

# Dixons Allerton Academy Newsletter

News and Events- Friday 26th April 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](mailto: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 from the Principal

Dear families,

Another positive and focused week of learning at DAA. I feel so proud to see our students living out our values of **Happiness, Industry and Responsibility**, everyday

It was lovely to attend Head of School breakfast on Thursday with some amazing students, to recognise their success and contribution to our school, whilst also enjoying a croissant!

Our attendance continues to move positively towards our expected target of 97%. However, there were some students who missed crucial learning by being absent from school. We have Post 16 and year 11 GCSE examinations starting soon, as well as cycle 3 assessments for all students in lower year groups. It is crucial that every student attend school every day, so we can support every student to excel in their exams.

Punctuality to school and lessons has been our school focus this week. There were some students late to school this week. Please can I ask that you give plenty of time to get to school, particularly if you drive as the roads around school are very busy.

Students must be sat in collective learning, ready to learn by 8.15am. Students will be issued with a 30 min correction if they are late to school or collective learning. A reminder that we offer free breakfast to all students from 7.45am to help support busy families.

## NHS One Stop Health Shop- Friday 3rd May

Families are all invited to our NHS one stop health shop on Friday 3rd May 9:30am - 2:30pm in the sports hall.

Our students and their families can be seen by medical professionals and get advice / support on a range of issues, including:

- Dental issues
- Health care advice through Chat Health; Children and young people aged 11-19 can text the School Nursing team on 07312 263223 for advice and support on a wide range of issues, from healthy eating and emotional health and wellbeing, to alcohol, smoking or vaping, drugs, self-harm, contraception, sexual health or bullying.
- Vaccinations you may have missed
- Mental health support
- Learn about knife injuries and resuscitation techniques
- Find out about volunteering & career opportunities in NHS & Young Dynamos

**NHS**  
Bradford District Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

**DIXONS ACADEMIES TRUST**

**Your healthy future starts here**

Friday 3 May 2024,  
9.30am - 2.30pm  
Dixons Allerton Academy,  
Sports Hall, Rhodesway,  
Bradford, BD8 0DH

We're working together to make it easier for everyone to access healthcare.

**Come into school for:**

- Advice from health professionals
- Health checks and vaccinations
- Local support for you and your family
- All in one place at your school

**better lives, together**  
W: [www.bdct.nhs.uk](http://www.bdct.nhs.uk) T: @BDCFT

**We're looking forward to seeing you!**

**Limited places, book now for:**

- Mouth check with a dentist
- Speech and language therapy discussion
- Baby weighing
- Child's development review
- School Nurse drop-in
- Hearing check
- Getting ready to start school - support for parents
- Height and weight check for primary school pupils
- Vaccinations - catch up on any your child missed
- Specialist immunisation support for children with special needs
- Meet the specialist nurses for SEND

**Come along on the day to:**

- Meet our teams - health visiting, school nursing, school nursing special needs and more
- Get oral health advice and see toothbrushing demonstrations
- Find out how to get healthcare advice using Chat Health
- Learn about knife injuries and resuscitation techniques
- Get mental health support
- Find out about Volunteering and career opportunities in healthcare + Young Dynamos

To secure your appointment please email:  
[healthyfutures@bdct.nhs.uk](mailto:healthyfutures@bdct.nhs.uk)  
stating in the subject line the service you require, we will then confirm a time slot with you.

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## 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.

## 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	DAA	1275
2	DTC	825
3	DUA	650
4	DCO	575
5	DTA	425
6	DMA	400
7	DCA	400
8	DKA	350
9	DBK	175
10	DBA	75

### YR7 Cricket Team

Well done to the YR7 cricket team. An absolute masterclass of a performance to seal the victory over DCO & DKA. One step closer to achieving 1st place in the Dixons cup for the 3rd year running.



## 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 Shiraishi 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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