# Dixons Allerton Academy Newsletter

News and Events-Friday 28th June 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 <a href="mailto:admin@dixonsaa.com">admin@dixonsaa.com</a> or ring us on 01274 089 890 so we can ensure your email address is up to date and correct on the system.

## Message from the Principal

Dear families.

Another really busy week at DAA. Students in year 7, 8 and 9 has demonstrated responsibility and industry during their cycle 3 assessments in the sports hall. I have been really impressed with their conduct during this crucial assessment window.

Year 8 deserve recognition for the high amount of achievement points they have earned, by demonstrating our values of happiness, industry and responsibility in and out of lessons. Well done and can the other year groups surpass them this week!

Year 10 geography students were a model of DAA excellence during their field trip to Hull. The students went to investigate whether Hull has been successfully regenerated. The conduct of our students during the trip was exemplary. I was really proud of the way our students interacted with the people of Hull, whilst they were conducting their research. It was lovely to have members of the public come up to me and say how polite an respectful our students were. I am sure our students will use this experience to excel during paper 3 of the geography GCSE exams next year.

Thank you to all our amazing student ambassadors who helped to support our Year 6 transition evening on Wednesday 26 June. It was wonderful to have all our new students and families join us for presentations on key information, tours of the school and some tasty treats from the canteen.

We are all really excited to welcome our new Year 7 cohort into our DAA family after the summer holidays.

Finally, I would like to say goodbye and good luck to all our Year 13 students. They were able to enjoy a lovely leavers assembly and I know they will receive the results in August that reflect all their hard work over last two years.

#### **Matthew Sanderson**

Head of Secondary

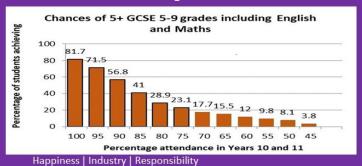
### **Attendance**

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!



## 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

## Year 10 Geography Hull Trip

Year 10 Geography students recently embarked on a fascinating trip to Hull to explore the city's regeneration efforts. The trip aimed to provide the students with a firsthand look at the city's transformation and its significance in the context of urban geography. During their visit, they witnessed the vibrant waterfront area, including the £40 million Marina and the iconic Humber Street, which has undergone significant redevelopment. Through this experience, the students gained a deeper understanding of urban regeneration, its challenges, and its benefits, which will undoubtedly enrich their geographical knowledge and perspectives.













## Post-16 Literacy Ambassadors

A very exciting breakfast launch of our Post-16 Literacy Ambassadors programme. A scheme aiming to empower students to become advocates for literacy, whilst developing enthusiasm for reading amongst our wonderful Y7 and Y8 students! A truly momentous occasion at DAA!











**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 youfor 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 yourmind 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 fordemonstrating brilliant self determination when transitioning to advisory to maximise your learningtime.

## **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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