

Dixons Allerton Academy Newsletter

News and Events- Friday 14th 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 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.

Message to families

Dear families,

Two short messages from me this week.

Firstly, Well done Year 11 and Year 13! We are all so proud of everything you have achieved during your time at DAA. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying a well-deserved celebration on Thursday afternoon. The way that you have conducted yourselves through such a stressful exam period has been such a positive example for the of the school. I know the results you achieve in the summer will reflect the work that you have put in.

Finally, Eid Mubarak to all those who will be celebrating. I wish you all a wonderful celebration and we shall look forward to seeing all our students back in school on Tuesday 18 June.

Best wishes

Mr Sanderson

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

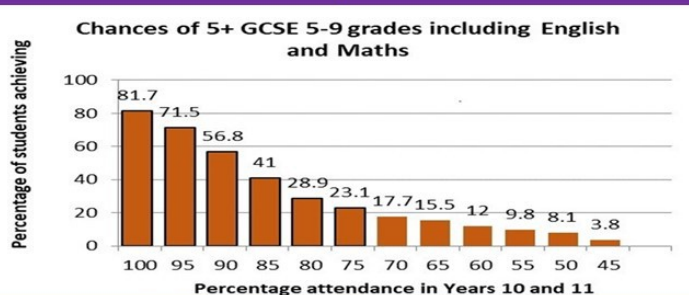
and skills they need to achieve exceptional results and fulfill their ambitious life choices.

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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Election campaigns - Meeting with Bradford West's Labour candidate Naz Shah

Students Leadership team met up with the Bradford West's Labour candidate, Naz Shah at Belle Vue Girls' Academy, along with the delegation from Bradford Citizens. They had a discussion with Naz Shah to discuss the Labour manifesto and key issues that affected them.

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The meeting, which took place at the academy, saw students engage in a lively discussion with Naz Shah about the Labour manifesto and the challenges they face on a daily basis. The students, who make up the academy's leadership team, were eager to share their thoughts and concerns with the candidate.

They also expressed their concerns about the rising cost of living in Bradford and the impact it has on families. Naz Shah listened attentively to the students' concerns and assured them that she would do everything in her power to support their community. She emphasised the importance of working together to address the challenges facing Bradford West and praised the students for their commitment to making a positive change.

"I am impressed by the passion and dedication of these young people," said Naz Shah. "As a Labour candidate, I am committed to fighting for the rights of young people and ensuring that they have access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive."

The meeting was a valuable opportunity for the students to engage with their local candidate and make their voices heard.



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



Bold Voices competition

As an integral component of the Girl-led Peer-research Programme, female students from our sixth form participated in a national competition with Bold Voices commemorating International Women's day, with Dixons securing a notable victory.

Notably, one of the showcased projects was centred on addressing the phenomenon of fast fashion, emphasising its adverse impact on both women and children.

A comprehensive presentation was delivered to our Year 9 students, shedding light on the exploitative practices prevalent on the industry, such as the use of women and child labour in sweatshops, while also emphasising the detrimental impact of mass production and consumerism on our delicate ecosystem. By intertwining the interconnected issues of gender inequality, child labour, and environmental degradation, the project serves as a poignant call to action for greater awareness and sustainable practices with the fashion industry and beyond.

TACKLING FAST FASHION

Submitted by Dixons Allerton Academy

"We tackled the issue of Fast Fashion which is an ongoing crisis in modern society. Many people buy from companies that exploit their workers and refuse to give them their basic human rights whilst making huge profits themselves.

We created various posters and put them around the school to create more awareness between teachers and students."



"Me and a group of girls carried out a research project where we had to find out statistics and many other features to put on our presentation which we presented to all of the Year 9 classes in our school.

This was to increase their understanding of who is dominantly exploited to produce garments (which is women from diverse backgrounds).

WHAT WAS OUR IMPACT?

"The response was amazing as many students resonated with fast fashion. This is because they were previously buying from companies like Shein who severely underpay their workers.

