

## **NEWSLETTER**

Monday 17 June 2024

#### Welcome message from the Principal

Eid Mubarak to all families that are celebrating Eid.

The majority of our Year 11 students have now completed their GCSE examinations with only Hospitality and Catering remaining. On Friday we arranged for an Ice Cream van to come on site and allowed students to sign shirts and say goodbyes. It was a lovely occasion.

The conduct of the students throughout the exam season has been exemplary and it is sad to see them leave. We look forward to welcoming them back in for results day on **Thursday 22 August**. I will communicate information about results day directly to Year 11 families before the Summer break



Mr Duggan Principal

All Year groups are now completing Cycle 3 end of year assessments. The data from these assessments will be used by teachers to plan interventions and support raising students progress and attainment. The assessments are conducted in exam conditions to prepare students for the actual GCSEs in Year 11. I would like to wish all students the best of luck in these assessments.

Last week visitors from Liverpool Football Club came into Dixons Croxteth. We are hoping to build stronger partnerships with LFC, and they have offered to run programs including a transition event for our new Year 6 cohort as well as an engagement project for older year groups. Similarly, we attended an event at Cobalt housing and are hoping to have our students represented in their community action groups.

I want students to have a positive experience at Dixons Croxteth and I am aware that there has been a lack of focus in this area since I joined. I am addressing this for next year and have changed the roles and responsibilities of Senior Leaders to ensure that this area is a priority. I want enrichment opportunities, trips and students being happy at Dixons Croxteth. Last week Year 8 students went on a Coastal Learning Walk Geographical Fieldtrip and Mr Donnahey has provided a short write up of the event in this newsletter. More trips and events are being planned for next Year.

I have included in the newsletter our 'Student Spotlight' and subject stars. This is to highlight students who demonstrate our values and contribute positively to the academy and community.

Finally, I would like to invite families into the Academy to see students at work and how we operate. This will be done on a Friday Morning starting on Friday 29 June. I have added a section about this later on in the newsletter but, I want to be open and transparent to parents and take you on a tour of the academy. It will be organised through a booking system.

#### **Year 8 Geography Trip**

Forty six geography students from Year 8 completed the coastal learning walk last week.

Students followed the route of the coastal path from Crosby to Formby to investigate coastal landforms, erosion and sea defences along the Sefton coastline.

The weather conditions were kind to students as they completed field sketches, collected data, and analysed their findings. A very successful fieldwork experience.











Mr Duggan received the following the message from a member of the Community in Hightown who encountered our students:

"FAO Mr Duggan I live in Hightown. This morning I was walking along a path in the dunes with my dog and a group of 25 of your young students passed me. I stood to

one side to let them pass. I must compliment you on the politeness and friendliness of the students. Half of them thanked me as they passed and several asked about my dog. A credit to your school "

A lovely message highlighting the positive behaviour of our Year 8s.



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



YEAR 8

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Cruz W.

"Aswinn always applies himself fully in the ethos of school and works extremely hard in all his lessons. Ashwin always exemplifies our core values of hard work, integrity and fairness. Well done, Aswinn."

- Mr Ian Green

"Cruz is always polite and well mannered. This week Cruz showed a fantastic awareness and understanding of the upcoming election process and supported his peers understanding by delivering to the whole year group on how elections work. Well done, Cruz."

- Mrs Claire Watson



"Prosper has made a fantastic start to Dixons Croxteth Academy and has settled in quickly. Prosper demonstrates our core values both in and of lessons on a daily basis and is such a polite and happy student. Well done Prosper."

- Mr Robert Owens



"Brandon is always helpful to staff and students. Brandon has a lovely maturity about him and is a role model to his peers. Brandon showcases the Dixons values of hard work, integrity and fairness on a daily basis. Well done, Brandon."

