our news updates on our Twitter site @dixons_ba

You will see all the photos and events updates on there.

Thank you for all your support this academic year. Wishing you an enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs R Fidler

Principal

Dixons Academies Trust