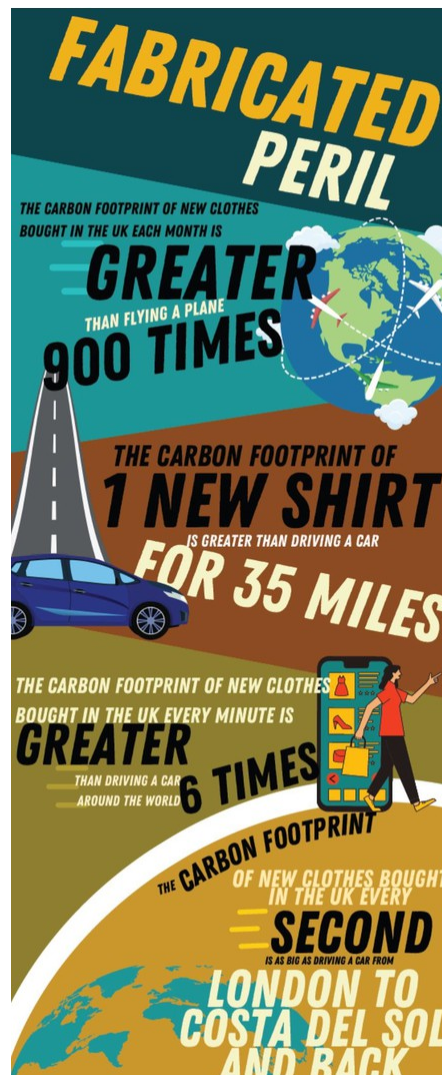
WHAT DID WE LEARN?

"I learnt that the statistics for exploitation are a lot higher than what I believed. This was very shocking because it has changed my perspective of buying clothes.

WHAT WOULD WE DO DIFFERENTLY NEXT TIME?

"Next time, I would make it a lot more interactive by perhaps doing a workshop instead with prizes instead.

There were many questions and tasks that we had included but it would be nice to do it differently next time."



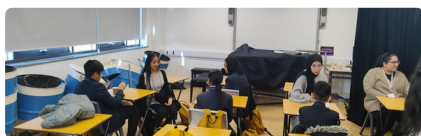
Dixons Cup

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

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!



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 being a fantastic class to teach this cycle. Your industry, humour, insight, and curiosity makes every lesson with you an enjoyable one, and you are all on track for great things. Have a great holiday!

Miss Newsham would like to appreciate year 8 for some excellent work this cycle. You have shown great industry and brought forward some fantastic ideas. Particular shout outs to Moataz, Umar, Gulwish, Umme and Zeeshan from 8D1 for some extremely considered and creative work and Eliza, Sarah, Abdul, Inaaya, Inaaya, Laiba, Sania and Faiza for consistent respect and responsibility.

Ms Sharrock would like to thank year 7a/Sp2 and yr7d/Sp1 for being amazing pupils to teach. It is a joy to be your Spanish teacher. Have a great rest and time with your families.

Mrs Thorn would like to appreciate Sheema Manzoor for her industrious attitude when it comes to her lessons. Sheema you always give 100%, you are such an amazing student.

Mrs Thorn would like to appreciate Hadiya Noor for being a wonderful member of our Advisory group, you are so helpful and kind and always happy to help.

Mr White would like to appreciate Khadija Amin, Eiliyah Mahmood, Anaya Seghal, Aishah Shahzad all of whom work brilliantly and try very hard Zehra Hassan, Liyana Malik both got full marks in their vocab challenge Hannah Ali, Amelia Hussain, Mahek Hussain, Sheema Manzoor, Fabian Shiraiishi all of whom have performed excellently this week Ibraheem Abid, Naba Fatima, Muskaan Hussain, William Jones, Emaan Khan, Saffa Mukhtar, Omar Tajar for their consistent level of effort

Mrs Throup/Mr Hanif/Mr Spark would like to appreciate all year 7 for being amazing individuals. We are proud of working with you all. Have a safe and enjoyable half term with friends and family

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 their industry throughout our study of Macbeth. You have worked hard to understand a difficult text and your responsibility will pay off at GCSE. Particular shout outs to Alesha, Enoch, Shasmeen, Ryhana and Hannan for consistently excellent behaviour and focus.

