

Dear families,

As our Class of 2024 approach the end of their GCSE examinations, I would like to provide further details about upcoming plans and events.

Final Whole Year Group Exam

The final whole year group exam is on Friday 14th June: GCSE Physics, 1pm start. From this point, students will only be required to attend the academy if they have an exam (DT, 9am 18th June and Hospitality and Catering, 9am 20th June) and for our Leavers' Assembly (details below). There will also be pre-exam sessions for these subjects: DT, Monday 17th June 10.20am-3.30pm; Hospitality and Catering, Wednesday 19th June 1.40pm-3.30pm.

It remains the expectation, that when attending, students wear their full school uniform (including correct footwear).

Leavers' Assembly

There has been a change of date to our Leavers' Assembly; it is now on Friday 21st June, 9am-10am. We are really looking forward to this occasion as an opportunity for the year group to come together, to recognise and reminisce their journey here at DFA.

Students must arrive to school at 8.45am to enable a prompt 9am start. They must wear full school uniform (again including correct footwear). A custom on Year 11's final day is to have their school shirt signed. If your son/daughter wishes to do this, we ask that they bring a spare shirt and it is this one that is signed, rather than the one they are wearing. As they leave the academy, they are of course welcome to wear their signed shirt over their uniform.

Students will leave the academy at 10am and are expected to sensibly make their own way home.

Prom

We are really looking forward to prom and have now confirmed our final numbers. Students attending will receive their prom ticket, this week. The event will take place on the evening of **Friday 28th June 2024** at **The Park Hotel, Dunning's Bridge Road L30 6YN**. Pupils will be required to make their own way to the venue: arrival from 6.30pm, for a 7pm start. A team of our staff will be waiting to meet and greet students. We will need to leave the venue at 11pm and would ask, where possible, for students to be collected by a family member. If this is not possible, and alternative arrangements are required - for example, a student departing with a friend's parent or by taxi, we will need written consent from a parent/guardian. This must be with us by Friday 14th June (it can be handwritten or emailed to hzeqaj@dixonsfa.com). We will not allow any student to depart from the venue alone.

GCSE Results Day

Students will be able to collect their GCSE results on the morning of **Thursday 22nd August 2024**. Details around specific times will be confirmed nearer to this date.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. To lead such a wonderful group of young people, watch them grow and flourish, has been an absolute privilege. I am so proud of every student and cannot wait to hear about their future successes. The Class of 2024 are such a special year group; I know that all the staff here at DFA are really going to miss them.

Wishing you all the very best for the future,

Ms Zeqaj