

Dixons Allerton Academy Newsletter

News and Events- Friday 21st June 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 or ring us on 01274 089 890 so we can ensure your email address is up to date and correct on the system.

Message to families

Dear families,

Well done Year 11 and Year 13! We are all so proud of everything you have achieved during your time at DAA. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying a well-deserved celebration on Thursday afternoon. The way that you have conducted yourselves through such a stressful exam period has been such a positive example for the of the school. I know the results you achieve in the summer will reflect the work that you have put in.

Best wishes
Mr Sanderson

Attendance

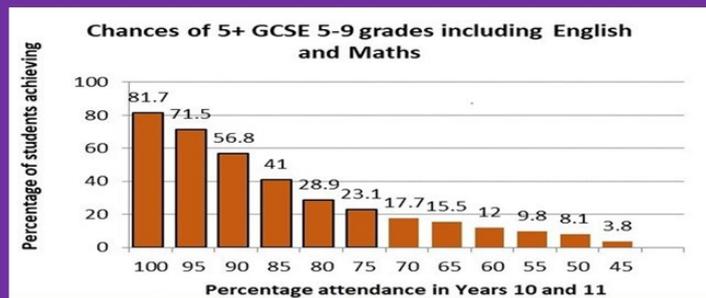
Attendance remains a focus for every school. Our biggest gift to your child is their education. We need every student to attend on time, every day so that we can provide them with the knowledge and skills they need to achieve exceptional results and fulfill their ambitious life choices.

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.

We expect 100% attendance. We know this will benefit your child and your family.

Good attendance gives the best chance of success to our young people. Good school attendance is vitally important to allow all students to achieve their full potential to embed characteristics of excellence in industry and work ethic which form a big part of our school values. In turn this has a significant impact on GCSE exam grades, contributing to social and economic well being in adulthood.

The graph below shows national research, on the importance of attendance on GCSE outcomes. Whilst an attendance of 90% may not seem that low, this research showed that it can reduce your child's chances of achieving 5+ GCSEs at grade 5-9 including English and Maths from around 82% to 57%. Therefore, it is vital that your child attends school every single day to maximise their educational experience, making every second count!



Happiness | Industry | Responsibility



Election campaigns - Meeting with Bradford West's Labour candidate Naz Shah

Students Leadership team met up with the Bradford West's Labour candidate, Naz Shah at Belle Vue Girls' Academy, along with the delegation from Bradford Citizens. They had a discussion with Naz Shah to discuss the Labour manifesto and key issues that affected them.

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The meeting, which took place at the academy, saw students engage in a lively discussion with Naz Shah about the Labour manifesto and the challenges they face on a daily basis. The students, who make up the academy's leadership team, were eager to share their thoughts and concerns with the candidate.

They also expressed their concerns about the rising cost of living in Bradford and the impact it has on families. Naz Shah listened attentively to the students' concerns and assured them that she would do everything in her power to support their community. She emphasised the importance of working together to address the challenges facing Bradford West and praised the students for their commitment to making a positive change.

"I am impressed by the passion and dedication of these young people," said Naz Shah. "As a Labour candidate, I am committed to fighting for the rights of young people and ensuring that they have access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive."

The meeting was a valuable opportunity for the students to engage with their local candidate and make their voices heard.



Principal's Breakfast

A huge well done to the students from year 7 - 11 who were nominated from English to attend Head of School breakfast. It was lovely to be able to enjoy some pastries and hot chocolate with our brilliant students and talking to them about their success in class and also their favourite meal



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."



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.

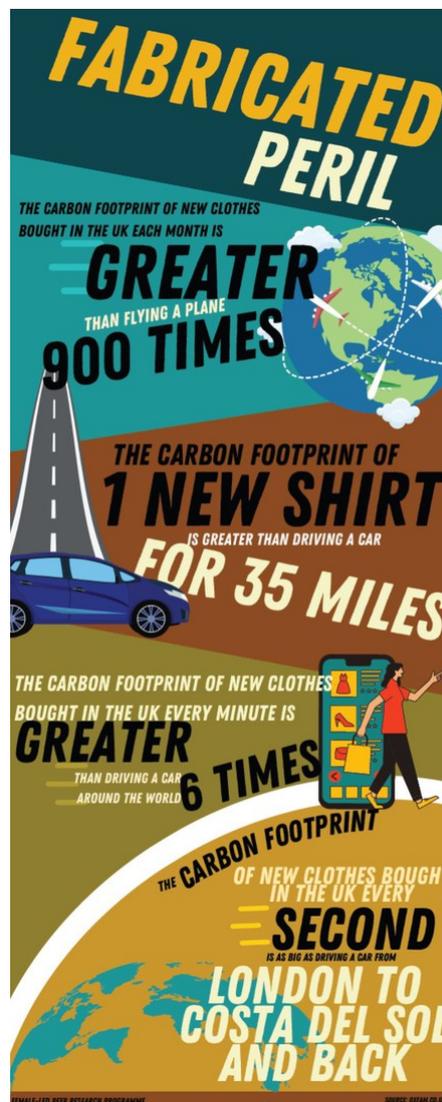
"Me and a group of girls carried out a research project where we had to find out statistics and many other features to put on our presentation which we presented to all of the Year 9 classes in our school.

This was to increase their understanding of who is dominantly exploited to produce garments (which is women from diverse backgrounds).

WHAT 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 |
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| 1 | Dixons Allerton Academy | 1275 |
| 2 | Dixons Unity Academy | 1050 |
| 3 | Dixons Trinity Chapeltown Academy | 925 |
| 4 | Dixons Cottingley Academy | 850 |
| 5 | Dixons McMillan Academy | 500 |
| 6 | Dixons Trinity Academy | 475 |
| 7 | Dixons City Academy | 450 |
| 8 | Dixons Kings Academy | 350 |
| 9 | Dixons Brooklands Academy | 175 |
| 10 | Dixons Broadgreen Academy | 75 |
| 11 | Dixons Newall Green Academy | 0 |
| 12 | Dixons Fazakerley Academy | 0 |
| 13 | Dixons Croxteth Academy | 0 |
| 14 | Dixons Sixth Form Academy | 0 |

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!



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