

April 2024

Dear families

Thank you for all the support that you continue to give your child as they start their exams. The first written exam is BTEC IT on Thursday 2 May, and the first full cohort exam is RE on Thursday 9 May. Students have received a new copy of their exam timetable this week which includes the room their exam will be in and the seat number. Please see the exam section of the academy website and the documents called *Information for candidates* and *Preparing to sit your exams*. It is important that students are clear about the regulations for public examinations to ensure the exam experience is fair for all candidates.

We know that students learn much more from testing themselves than just re-reading information. Please test your child on what they are revising and make sure that they have a quiet space, free from distractions, to revise. It is never too late for your child to be successful, and they need to continue to revise right up until their last exam. As a minimum they should be revising for at least two hours per evening.

Exam equipment

Students need to have a clear pencil case with two black pens, two pencils, a ruler, an eraser, pencil sharpener, compass, protractor, and calculator with the lid taken off. Students need to have their lanyards with their ID cards displayed on the desk so that they can be identified by invigilators. All other equipment and mobile phones should be stored in their lockers, by students.

Exam Booster sessions

There will be an exam booster session before each exam. The purpose of these is for final reminders of exam technique and to support students before going into exams. These will start at 8:15am for morning exams and 11:55am for afternoon exams.

Study Leave

Your child is expected to attend the academy every day up to and including Tuesday 11 June. From Wednesday 12 June, your child will start "study leave" and they only need to come to the academy on the days they have exams, for boosters and exams (timings of boosters will be shared). Teachers will still be available to students at the times they would have had them on their timetable. They will be able to revise in the school library during other times, but they must have a signed note from you to do so. It is also important that they sign in and out at reception.

It is important that you support your child with their revision from this date. Please ask for your child to "show you" not "tell you" about the revision they have completed each day. Also, please make sure that there is someone who can supervise or check-in with your child during the day. On the days they do not have exams they should be completing a minimum of four hours revision in the day and two hours in the evening.

Leavers Assembly and Prom

The Year 11 Leavers Assembly and Prom will take place on Friday 28 June. The Leavers Assembly will start at 10:00am and will finish by 11:20am. Students must be very smartly dressed in business attire. This is a celebration of the past five years at Dixons City Academy, and it is a very special occasion.

The Prom will take place at the Midland Hotel from 7:00pm until 11:00pm. This is a celebration of the hard work and effort they have put into their studies over the past five years. It should be a fun evening for students and staff, and we expect the usual high standards of behaviour and conduct to be displayed at all times.

GCSE results day – Thursday 22 August

Results will be available to collect from 8:30am until 10:00am on Thursday 22 August. Careers advisors and senior staff will be available to support students where necessary. If students are unable to collect their own results, they need to email myself to make other arrangements before 18 July.

If you have any queries about any of the above, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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