

May 2025

Dear families

Thank you for all the support you continue to give your child as they start their exams. The first written exam is BTEC IT on Thursday 1 May, Drama is on Thursday 8 May and the first full cohort exam is English Literature on Monday 12 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. Exams may run beyond the normal end time of the academy day, particularly if a student has extra time. Please see the exam timetable for the length of exams and where this might happen.

The exam section of the academy website and the documents called *Information for candidates* and *preparing to sit your exams*, it is crucial that students and parents read these. It is important 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 are provided with the correct exam equipment within the exam; however, they do need their own calculators for Maths, Science, Geography and DT. Students need to have their lanyards and ID cards so they can be identified by invigilators. All other equipment, mobile phones, earbuds, notes should be stored in their lockers, by students. If students have any unauthorised items on them in an exam they will be disqualified.

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. Please see the exam programme at the end of this letter.

Study Leave

Your child is expected to attend the academy every day up to and including Friday 6 June. From Monday 9 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 revision session, see attached programme of exam boosters and revision sessions (all compulsory and essential to attend). 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 4 July. 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 White Abbey Ballroom 6:00pm until 10:00pm. 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 21 August

Results will be available to collect from 8:30am until 10:00am on Thursday 21 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 Friday 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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Exam booster and lessons continuing throughout the examination period.

The year 11 timetable runs as normal up to the end of Friday 6 June, where students don't have exams.

Students need to bring a pen only to the exam booster sessions in the morning. All other equipment needs to be put in lockers on arrival to school.

Date	Time	Subject	Activity	Room
Week beginning 28 April				
Thursday 1 May	11:55-12:50pm	BTEC IT	Exam booster	Theatre
Week beginning 5 May				
Thursday 8 May	11:55-12:50pm	Drama GCSE	Exam booster	Drama Studio
Week beginning 12 May				
Monday 12 May	8:15-9:00am	English Literature GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Monday 12 May	11:55-12:50pm	Computer Science GCSE	Exam booster	B15
Tuesday 13 May	8:15-9:00am	RE GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Tuesday 13 May	11:55-12:50pm	Science (Biology) GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Exam booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Wednesday 14 May	8:15-8:45am	Geography GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Exam booster	Theatre
Wednesday 14 May	8:15-8:45am	History <i>(Students not studying Geography)</i>	Revision session	Library
Wednesday 14 May	11:55-12:50pm	Sports Studies	Exam booster	Library
Thursday 15 May	8:15-8:45am	Maths GCSE <i>(Non-Calculator)</i>	Exam booster	Higher – Theatre Foundation - Library
Friday 16 May	8:15-9:10am	History GCSE	Exam booster	Library
Friday 16 May	8:15-9:10am	Science	Revision session	Theatre
Week beginning 19 May				
Monday 19 May	8:15-9:00am	Science (Chemistry) GCSE	Exam booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Tuesday 20 May	8:15-9:00am	English Literature GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Tuesday 20 May	11:55-12:50pm	Computer science GCSE	Exam booster	B15
Wednesday 21 May	8:15-8:45am	English language	Revision session	Theatre
Wednesday 21 May	11:55-12:50pm	RE	Exam booster	Theatre
Thursday 22 May	8:15-9:00am	Science (Physics) GCSE	Exam booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Friday 23 May	8:15-9:00am	English language GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Week beginning 2 June				
Monday 2 June	8:15-8:45am	Spanish	Revision session	Theatre
Tuesday 3 June	11:00-11:55am	Health and Social care	Revision session	Library
Wednesday 4 June	8:15-8:45am	Maths GCSE <i>(Calculator needed)</i>	Exam booster	Higher – Theatre Foundation - Library
Wednesday 4 June	11:55-12:50pm	Health and Social care	Exam Booster	Library

Thursday 5 June	8:15-9:00am	History GCSE	Exam booster	Library
Thursday 5 June	8:15-8:45am	Geography	Revision session	Theatre
Thursday 5 June	11:00-11:50am	Science	Revision session	Combined – Theatre Triple - Library
Friday 6 June	8:15-9:00am	English language GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Friday 6 June	11:55-12:50pm	Geography GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Week beginning 9 June				
Monday 9 June	8:15-9:00am	Science (Biology) GCSE	Exam booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Monday 9 June	11:00-11:55am	Spanish	Revision session	Theatre
Monday 9 June	1:50-3:40pm	Music & DT lessons as normal TT	Lessons	Usual timetabled rooms
Tuesday 10 June	8:15-8:45am	Spanish	Exam booster	Higher – Canteen Foundation - Library
Tuesday 20 June	Periods 1 and 2	Maths	Lesson	Maths corridor
Tuesday 10 June	11:00-11:55am	Maths	Revision session	Theatre
Tuesday 10 June	11:55-12:50pm	History GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Wednesday 11 June	8:15-8:45am	Maths GCSE	Exam booster	Higher - Theatre Foundation - Library
Wednesday 11 June	11:00-11:55am	Science (Chemistry)	Revision session	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Wednesday 11 June	1:50-3:40pm	DT lessons as normal TT	Lessons	Usual timetabled rooms
Thursday 12 June	8:15-8:45am	Geography GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Thursday 13 June	Period 1	Chemistry (for those who don't do Geography)	Lesson	Science corridor
Thursday 13 June	Period 2	Physics (for those who don't do Geography)	Lesson	Science corridor
Thursday 12 June	11:00-11:55am	Science (Chemistry)	Revision session	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Thursday 12 June	11:55-12:50am	Further Maths	Exam booster	E02
Friday 13 June	8:15-9:00am	Science (Chemistry) GCSE	Exam booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Friday 13 June	11:00-11:55am	Science (Physics) <i>Students will also be given a pack to take away with them.</i>	Revision session	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Week beginning 16 June				
Monday 16 June	8:15-9:00am	Science (Physics) GCSE	Exam booster	Combined - Theatre Triple - Library
Monday 16 June	11:55-12:50am	Music	Exam booster	A27
Monday 16 June	1:50-3:40pm	DT lessons as normal TT	Lessons	Usual timetabled rooms
Tuesday 17 June	8:15-9:00am	Spanish (Writing) GCSE	Exam booster	Foundation - Theatre Higher - Library
Wednesday 18 June	8:15-9:00am	DT GCSE	Exam booster	Theatre
Wednesday 18 June	11:55-12:50am	Further Maths	Exam booster	E02

