

JANUARY 10, 2025

NEWSLETTER

DIXONS CROXTETH ACADEMY



The Dixons Croxteth newsletter keeps our community, including parents, students, staff, and the public, informed with updates on school events, policies, student achievements, opportunities for community involvement, and available educational resources.



Academy's values:

Hard Work: we never give up. We remain positive so that we have the strength to persevere with even the hardest work. We do what it takes for as long as it takes.

Integrity: we do the right thing because it is the right thing to do. We do this even when people are not watching.

Fairness: we play by the rules. We are respectful, polite, and courteous at all times. We treat others in our diverse community as we wish to be treated. When we help others, we help ourselves.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Dear Families

Happy New Year! We hope you had a joyful and restful Christmas break with your loved ones.

I would like to express my heartfelt thank you for your commitment in ensuring that students made it to school despite the challenges of snow and icy conditions. We recognize the extra effort involved in making journeys safely during this weather, and we greatly appreciate your dedication to your children's education.

At Dixons Croxteth, our priority is to remain open wherever possible, providing a warm, safe, and supportive environment for all our students. School is more than a place for learning – it's a community where children receive care, routine, and encouragement, which is especially important during these colder months. Finally on the extreme weather, I would like to appreciate the work of our site staff, they have been on site in some instances from 4am checking boilers, clearing snow and making the academy safe for the arrival of staff and students.

With the snow and icy conditions, we have been very lenient with regards to student footwear. We fully understand that students' feet have become wet and cold on their journey to the academy. From next week we will (weather dependent) revert to Learning Habit No.5 perfect uniform and expect all students to have the correct shoes on. Students are free to wear trainers on their journey to and from the academy and change them prior to morning meeting.

Parent tours of the academy will recommence next week. Last term I had the privilege of showing multiple parents around the academy observing a 'normal' day at Dixons Croxteth. Nothing is pre-planned – I am happy to walk the building going into lessons, explaining our mission and values and talking through what we do. If anyone would like a tour, please contact reception. They fill up quickly and if I have the capacity will offer additional sessions.

Next week's Vlog will include information about corrections and the rationale behind them. Also, next week on Thursday 16 January we host Year 9 parents evening and will share information about GCSE options with families. More information about this will follow.

Please continue to take care when traveling, and feel free to reach out if we can provide any further assistance.

Mr Duggan
Principal



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CROXTETH CREATIVES

COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS

As part of our Enrichment offer here at Dixons Croxteth our Croxteth Creatives developed their skills and soon became origami experts!!

Sessions were spent developing their skills to create precisely crafted objects starting with chatterboxes, heart and frogs. Our fabulous folders soon went onto tackle ambitious Christmas stars and Christmas trees made from recycled books under the instruction of their teacher Ms Palmieri.

I'm sure all will agree that the students were successful in their creations. They went on to sell their Christmas Tree Books and all the money raised was donated to the Anthony Walker Foundation demonstrating their community connectedness. The artists clearly demonstrated that charity is not just about giving money but about giving time and showing kindness sharing their creative ability to benefit others.

Ms Palmieri is so proud of all the students who took part and she is excited to see what they will produce next term!



DIXONS LIVERPOOL COLLABORATION CONCERT

On the last week of term Dixons Broadgreen Academy was filled with festive cheer as the Dixons collaborative Christmas concert brought together nearly 150 talented students from Dixons Broadgreen Academy, Dixons Croxteth Academy and Dixons Fazakerley Academy. The event was a great showcase of music, drama and dance, uniting our schools in a shared celebration of creativity and community.

28 Croxteth students performed in collaborative performances in singing, dancing and drama productions as well as performing a violin solo and featured a rock band featuring some year 11 and year 8 pupils.

This concert was more than just a festive event – it embodied the strength of our Dixons community. After rehearsing separately in their schools, students came together for a full day of joint rehearsals, culminating in an inspiring performance that reflected our trust's values.

Proceeds from ticket sales will support the arts across our schools, helping to nurture future talent and provide even more opportunities for students to shine

A huge thank you to the students, staff, families, and community members who made this event such a success. Here's to more celebrations of creativity and togetherness in the future!



KNOWSLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Year 10 welcomed Knowsley Community College into their Morning Meeting this week to hear about what the college has to offer at post 16.

The boys learned about some fantastic opportunities available after their GCSEs – A Levels and apprenticeships, including entry requirements and career opportunities

We would like to thank the college for a really informative session and the pupils really engaged well..



