

# Dixons Allerton Academy Newsletter

News and Events- Friday 12th July 2024

## Welcome to our newsletter

As part of our drive to help the environment and engage more with parents we would like to introduce our newsletter. We think it looks bright and inviting, and more importantly will bring you key information about what is happening at the Academy for both Scholars and parents.

As a one off you may have received the link to this via text, in future this will only go out via email which is now our primary communication method. Therefore if you have not also received an email you may wish to contact [admin@dixonsaa.com](mailto:admin@dixonsaa.com) or ring us on 01274 089 890 so we can ensure your email address is up to date and correct on the system.

## Attendance

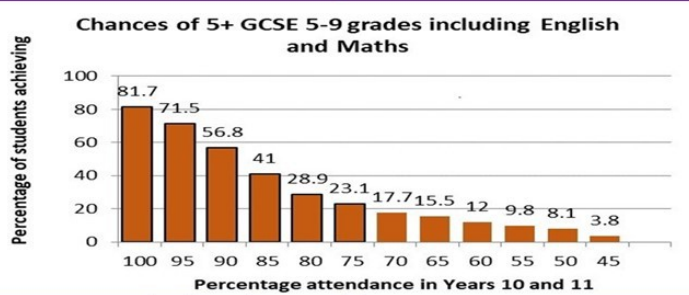
Attendance remains a focus for every school. Our biggest gift to your child is their education. We need every student to attend on time, every day so that we can provide them with the knowledge and skills they need to achieve exceptional results and fulfill their ambitious life choices.

Thank you for ensuring that you do not arrange any holidays during term time and that your child attends school every day ready to learn.

# We expect 100% attendance. We know this will benefit your child and your family.

Good attendance gives the best chance of success to our young people. Good school attendance is vitally important to allow all students to achieve their full potential to embed characteristics of excellence in industry and work ethic which form a big part of our school values. In turn this has a significant impact on GCSE exam grades, contributing to social and economic well being in adulthood.

The graph below shows national research, on the importance of attendance on GCSE outcomes. Whilst an attendance of 90% may not seem that low, this research showed that it can reduce your child's chances of achieving 5+ GCSEs at grade 5-9 including English and Maths from around 82% to 57%. Therefore, it is vital that your child attends school every single day to maximise their educational experience, making every second count!



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## Principal's Breakfast

A huge well done to the students from year 7 - 11 who were nominated from English to attend Head of School breakfast. It was lovely to be able to enjoy some pastries and hot chocolate with our brilliant students and talking to them about their success in class and also their favourite meal



## Dixons Cup

Busy but fantastic week for the Dixons Cup with lots of events and competitions going on. The league table currently looks like this:

Position	Academy	Points
1	Dixons Allerton Academy	1275
2	Dixons Unity Academy	1050
3	Dixons Trinity Chapeltown Academy	925
4	Dixons Cottingley Academy	850
5	Dixons McMillan Academy	500
6	Dixons Trinity Academy	475
7	Dixons City Academy	450
8	Dixons Kings Academy	350
9	Dixons Brooklands Academy	175
10	Dixons Broadgreen Academy	75
11	Dixons Newall Green Academy	0
12	Dixons Fazakerley Academy	0
13	Dixons Croxteth Academy	0
14	Dixons Sixth Form Academy	0

## Student leadership & Citizen UK London Trip

Methodist Central Hall in Westminster was buzzing with energy and purpose as students from the Student Leadership Group joined a gathering of delegations from across Citizens UK to celebrate the alliance's many successes over the past year. The event brought together leaders from various sectors, including students, community groups, and faith organisations, to acknowledge the strong relationships built with key decision-makers across the country.

The celebration marked a momentous occasion for Citizens UK, as it reflected on its collective achievements and re-committed to working with those elected officials who will form the next Government. The gathering also served as a powerful reminder that citizens' voices must be heard and respected in the decision-making process.

