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Dear families,

Another half term gone, when we return we will be into the GCSE exam season, this is a very busy time for all students at Dixons Allerton, I am hoping that our Year 11 students are using their time wisely to get their revision completed. Self determination and mastery are the two most important things here; belief you can do something and our willingness to keep trying even when it becomes tough. I am sure all our families agree that we want all our students to be as successful as they can be this, after all, is why they come to school.

I wanted to take this opportunity to reset basic expectations, a lot of our students have been picking up corrections for things that should just be done. When you signed up to come to Allerton, we were very clear on what our expectations would be, I want to make sure that every student is ready and prepared for the start of the new term.

- Uniform – This is simple, students should wear plain black trousers and shoes (not trainers, Uggs or any other unsuitable footwear), an academy blazer and tie. We provided all students with a year group lanyard and card at the start of the year, if they have lost theirs they need to replace it. This should be worn at all times. Students can wear an optional school jumper if they wish, but they cannot wear a thin jacket inside their blazer. [Dixons Allerton Academy | Uniform](#)
- Jewellery – We are a no jewellery academy and always have been, students are not allowed to wear any jewellery in their ears or nose. Please do not get this done over the holidays as they will be asked to remove it, we do have clear posts to stop the closure of holes if necessary.
- Locker keys – All student were provided a key at the start of the year, if they have lost theirs then it is their responsibility to replace it. Any student without a key will be issued a spare and a charge added to their parent pay account.
- PE kit, students PE kit should be in a drawstring bag of your choosing, not in a handbag or backpack.
- Equipment – It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they are equipped, students have a Tuff bag to carry their books, and they need all the academy equipment to ensure they are successful. Any missing items can be purchased in a morning at the equipment shop. <https://www.dixonsaa.com/uploads/files/dixonsaa/Secondary-Equipment-2025-26.pdf?v=1774943804>
- Mobile phones and smart watches – Neither of these items should be in the academy, if they are brought to school, we do not accept any liability for them, and they should be locked in the student's locker. If either is seen, then item will be confiscated and returned to parents at the end of the week.

A key reminder when we return, school will open to students at the later time of 7:45am and if they enter the building, they can only be in the heart space of dining rooms until 8am, once the bell goes, they can then go to their lockers.

With the recent outbreak of meningitis in Kent please read out latest safety update regarding this.

<https://www.dixonsaa.com/news/meningitis-update>

Finally, please be vigilant around the use and exploitation of social media, some of our youngsters are being targeted into giving comments that are then taken out of context. The online world as we know is a dangerous place and we all need to be vigilant in its use, please speak to your child about the safety of online and use of social media.

Have a safe and happy holiday, I look forward to seeing you again on Monday 13 April.

Kind regards



Richard Wilson

Principal

