

24 March 2022

Dear Families,

I wanted to write to you with a mid-term update, ahead of my end of term letter, to share a few key pieces of information. Please note the academy will close at 12.30pm on Friday 8 April for the Easter break.

Ramadan

As the holy month of Ramadan approaches, I wanted to offer our best wishes to families who are observing this special time of devotion and reflection. The academy will be **closed for bank holiday on Monday 2 May, and we are also planning to close the academy on Tuesday 3 May**. We will confirm this date as soon as possible. At the moment, all students will be expected to return to the academy on Wednesday 4 May.

Equipment and Uniform Focus

Thank you for your support with our equipment focus. All students have taken to the new routine brilliantly and teachers are finding that students are arriving at lessons with everything they need to be a successful learner in their lessons.

Social Media use outside of the academy

I wanted to remind families that I asked you all to be alert and vigilant to your child's mobile phone use. We continue to have issues relating to social media – including derogatory and vindictive actions relating to the academy and our staff. We are now referring such incidents to the police. If you discover anything relating to school, please let us know so that we can continue to work together as a community. If you require any support with either the technology or any of the content you discover on your child's phone, please contact the academy.

Principal's Lunch

We had our first Principal's lunch recognition event this week. It was wonderful to meet with students from Year 7-13 and talk about their achievements as well as celebrating the fact that they are thriving at the academy. Principal's lunch will happen on a weekly basis and will feature children who deserve recognition for their behaviour, attitudes, achievements and academic performance, including those who demonstrate improvement over time. All students will receive a recognition certificate to take home and share with families. We will also post photographs from the event on a weekly basis via our academy Twitter account.

Key Dates

- **Academy closes for Easter** – Friday 8 April 2022 at **12.30pm**
- **Return to the academy – ALL STUDENTS** - Monday 25 April 2022
- **All dates are on our website – select 'Calendar' at www.dixonsaa.com**

Thank you

Thank you to you all for your continued support over the course of this year. Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Danny Carr
Principal