As elected MPs joined the celebration, attendees took the opportunity to thank them for their public service while also emphasising that citizens deserve a seat at the table of power. The event featured presentations from leaders involved in Citizens UK's national action teams, highlighting their work in driving positive change and promoting democratic participation.

"We are proud of what we have achieved together," said a representative from Citizens UK. "But we know that our work is far from over. As we look to the future, we are calling on all those elected to form the next Government to prioritize democratic participation and ensure that citizens' voices are heard."

The gathering was a testament to the power of collective action and the impact that can be achieved when individuals come together to demand change. As the new Government takes shape, Citizens UK remains committed to its mission of promoting democracy, social justice, and human rights.



## DAA and D6A P16 - Cambridge Residential

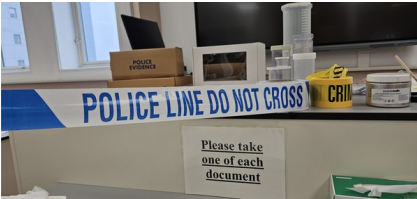
A group of students from DAA P16 and D6A recently embarked on a residential to Cambridge, where they got a taste of university life. On their first day, they attended the University of Cambridge's Open Day, where they were able to explore the various colleges and faculties on offer. The group then visited Girton College, where they spoke with current students and got an insight into student life at the prestigious institution. The students then took a tour of Queens' College, followed by lunch in the historic college canteen. After lunch, the students had the opportunity to explore Cambridge at their leisure, taking in the city's iconic landmarks and picturesque surroundings. To cap off their trip the students enjoyed a nice punting trip. The student spent the night in student accommodation, getting a glimpse of what it would be like to live away from home during their university years.



## P16 Trip to Bradford Uni Criminology Department

In a unique and immersive learning experience, students spent a day playing the role of forensic officers, tasked with solving a mock murder mystery. The day began at a simulated crime scene, where the students were tasked with gathering evidence and collecting clues to aid in the investigation. Once they had completed their task at the crime scene, they headed to the forensic lab, where they put their detective skills to the test.

Working alongside experienced forensic scientists, the students analysed the evidence they had collected, using cutting-edge technology and techniques to identify potential suspects and piece together the events of the crime. This hands-on experience provided a valuable insight into the world of forensic science and allowed the students to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills in a real-world scenario.



## Design Lab Nation Art Project

Year 8 Students have been at the forefront of the V&A's DesignLab Nation initiative, a groundbreaking programme that brings design education to secondary schools across the country. For over a year, the students have been involved in a series of workshops at the V&A in London and the National Industrial Museum in Bradford. The culmination of their hard work was celebrated at a special ceremony at the National Industrial Museum, where their artwork was showcased for all to see.

The students were thrilled to take a tour of their displayed designs, beaming with pride as they saw their creations take centre stage. The experience was a testament to the impact that DesignLab Nation has had on the students, providing them with a unique opportunity to develop their skills and creativity in a real-world setting.

The collaboration between DAA and DesignLab Nation has not only honed the students' design skills but has also given them a deeper appreciation for the importance of industrial heritage and design in their community. As they looked around at their displayed artwork, it was clear that this experience will have a lasting impact on their future careers and creative pursuits.



## P16 BTEC Sport Golf Trip

In a unique team-building exercise, P16 BTEC Sport spent the day on the golf course, and it was a resounding success. Despite some initial nerves, the students threw themselves into the activity. The golf trip was designed to promote team building among the students, and it certainly achieved that and more. As they navigated the course, they learned valuable lessons about perseverance, communication, and trust in each other.



# FM Diverse

## Culture Enrichment

Crochet classes Every Tuesday, 3:30-4:30pm in F11 until Easter. If anyone wants to join please speak to Mrs Oliver.



## Appreciations

### Year 7 Appreciations

Miss Newsham would like to appreciate 7A1 for showing fantastic focus and industry during their cycle assessments. Particular shout out to William, Naba, Ateeb and Ibraheem for consistently fantastic efforts. You continue to be the best class in the school!

