

30 August 2022

Dear families

I hope you have all had a great summer and we are excited to welcome our new students as we start our journey together to ensure that: All students were successful at university or a real alternative. They lived happy and purposeful lives. Over our staff induction days, we have attempted to call all families to ensure we can help the transition process as much as possible.

Year 7 students' first day is on Wednesday 31 August. All other year groups return the following day. This will give students the opportunity to meet their tutor and some teachers. We will also have our Year 11 coaches in, they have been with the Year 7 students at every transition event and are giving up their last days holiday to support the students. We are immensely proud of their commitment.

Uniform

All students are required to wear black shoes, plain socks, black trousers, white shirt, Dixons Unity Academy tie and blazer. If you need any help with uniform, please contact reception.

A reminder that students are not allowed to wear jewellery, false lashes or acrylic nails. For our full uniform details please follow this link: <https://www.dixonsua.com/admissions/academy-uniform>

Equipment

All Year 7 students will be provided with a pencil case, black pen, green pen, whiteboard pen and rubber, pencil sharpener, ruler, pencil and calculator. They will also be given a Knowledge Organiser booklet every cycle, which they will use to support their learning in class and for homework. Equipment shops are open every morning before 8am in the Dining Hall.

Students are also required to have a reading book with them. They will have the opportunity to borrow books from the library however, are also very welcome to bring in books from home.

Timings of the school day

Our school day starts at 8am with Morning Meeting, students need to be in Morning Meeting by 8am so will need to use their lockers before this time. Our free Breakfast Club is open from 7am.

Our school day ends at 3.10pm every day.

Lunch

Year 7 students will receive a free school lunch until we have all students set up on our biometric system. We will text families with an update on Wednesday afternoon however we aim to have a letter out to all families with log in details by Friday 2 September.

Entrance and Exits gates

All students will enter school before 8am via the front gates. At the end of the day Years 7, 8 and 9 will leave via the front gates. Years 10 and 11 will leave via the side gates.

Student collection

At the end of the school day our school gates are closed until most students have safely left site. If you arrive early and enter the Main Gate into the car park, we will unfortunately be unable to open the gate to allow you to leave until most students have left the site. We therefore request you arrange a meeting point with your child and find a parking space away from the school.



My Child at School (MCAS)

This portal allows you to log in and access details about your child within school. This includes their attendance, behaviour information and class reports. Bromcom also allows for faster communication between the academy and parents. A letter with your log in details will be issued by Friday 2 September.

We have been having issues with our phone lines since we returned; therefore, if you need anything the best way to contact the academy is by emailing info@dixonsua.com - your message will be passed to the most relevant staff member.

Finally, I would like to say welcome to Dixons Unity family, we are very much looking forward to working with our new students and their families over the coming years.

Yours faithfully

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Miss Gemma Rothenburg
Principal

