



Welcome message from the Principal



Mr James Haseldine
Executive Principal

Welcome back, I hope you had a restful summer.

This is the first edition of our new weekly family newsletter. This first edition outlines important information for the year ahead including; contact details, start times for all year groups for next week, the school day, calendar information, uniform information and what to do if your child cannot come to school.



Class of 2028 in their first Morning Meeting.

Our class of 2028 have already started their induction this week and we welcome them all into our Dixons family. We have great hope and high expectations for our class of 2028 cohort, as they begin their journey with us, towards graduation and university or a real alternative.

I am looking forward to welcoming all students to Dixons Brooklands Academy when they return next week. We have a comprehensive induction programme that has been planned to enable students to understand and practise the purpose of our routines. Our induction

programme seeks to enable students to truly understand our mission and our values, and realise that as a student you must not let school just happen, you must do something with it and leave our blazer in a better place as a result of your own contribution to our school community. EVERYTHING we do has a purpose. That purpose is our mission.

It is our mission to provide a first-class education to enable all students to live a fulfilling life and make a difference in their community.

Staff and students at Dixons are committed to three core values that underpin everything we do.

Work Hard

We never give up; we do what it takes for as long as it takes. We are industrious and curious.

Have Integrity

We always do the right thing because it is the right thing to do.

Be Kind

We play by the rules. We are polite, considerate and kind.

Message from the Principal (continued)

We also focus on three key drivers: Mastery, which is the drive to get better at things that matter; Autonomy, or the drive to direct our own lives; and Purpose, which is the drive to connect to a cause larger than ourselves (*Dan Pink, 'Drive' – a brilliant read!*).

My message to students as they return to the Academy is to focus on success, live and practice our three values every day, to climb the mountain to university or a real alternative.

We are relentless bothered about our students and care deeply about their success. It is crucial that families work with us to enable students to realise our mission. I am looking forward to working with you as members of our family and encourage you to get in touch to visit and meet with me if you wish to discuss your child and the work we are doing at the Academy.

The school day

We look forward to welcoming our students back to the Academy following the summer break.

Monday 4 September

Staggered start time for first day only

Year 7 - 8.15am

Year 8-11 - 8.30am

Tuesday 5 September onwards

All year groups - 8.15am (normal start time for the rest of the year)

End of Day: Changes for the health and safety of students when leaving school premises.

Please note that we have a change of timings to the end of the school day for students in Year 7, 8 and 9:

Monday; Tuesday; Thursday: **new finish time 3.10pm**

Wednesday and Friday: **new finish time 2.15pm**

Year 10 and 11: end of the school day will remain the same as previous years:

Monday; Tuesday; Thursday: 3.20pm

Wednesday and Friday: 2.25pm

If you are collecting your child using our drop-off/pick-up points, please ensure you drive safely on the school site.

Dates for your Diary: September 2023

Monday 4 September

8.00am: Year 7 Parents/Carers Coffee Morning

Return to school for all students. (Times as above)

Thursday 14 September

3.45-6.00pm: Meet the Advisor event (all years)

Monday 18 September

School photographs

Thursday 28 September

4.30-7.30pm: Open Evening

Uniform

At Dixons Brooklands Academy we want students to be prepared for their next destination in life. Just as they will when they attend interviews for top jobs in the future, it is important that all students take pride in themselves and their appearance. There is an emphasis on being clean, tidy and presentable. This means all students must follow the uniform expectations including on their way to and from school. If a student wears the incorrect uniform, this wouldn't be fair on everyone else and, therefore, staff must issue a correction.

The KS3 uniform (Year 7 - Year 9)

- Plain black school trousers or a plain black school skirt. No leggings or tight fit trousers. School skirts **must not** be rolled up. School skirts must be loose fitting.
- Plain white collared shirt.
- Academy tie (a choice of 4 are on offer, students are free to choose which tie they would like).
- Academy jumper which may be grey or claret (maroon). Jumpers are optional.
- Academy blazer.
- Socks / tights must be plain black in colour and not sit above the knee. Bows on socks are not permitted.
- Plain black shoes or boots which are on or below the ankle (trainers, boots above the ankle and pumps are not suitable). Students wearing the wrong footwear will be required to change into academy provided clothing / footwear.

The KS4 Uniform (Year 10 - Year 11)

At Dixons Brooklands Academy we are preparing students in Key Stage 4 for the professional world of work. In Years 10 and 11, students must wear appropriate business dress. Business attire refers to the clothing that employees wear to work. Our dress code is practical and allows a choice within very clear boundaries.