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPANY

Get ready for
Photography Day on

Monday 13/01/2025
at Dixons Croxteth Academy

Look out for the order form
coming home with your child



www.schoolphotographs.co.uk



On Monday 13th January the School Photography Company will be at the academy to take professional school portraits of all our students.

They will be given a card with a QR code that you can scan to purchase the photographs of your child.

We ask that students are in correct uniform and arrive at the academy on time on Monday morning.

HOME LEARNING AT DIXONS CROXTETH

At Dixons Croxteth Academy, we build a partnership between carers, students, and teachers that puts learning first. We help our students value learning by teaching them to take ownership of their own success. Home learning activities play a significant role in a pupil's educational journey and wider development.

Why is Home Learning so Important?

When our long-term memory is altered, we have learnt something. However, when we are exposed to new information, we instantly begin to forget it. Over time, the amount of original information retained significantly reduces unless it is revisited often.

Our home learning strategy is designed to allow students to frequently revisit powerful knowledge, interrupting the forgetting process.

There are three strands to our Home Learning Strategy:

Read. Cover. Write. Check. (RCWC): This is a paper-based task.

Sparx Maths: Online.

Seneca Learning: Online.

Expectations – Y7 and Y8

Up to 60 minutes per day of:

Seneca

Sparx Maths

RCWC

Expectations – Y9 and Y10

Up to 90 minutes per day of:

Seneca

Sparx Maths

RCWC

Completion of past GCSE examination questions

Expectations – Y11

A minimum of 90 minutes per day of:

Seneca

Sparx Maths

RCWC

Completion of past GCSE examination questions

Accessing revision sites

Excellent additional resources can be found at:

Learn Dojo

BBC Bitesize

Save My Exams

Oak National Academy

Free Science Lessons

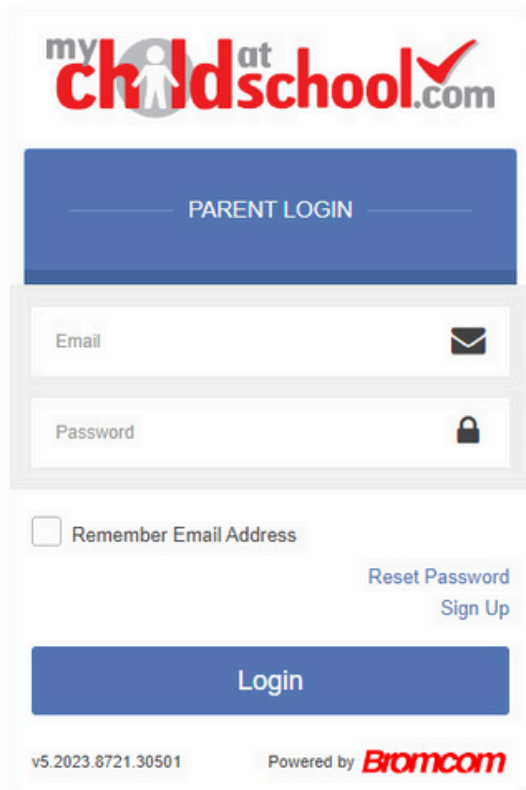
MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS) APP

One of our aims at Dixons Croxteth is to strengthen our Parent-School Relationship. We launched the newsletter last year and have further developed this with the video blog.

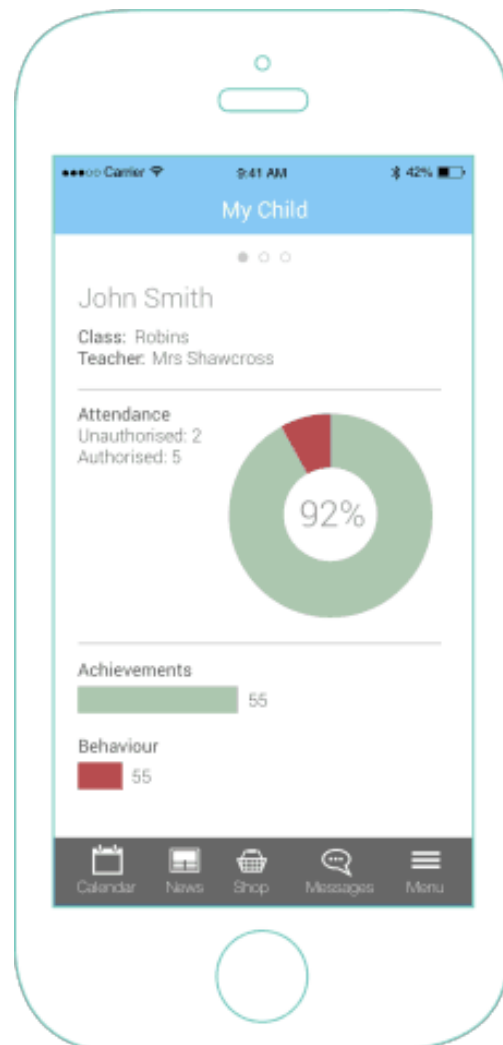
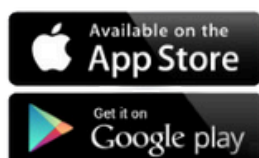
Our next big change will be the introduction of the My Child At School App (MCAS). Over the next few months, we will be rolling out MCAS as the method of communication between parents and families.