Mrs Shah and Mrs Thorn would like to appreciate Muhammad Raihan for representing Dixons Allerton Academy in a Year 6 transition event for Bradford council to help students with physical needs understand the demands of high school . Raihan you were a credit to our school

The PE team would like to appreciate the following students for their outstanding efforts at the Dixons Cup Athletics event. The team finished in 2nd place overall winning a total of 19 medals. 8 gold, 5 silver and 6 bronze.

Well done to Abdul Ali, Mohammed Kaif, Al Walid Zoukani, Haseeb Khan, Esa Khan, Moatasim Alabid, Awais Hussain, Rumaysa Khan, Noor Fatima, Lyn Al Nouaimi, Giasmin Latif, Saba Shah, Aisha Shazad and Zikar Rangzeb.



## Year 8 Appreciations

Mr White would like to appreciate Inaaya Hussain, Aamal Gulzar, Tahani Ayub, Zakirah Khan, Muhammad Hashmi, Ayesha Fazil, Wilfred Enyinna All for working consistently well during the week.

Mr White would also like to appreciate Sidra Shah, Mia Vasic, Mohammad Umar, Gulwish Khan, Awais Khan, Zainab Batool for great participation in lessons.

Miss McCormick would like to show appreciation to Adnan Muhammed for demonstrating positive behaviour this week in lessons. Well done for taking responsibility for your actions and keep it up.

Miss McCormick would like to show appreciation to Abdullah Hussain for giving me your time to have a conversation. You really did make an effort in drama this week, and I appreciate your efforts, but I know you can do better and achieve more. This is a small step in the right direction.

Miss McCormick would like to show appreciation to Sanina Bibi for her efforts this week in music but for also demonstrating qualities of kindness and warmth around the academy and in lesson.

## Year 9 Appreciations

Miss Ashley would like to appreciate all of 9D4 for some wonderful work this half term. Thank you for being such an excellent class.

Miss Ashley would like to appreciate all of 9A1 for some wonderful work writing about the end of Act 2 of the play. You truly showed me how exceptional you can be as a class when you put your mind to it.

Miss Ashley would like to appreciate all of the students in Y9 who took my message at the start of the half term seriously – you are THE BEST year group and this is your opportunity to show that and to live that.

Mr Jones would like to thank Year 9 for working exceptionally hard this term and also for demonstrating brilliant self determination when transitioning to advisory to maximise your learning time.

## Year 10 Appreciations

Miss Newsham would like to appreciate 10A4 for some great focus on poetry recently. I know it's been a stressful few weeks but keep up the hard work because you are all capable of great things! Particular shout out to Ryhana, Shasmeen, Ali and Alesha for keeping focused. Big appreciation too to 10D2 for a hugely improved attitude in Thursday's lesson. Particularly well done to Milena,



Qurrat, Rehan, Richard, Aneesa, Aakifah, Aliyah and Zayan for consistent patience, maturity, industry and responsibility.

Miss Martin would like to appreciate Maya Khan for consistently demonstrating our value Industry in PE. Great role model!

Mr Foy would like to appreciate Aisha Raheel for showing a clear improvement in her behaviour and giving it 100% in HSC lessons.

Mr Foy would also like to appreciate Aliyah Rani for a fantastic start to the new assignment.

Mr Brooke would like to appreciate Mason Gardner for displaying good moral principles. It's been a pleasure to see you develop over the last couple of months.

Miss Laverick would like to appreciate 10A2 advisory for being dedicated to one of our key values, industry. The atmosphere in this class is fantastic, such a positive learning environment. Well done and keep up the great work!

Miss Laverick would also like to appreciate Ayaan Hussain, since you have come back to DAA, your behaviour has massively improved. Let's see if you can reduce your behaviour points even more next week!

Mrs Ali would like to appreciate all of Y10 for massively improving their punctuality to corrections. Excellent improvement in attitude and punctuality to lessons overall.



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