

25 March 2022

Dear families

As another week draws to a close I want to pay tribute to our hard working students who have spent all week getting Golden Tickets in recognition of their endeavours. It has been great to see so many students sharing their successes and the positive conversations the tickets have led to in the corridors and at break and lunch time have been a really uplifting part of the week.

A busy week has seen a SENCO Drop In with families, our rowers in Year 8 hitting the water for the first time this year and Year 11 attending revision sessions in ever growing numbers. It is great to be a part of such a thriving community that continues to go from strength to strength. I do recognise, however, that it is a difficult time for many at the moment with cost of living increases and please do let us know if we can assist in some way or just if you would like us to offer extra support to your child in school if things are especially difficult at the moment.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

As you know, the more time children spend in school the more opportunities they have to learn new knowledge, equipping them with the grades needed to open the doors to a rewarding career. It is absolutely vital that, in the unlikely event that your child is absent, the academy is made aware of the reasons for absence. If not it will go down as an unauthorised absence. Please contact the academy on 0151 524 4530. We are always happy to help in any way we can.

In order to be highly employable, we expect all students to arrive on time and ready to learn. This relates to our learning habit of Punctuality and means that all students must be arriving for 08:25 so that they are ready to start learning for 08:30. Please speak to your child to remind them of the importance of being punctual so that they develop the good habits that will prepare them for the world of work.

### **Corrections**

Our correction system has been updated which means that text messages are automatically generated for students if they break one of the learning habits such as Equipment; On Task Behaviour; Perfect Uniform or Punctuality.

This means that the system will send a text if the correction was logged on the system during the late afternoon of the previous day. Therefore a text may still be received even if a student is absent. This will also provide more information for families to inform conversations at home.

### **Year 11 Revision**

We are running revision sessions before school, after school and from Saturday 26 March a Saturday morning from 9.30am – 1pm. We begin our Saturday sessions with a focus on Maths this weekend and we look forward to seeing Year 11 students taking advantage of the in school sessions and the online masterclasses offered across the Trust. It is the time of year where hard work now will pay dividends in the summer – students should be revising for at least two hours a night and 6 hours over the weekend if they want to fulfil their potential in the exams to come. I recognise this is a commitment for the whole family but these final few weeks will prove crucial and your support will make all of the difference.



### **Class of 2025 Humanities Option**

Our Year 8 students will be choosing between History and Geography so that they can specialise in one of these before they embark upon GCSEs at the end of Year 9. Every student will continue to study both subjects but will have an additional period per week in the option they choose to specialise in. Students and families have had a briefing and letter and I hope that has helped however if you do have any questions then please contact us and we will be happy to help.

We have updated our email addresses so please can you use the email at the top of this letter if you need to contact us ([info@dixonsfa.com](mailto:info@dixonsfa.com)) and we will make sure your enquiry is passed on to the relevant person.

As always I wish everyone a restful weekend and remain extremely grateful as we continue to move forward together.

Yours faithfully

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