

29 November 2021

Dear Families,

I want to thank you for your continued support during this half term. The students at Dixons Unity continue to meet our high expectations and work towards our vision that; *All students were successful at university or a real alternative, they lived happy and purposeful lives.* Our values help everyone to meet the vision. **Resilience:** We work hard, overcome obstacles, and never give up. **Respect:** We are polite, value others and treat everyone fairly. **Integrity:** We are honest and always do the right thing, even when no-one is watching.

As part of our culture of recognition we host Now that...recognition events every half term. These events are a surprise for students, the criteria are set by the year team and students who meet these criteria attend. The students are also working hard to ensure they are eligible for the Cycle 1 Recognition trip to the Arcade Club at Kirkstall, more information will follow about this.

It is important that students are always in full uniform, please contact the academy if you need any support with this. We have seen an increase in students wearing jewellery, please can I remind you that the only jewellery allowed is a wristwatch. If a student has other jewellery on this will be confiscated and you will be asked to collect it. Mobile phones should be switched off and locked in lockers during the school day, staff will confiscate any mobile phone if it is seen or heard, you will be asked to collect this. I appreciate your support with this.

I want to thank you for being respectful to staff when you contact the academy. Please ensure you always speak to all staff in a respectful manner, we are here to help support you. You may call when you are angry or upset and whilst we understand this, we will not tolerate any verbal abuse towards our staff.

Over the course of this academic year, we want to ensure families have an opportunity to speak with teaching members of staff to discuss the progress of your child and receive feedback from assessments. All students and parents are expected to attend Parents' Evenings which provide an opportunity to discuss areas of strengths and developments in your child's subject knowledge.

### **Parents' Evening Term Dates**

Year 7 Parents' Evening – 9 December 2021 (Information will be sent out to families in a separate letter)

Year 11 Parents' Evening – 13 January 2022

Year 8 Options Evening talk - 1 March 2022

Year 8 Parents' Evening – 17 March 2022

Year 9 Parents' Evening – 31 March 2022

### **Training Days**

Dixons Academy Trust Training Day - 11 February 2022

Data and Planning Days - 10 March and 11 March 2022

Thank you for your continued support, I am very proud to be Principal and serve our wonderful students and community.

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