Ms Sharrock would like to thank year 10D/Sp3 and yr10A/Sp3. Special recognition goes to Laiba Munawar, Dua Fatima, Hasnein Raja, Chelsea Jean Roberts, , Sumiya Khanom, Aminah Naz, Milena Zacny, Saina Patel, Samuel Drapak, Dawoodullah Ansar, Hashim Ali, Ehsan Rizvi for answering questions and putting in the effort needed to be successful.

Señora Sharrock

Mrs Reynolds would like to appreciate Sulieman, Hannan, Mariam and Safiya for absolutely amazing progress that they are making in their Maths and English lessons. You are fantastic!

Miss Laverick would like to appreciate Umar Shakil and Sobia Hassan for having the highest number of achievement points this term, keep up the great work!

Year 11 Appreciations

Miss Ashley would like to appreciate all of the students who came to parents evening - I hope it was useful and it was lovely to share some excellent grades with you! Miss Ashley would also like to appreciate Adam 144 and Safa M for achieving at least one grade 7 in the mocks and Khulud, Aleena A, Aleena M, Hamzah, Aayan and Ibrahim H for achieving at least one 6. Well done to the whole class for a wonderful half term. I hope you enjoy your break!

Miss Akhtar would like to appreciate Haider Khan, Shaan Wajid and Hamza Hussain for making very good progress in their coursework.

Mrs Reynolds would like to appreciate Ayat, Arslan, Falak, Safwan for the absolutely amazing progress that they are making in their Maths and English lessons. You are fantastic!

Miss Suess would like to appreciate Innaya Hussain for saving her life, literally!!! It was much appreciated!!!

Mrs Ali would like to appreciate all of her 11A1 for being an outstanding English group. Your academic rigour, precision and dedication in producing quality essays blew her away. She would particularly like to appreciate Rahaf, Imad, Adam, Afifah, Khizar and Inayah for going over and beyond and working at home to get ahead of the game.

She would also like to appreciate Hamna, Khadijah, Hamzah, Ruquyyah, Mohammad, Noor and Maheen for working extra hard in getting things right. She would like to appreciate Hashim for showing real strength and resilience in his lessons this week. You are a phenomenal group!

Mrs Ali would like to appreciate all of her 11D2 for working remarkably hard since September. She would particularly like to appreciate Sharon, Rian, Muskaan, Haden, Rehan, Amir Nawaz and Safah for showing outstanding commitment and resilience when attempting challenging texts this week.

She would also like to appreciate Amelia, Saad and Hamza for producing some fantastic language answers for P1.

Mr Harrod would like to appreciate Aqsa Mir for taking responsibility this week of her learning. Your drive and determination to improve your history skills are fantastic and I know that this hard work will result in better grades. Keep it up, you can do this!

Mr Harrod would like to appreciate his history class, this week may have been a bit gruelling, but we are going to get you to the grades you deserve. Thank you for taking responsibility, for cracking on, and for being so hard working. It will pay off, I guarantee it

Miss Newsham would like to appreciate 11A2 for some great effort on their purple pen work this week. The vast majority of you have been putting excellent work in in our post-mock lessons and you are setting yourselves up well to excel in your GCSEs.

Mr Miah 11A3 - Would like to appreciate Aleena, Eesa, Abdur Rahman, Riyan, Haider, Ayaan & Adeeba for a good job on the cycle assessments. Also Wajiha and Reyah for most improved.

Mr Jones would like to appreciate 11A3 for improvements made in their attitude and focus towards their studies in Geography over the past few weeks. This will help the class ahead of the GCSE exams in Summer. Well done 11A3 and keep this up!

Mr Jones would like to appreciate all Year 11 students for working exceptionally hard in their mock exams. I hope this is the perfect springboard to success in the GCSE exams.

Mr Jones would like to thank the following students for consistently working with purpose every day, every lesson. This was further evident by some brilliant performances in the mocks;

Tayebba Khan
Maryam Latif Khanum
Amina Shezhad

Umar Girach
Zaynah Tanweer
Maya Iqbal
Sohaib Khan
Inaya Afzal
Haashir Kabeer
Imaad Ijaz



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