My Child at School (MCAS) is a portal which enables parents and carers to view their child's academic performance in real-time, via a web browser or mobile app. The type of information provided in the app include assessment, attendance, behaviour, pupil details, communication, consent forms, timetables, annual reports, exam details and Using the app also allows us to reduce the need to use paper and the cost of SMS messages.

More information will follow about the role out of this over the coming weeks with the aim of all families using the app by Easter 2025.



The screenshot shows the web portal login page for My Child at School. At the top is the logo 'my child at school.com' with a red checkmark. Below the logo is a blue bar with the text 'PARENT LOGIN'. There are two input fields: 'Email' with an envelope icon and 'Password' with a lock icon. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember Email Address'. To the right of the checkbox are links for 'Reset Password' and 'Sign Up'. A large blue 'Login' button is at the bottom. At the very bottom, it says 'v5.2023.8721.30501' and 'Powered by Bromcom'.



YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received on the vlog. We will be recording a video blog every fortnight to share key information from the academy. You can access the blogs by using the **link below**, **QR code**, or clicking on the **YouTube button**.

Link: [Dixons Croxteth Academy](#)



Principal's Update

Informative video blogs providing regular updates from our Principal, offering insights into key developments and keeping our entire community well - informed about important school events, policies, student achievements, and opportunities for community involvement.

LUNCH MENU

Below are the lunch menus for Dixons Croxteth.

Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MENU	<i>Italian</i>	<i>Indian Food</i>			
	Beef Baked Pasta Garlic Bread 	Chicken Teriyaki Rice Broccoli 	Pepperoni / Cheese Pizza Wedges 	Chicken Fajita Patata Brava-Salad 	Beef Burger & Chips
	Assorted Baguettes or Wraps CHICKEN-BACON-TUNA-MEATBALL 				
	Veggie Roasty Pasta Garlic Bread 	Veggie Stir Fry Rice Naan Bread 	Mix Vegetables Pizza Wedges 	Quorn Fajita Patata Brava-Salad 	Quorn Hot Dogs & Chips
	Selection of Salads Selection Sandwiches: CHEESE-HAM-TUNA 				
	Ice-cream 	School Sponge 	Brownies 	Yogurt 	Victoria Cake

Any special order or allergy than the main menu please ask the kitchen before 10:30 am

Week 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MENU	<i>Italian</i>	<i>Indian Food</i>			
	Chicken Macaroni Garlic Bread 	Katsu Chicken Curry & Rice 	Piri-Piri Chicken Mix Peppers Pizza Wedges 	Mixed Pastry Mash Beans & Gravy 	Chicken Burger & Chips
	Assorted Baguettes or Wraps CHICKEN-BACON-TUNA-MEATBALL 				
	Tomato-Basil Pasta Garlic Bread 	Vegan Katsu Curry Rice & Broccoli 	Roast Vegetable Pizza 	Baked Potato Baked Beans / Cheese 	Beyond Burger & Chips
	Selection of Salads Selection Sandwiches: CHEESE-HAM-TUNA 				
	Yogurt 	School Sponge 	Victoria Cake 	Ice-cream 	Brownies

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ACADEMY LEADERS

Senior Leadership roles at Dixons Croxteth



Mr Duggan
Principal



Jacqui Varkulis
Vice Principal
Behaviour and Culture



Anish Morgan
Vice Principal
Teaching and Learning



Ian Makin
Vice Principal
Student Experience



Mark Little
Assistant Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If you are worried or have a concern please speak to one of the members of staff below or email: dcr_safeguarding@dixonscr.com



Mr I Duggan
Principal



Mr M Little
Assistant Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr I Makin
Vice Principal
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms J Varkulis
Vice Principal
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss R Bowers
Safeguarding officer



Miss L Cox
Safeguarding officer



Ms T Redmond
Safeguarding officer



Mr R Owens
Safeguarding Officer



Mrs C Watson
Safeguarding Officer