



Message from the Executive Director



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It was so positive to welcome back our students after their Christmas break; after a short reset students were quickly back into normal lessons and working well. As I have stepped into the Principal's role for this term it has been useful to watch the academy in action this week and get to know the students better.

From Monday we will be having a sharp focus on making sure all students are meeting the uniform and behaviour standards we need to create an outstanding learning environment. None of the systems or rules are new and I would ask for your support to ensure your child is ready, appropriately dressed in full uniform and aware of the importance of meeting those expectations. It means they have a positive start to the day, are prepared for their learning and can focus on working well in lessons.

We have now appointed, and will shortly be able to announce details, of the new and permanent Executive Principal for the academy who will be starting with us at Easter. I am very pleased to say we have been able to attract a very experienced and successful Principal who has led across primary, secondary and Sixth form age groups in another school and who is relocating for the opportunity to lead Dixons Brooklands.

Alongside this we are in the closing stages of recruiting a Head of School to work alongside the Executive Principal from Easter to ensure we deliver the best possible education for your child.

I look forward to working with the students, families and staff this term and am sure we will see each other at events or in the academy soon.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Jordan, Edie, Jorja, Louis and Liv who were nominated by staff to be our students of the week for demonstrating our values brilliantly.



Visitors to the Academy

Today we welcomed our local councillors into the Academy to look at our morning routines. They met with some of our student ambassadors, who led them on a tour and made a superb impression on our guests, talking about our values and why we do the things we do.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thank you to Year 11 families who attended our Year 11 Parents' Evening last night. This is such an important time in your child's school career and I hope you found the conversations valuable and that the information provided will help you support them during what can be a stressful time for them.

A date for your diary is 5th March 2024, when we will invite you to our Exam Information Evening. This will be an opportunity for you to meet the Exams Team and provide you with key information with regards to the GCSE process.

PE Media Day

A number of students had a fantastic day on Tuesday, as they had the opportunity to visit UA92. They had a guided tour, experienced the interactive 360 degree room and learned about different avenues for a future in sport. This was alongside learning about community safety and how they can use sport to help primary school pupils.



Next these students, who are now equipped with this media training, will be working with local primary school to create videos about community safety and helping their younger peers feel safe in their local community. They will be asking the pupils to participate in questionnaires, interviews, and sports sessions to help gain information and solutions for issues raised by these young children.

Miss Riches, Head of PE said, 'It was a fantastic day for all students and they represented the school in a truly great manner'.

Business Studies

As a part of their Business Studies curriculum, our Year 10 students are currently researching local businesses, as for their exam they need to learn how to analyse a range of businesses.

To broaden their knowledge, Ms Ginty will be arranging visits out to see local businesses in practice. They are also looking forward to visiting the BBC Good Food Show in June, where stallholders comprise of a variety of businesses - from small businesses to global franchises, which will again provide additional insight.

Basketball Fixture

In their first game against King David High School, DBK Under 16s put up a valiant fight but unfortunately lost by just a few points. Well done to all of the team against some very strong opposition.



Immunisations

If your child missed their flu immunisation when offered at school recently, there will be a catch-up session next Friday, 19th January, where students with consent previously given will have the opportunity to have it. Please note, this will be their last opportunity as if they miss this session. The immunisation will not be available from their GP surgery.

Year 8 parents/carers were emailed a link in December to register their consent/non-consent for their child to have the HPV immunisation in school. The immunisation team will be in school on Monday 5th February to administer this.

Dates for your Diary: January/February 2024

Friday 19th January	Flu immunisation catch up session
Tuesday 23rd January	8.15-9.15am: Year 8 Parents' Coffee Morning: Meet the Year 8 Team
Friday 26th-Sunday 28th January	Kath Fry Challenge; Ghyll Head
Monday 5th February	Year 8 HPV immunisations
Tuesday 6th February	8.15-9.15am: Coffee Morning: National Apprenticeship Week
Tuesday 6th February	7.00pm: DBK'S Musical Production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'
Wednesday 7th February	7.00pm: DBK'S Musical Production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'
Thursday 8th February	3.20pm: Students finish for half-term break (<i>return Monday 19th February</i>)
Friday 9th February	School Closed to students: Staff Training
Monday 19th February	School reopens for Term 4