

Tuesday 31 August 2021

Dear Families,

I hope you have all had a restful summer and are ready for the start of the academic year. In my first letter as Principal, I wanted to thank you for the support you have already shown and will continue to give on our journey to improving the academy. We will work together to make sure your children achieve the best outcomes that allow them to go onto university or a real alternative and live happy and purposeful lives. As restrictions relax, we are hoping to have more face-to-face meetings and events, I appreciate your patience with this.  
Information for student return:

### **Wednesday 1 September – Year 7 only**

Breakfast Club starts at 07.00-07:50 in the Dining Hall.

The school day begins 08.00 and finishes at 14.50. Students enter through the main gate, where staff will meet and greet. Students should be in full Dixons Unity school uniform. Lunch will be provided to all year 7 students on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. You will receive information for our ParentPay system on Wednesday, ready for students to use this system on Thursday.

We are hosting a Principal's Welcome on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 17:00 – 18:00. This is for Year 7 students with one family member (due to restrictions). Please come to main reception, we look forward to seeing you then.

### **Thursday 2 September – All year groups**

Breakfast Club starts at 07.00-07:50 in the Dining Hall.

The school day begins at 8.00 and finishes at 14.50. Students enter through the main gate, where staff will meet them. All students should go to their locker (students will use the same locker as last year) and put bags, coats, phones away.

Students should then go to the following areas ready for 08:00:

- Year 7 - Sports Hall
- Year 8 - Dance Studio
- Year 9 - Piazza
- Year 10 - Main Hall
- Year 11 - Arena (G Floor)

We have planned an exciting Student Induction which will ensure all aspects of the academy expectations are clear and understood by all students. This induction is even more important this year as the Covid restrictions relax we are now able to use our building more freely.

As an academy, one of our key priorities is to ensure attendance improves. We know that attendance at school is the key factor to success, and we ask for your support with this. Please ensure your child attends school every day, it is a legal requirement for children to attend school and we must insist on this as poor attendance is a key factor in poor outcomes. Leeds City council will continue to issue fines for poor attendance. I thank you in advance for your support with this.

If you have consented to your child to undertake Lateral Flow Covid tests please continue to test at home twice per week and record the result on the NHS website and on the school website. A further text will be sent to families that have consented with the links.

If you need any support, please contact the academy by email: [info@dixonsua.com](mailto:info@dixonsua.com) or telephone: 0113 2630110.

I am really looking forward to welcoming all students back this academic year.

Gemma Rothenburg  
Principal