- Mrs Toni Redmond



# **SUBJECT STARS**



04/06/2024 to 14/06/2024

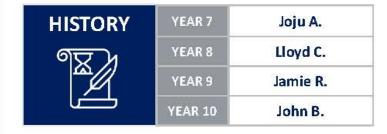
The students below have been selected for their outstanding performance during lessons!

| ENGLISH | YEAR 7  | Charlie B. |
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|         | YEAR 9  | Sam H.     |
| CID     | YEAR 10 | Joseph F.  |

| Elizabeth K.   | YEAR 7  | MATHS            |
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| Asher M.       | YEAR 8  |                  |
| Omar A.        | YEAR 9  | <del>     </del> |
| Christopher B. | YEAR 10 | ( ۲۰۰۰           |



| Ollie S.   | YEAR 7  | GEOGRAPHY |
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| Jack D.    | YEAR 8  | (6)       |
| Stephen R. | YEAR 9  |           |
| Shay F.    | YEAR 10 |           |



| Sanele D. | YEAR 7  | ART  |
|-----------|---------|------|
| James F.  | YEAR 8  | COQ. |
| Kahil M.  | YEAR 9  |      |
| Harry W.  | YEAR 10 | OV.  |

| FOOD TECH  | YEAR 7  | Lucas S. |
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| Mikael K. | YEAR 9  | 553   |
| Mark G.   | YEAR 10 | <b>31.4</b> .   |

| RELIGIOUS | YEAR 7  | Sanele D. |
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| EDUCATION | YEAR 8  | Cruz W.   |
| ****      | YEAR 9  | Dylan C.  |
| I G       | YEAR 10 | Harry W.  |

| Favour A.  | YEAR 7  | PHYSICAL  |
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| Jack D.    | YEAR 8  | EDUCATION |
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## **Recognition Ice Cream**

Luckly the weather was nice, and the sun was shining on Friday 14 June.

Having reviewed attendance and positive behaviour data the previous week it was apparent that lots of our students had above 97% attendance and numerous positive behaviour events logged for demonstrating our values. These students enjoyed a small positive recognition event having and ice cream, listening to music or playing on the school yard.

Well done to all













#### **Unwanted Uniform**

Uniform is important at Dixons Croxteth as it promotes equality and fairness, everyone wears the same attire and is treated the same. Our uniform fosters a sense of belonging as we are all part of the same community at Dixons Croxteth.

This Year a significant amount of money has been spent replenishing our 'spare' school uniform. We have given students ties in the morning to ensure that they have a successful day and do not receive corrections. I have been happy to provide students with plain black shoes in exchange for their trainers. However, we have not received all these items back and this is creating issues. Students must take responsibility for their uniform.

Thank you to Year 11 families who have given the academy ties that are no longer needed and other families who have given blazers and shirts that their child has outgrown out of this will be redistributed to families that need them.

If anyone has any spare uniform or blazers that are no-longer needed it is very appreciated if they can be handed in to reception.

#### **Friday Visits**

I want to have an open-door policy for parents and families to come into the Academy and see how we operate. I have changed my diary so that Friday morning I can now dedicate to meeting with parents, showing them the academy, observing lessons and taking feedback.

I am happy to take on any feedback and discuss any concerns during this time. I am limiting the tours to 3x families per visit and it will be on a first come first serve basis.

If this is something that you are interested in please complete the following Microsoft Form and I will arrange a date for this visit.

#### **Booking Form**

### **Dates for your Diary**

We have added an additional transition afternoon for Year 6 parents with SEND on

- Wednesday 19 June
- Tuesday 25 June

All pupils in year 6 across the city, will spend the day at their new secondary schools and we at Dixons Croxteth are so excited to welcome all our new pupils on:

Wednesday 3 July

The day has been planned to allow the pupils to experience a typical day here at Dixons Croxteth, from their entrance to the building and morning meeting, to break and lunch.

Pupils will also attend four very exciting lessons, including Food and Science in our specially designed Food room and brand-new Science labs.

#### Lunchtime

We expect all students to eat the healthy meal provided by the academy at lunchtime. There are a range of healthy options to accompany the meals offered, followed by dessert or fresh fruit choices. All students are expected to be seated at tables for lunch and are expected to eat the food provided or bring their own healthy packed lunch. The menu is reviewed regularly and student feedback is welcomed via the students leadership. I have attached the menu for this week to the newsletter.

Students may bring a healthy snack for break; however, students are not allowed to bring in sweets, chocolate, crisps or fizzy drinks.

If a student brings in anything forbidden by the academy, items will be confiscated, and students will receive a sanction. Chewing gum is not permitted. If students are unsure whether a snack is classed as healthy, they should consult a teacher or a member of SLT before eating it in the academy.

## Safeguarding Team

If you are worried or have a concern please speak to one of the members of staff below or <a href="mail:dcr\_safeguarding@dixonscr.com">email:dcr\_safeguarding@dixonscr.com</a>



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 Owen Safeguarding Officer



Mrs C Watson Safeguarding Officer



# WEEK 3