- A suit (jacket and trousers / skirt / dress) must be plain grey, navy or black. No contrasting panels are allowed, and suits must be a slim, classic or regular fit (no skinny fit suits).
- A blazer should be worn at all times when moving around the academy.
- KS4 students are to wear a claret tie where their shirt has a collar. Those wearing a blouse without a collar are not required to wear a tie.
- Shirts must be plain, and cuffs and collars must match the colour of the shirt.
- Plain blouses, of any colour, are allowed but must be appropriate for a school setting.
- Dresses or skirts should be loose fitting, must not be rolled up and must not have a split.
- Socks / tights must be plain black in colour and not sit above the knee. Bows or frills on socks are not permitted.
- Plain black shoes or boots which are on or below the ankle (trainers, boots above the ankle and pumps are not suitable). Students wearing the wrong footwear will be required to change into academy provided clothing / footwear.
- A jumper can be worn but sweatshirts and branded sweaters are not permitted.

As a reminder, chewing gum is not permitted in the academy.

Expectations of appearance

School bag:

All school bags must be large enough to hold an A4 folder and all appropriate equipment. This includes:

- A4 Morning Meeting pack
- Pencil case with a full stationery set
- Planner
- Any other appropriate items a student may wish to bring to school e.g. a pair of trainers to play football in during social time

A backpack is strongly recommended. Any bag which is too small to contain the above items is not allowed. School bags must be brought to school every day.

Hair:

- Hair must be one natural colour throughout.
- Hair must be an appropriate style for a professional environment:
- Shaved pattern cuts are not allowed
- Grade 1 or lower all over cuts are not allowed

Hijabs, scarves, turbans, and top knots, worn for religious reasons, must be plain, and well secured.

The view of what hair styles, colours and accessories are appropriate, excessive or discrete is at the discretion of the academy. We encourage all families to check with their child's Director of Standards prior to making a choice.

Jewellery:

- Students may wear one pair of metal stud earrings (one in each lower lobe).
- No other jewellery is permitted. This includes the following: - all other kinds of earrings (including stretch earrings or spikes), bracelets or necklaces, other body piercings such as nose, upper ear, eyebrow or tongue (including plastic fill-ins). Plasters cannot be worn to cover any of the above.

Make-up:

- If make up is worn, it should be applied subtly and not be excessive in appearance.
- False eye lashes and acrylic / gel nails **are not permitted** in school.
- Natural coloured nail polish is permitted. This must be subtle in appearance.

Coats:

- An outdoor coat is recommended.
- Coats, jackets or hooded jumpers must not be worn around the Academy.
- Scarves are not to be worn around the Academy.

Key Contact Details

Safeguarding:

If you need to talk to a member of staff in confidence at the academy, you can speak to one of our Safeguarding Officers, Leanne Maguire or Rosei Nield. They can be contacted on 0161 998 3992.

Head of Year:

Year 7 – Mr Copsey	tcopsey@dixonsbk.com
Year 8 – Ms Boden	cboden@dixonsbk.com
Year 9 – Ms Wood	cwood@dixonsbk.com
Year 10 – Ms Sheldon	lsheldon@dixonsbk.com
Year 11 – Mr Morgan	pmorgan@dixonsbk.com

Reporting an absence:

Strong attendance correlates with educational achievement.

When a student is absent from the academy with no advance notice, for example because of illness, parents must telephone the academy that same morning, and each subsequent morning, to inform us of the reason for absence before 8.30am. It is possible to leave messages on the student absence voicemail at any time prior to 8.30am. To report an absence, please dial the main academy telephone number and select the appropriate option.

Please note that only emergency appointments for dentists, opticians, and doctors should be during school hours. Routine appointments must be made out of school hours. When it is known in advance that an absence is to be requested for such emergency appointments this can be requested through the attendance team and leadership group.

Absence is monitored very carefully at the academy. Every day missed is a learning opportunity wasted.

If your child's absence exceeds 10 sessions of unauthorised absence, you may be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

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HAVE INTEGRITY

BE KIND

Autumn Term	
Staff Training INSET days	Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 August
Term 1 starts for students	Thursday 31 August
Term 1 ends	Friday 20 October
Holiday	Monday 23 October to Friday 3 November
Term 2 starts	Monday 6 November
School closed to students	Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November
Term 2 ends	Friday 22 December
Christmas holiday	Monday 25 December to Friday 5 January
Spring Term	
Term 3 starts	Monday 8 January
Term 3 ends	Thursday 8 February
Holiday	Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
Term 4 starts	Monday 19 February
School closed to students	Thursday 7 and Friday 8 March
Term 4 ends	Friday 22 March
Easter holiday	Monday 25 March to Friday 5 April
Summer Term	
Term 5 starts	Monday 8 April
Bank holiday	Monday 6 May
Term 5 ends	Friday 24 May
Holiday	Monday 27 to Friday 31 May
Term 6 starts	Monday 3 June
Term 6 ends for students	Thursday 18 July

UK Bank Holidays 2023/24				
28 August 2023	August Bank Holiday		1 April 2024	Easter Monday
25 December 2023	Christmas Day		6 May 2024	Early May Bank Holiday
26 December 2023	Boxing Day		27 May 2024	Spring Bank Holiday
1 January 2024	New Year's Day		26 August 2024	August Bank Holiday
29 March 2024	Good Friday			