



Principal's message



We started the new academic year with our outgoing Year 11 achieving some great GCSE results.

Well done to our brilliant teachers and students for all their efforts. It has been an incredibly busy first term.

Year 7 have settled in well and all students are living our values of respect, integrity and determination. We have had a trip go to Cambridge University, students involved in several clubs, success in the Dixons Cup and welcomed speakers from various colleges to speak to our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our six learning habits:

- No answering back
- Uniform
- Homework
- On-task
- Punctuality
- Equipment

Students should be bringing their planner home each day, in their school bag and parents are asked to check planners regularly.

Please support your child with ensuring that they have completed their homework, have the correct uniform and equipment (including locker key and lanyard) and that they arrive at the academy a few minutes before 8.15am, with enough time to go to their locker.

Year 11 have their mocks when they return after the October holidays. We also have our Cycle 1 recognition event in November and our Christmas Concert to look forward to in December.

I hope you enjoy the rest of this newsletter and learning about all that our students have been up to this term.

Upcoming Dates

Key dates for term:

- 18/10/24 academy closes for end of term
- 4/11/24 academy re-opens
- Yr 11 mock exams start on 7/11/24
- 20/12/24 academy closes for Christmas holidays

Consultation evenings:

- Yr 11 – 9/12/24 4:30–7:30pm
- Yr 10 – 27/1/25 4:30–7:30pm
- Yr 9 – 28/4/25 4:30–7:30pm
- Yr 8 – 10/2/25 4:30–7:30pm
- Yr 7 – 7/11/24 4:40–7:30pm

New staff welcome

In August we welcomed new members of teaching staff to our Academy. They have fitted in excellently so far and are working tirelessly to uphold the school values. The new staff are:

Mr Ablett – History
Miss Ammer – English
Miss Jeffrey-Bourne – Science
Miss Mella – Spanish
Mrs Millar – Spanish
Mr Shah – Maths
Mr Shahzad – Humanities
Miss Thorpe – Art

Top 10 Appreciations

Year 7

- 1.Nariyah B 7B 16
- 2.Maya H 7B 16
- 3.Ethan M 7W 15
- 4.Khairah H 7C 14
- 5.Kumail A 7W 13
- 6.Elizabeth A 7B 13
- 7.Alishba A 7W 12
- 8.Owen D 7X 12
- 9.Hamnah F 7C 12
- 10.Keiran M 7Z 12

Year 8

- 1.Naomi S 8Z 30
- 2.Sum T 8Z 21
- 3.Daniel M 8A 20
- 4.Maira S 8Y 19
- 5.Katelynn B 8B 17
- 6.Bodhi Lakes-B 8B 17
- 7.Angel A 8A 16
- 8.Siddhika S 8Z 16
- 9.Saim A 8Z 15
- 10.Roma A 8Z 15

Year 9

- 1.Arham H 9Y 21
- 2.Lucas W 9W 20
- 3.Musa M 9X 19
- 4.Hanar S 9W 15
- 5.Aiza A 9W 13
- 6.Hamaz H 9A 13
- 7.Alisha J 9X 13
- 8.Amaani K 9X 13
- 9.Zamzam F 9Y 13
- 10.Jay P 9A 13

Appreciations

Appreciations are a way to acknowledgment of students' efforts, behaviours, and achievements. They could be issued for:

- Outstanding work completed
- Acts of kindness
- Consistent positive behaviour
- Providing great verbal answers during lessons
- Acting on feedback
- Follow the Academy rules during social times

Year 10

- 1.Jake B 10X 17
- 2.Saanvi S 10X 15
- 3.Rose A 10C 10
- 4.Maliha A 10B 10
- 5.Nathan C 10Y 10
- 6.Mia D 10W 10
- 7.Laraib K 10C 10
- 8.Amaan S 10Y 10
- 9.Haleema B 10A 9
- 10.Aleeza G 10X 9

Year 11

- 1.Jibran S 11Y 17
- 2.Waris D 11C 15
- 3.Tyler H 11A 14
- 4.Moheeb H 11B 11
- 5.Elijah M 11B 11
- 6.Sophie S 11A 11
- 7.Malachi B 11Y 10
- 8.Isabelle P 11Y 10
- 9.Franciszek P 11X 10
- 10.Hassan R 11X 10

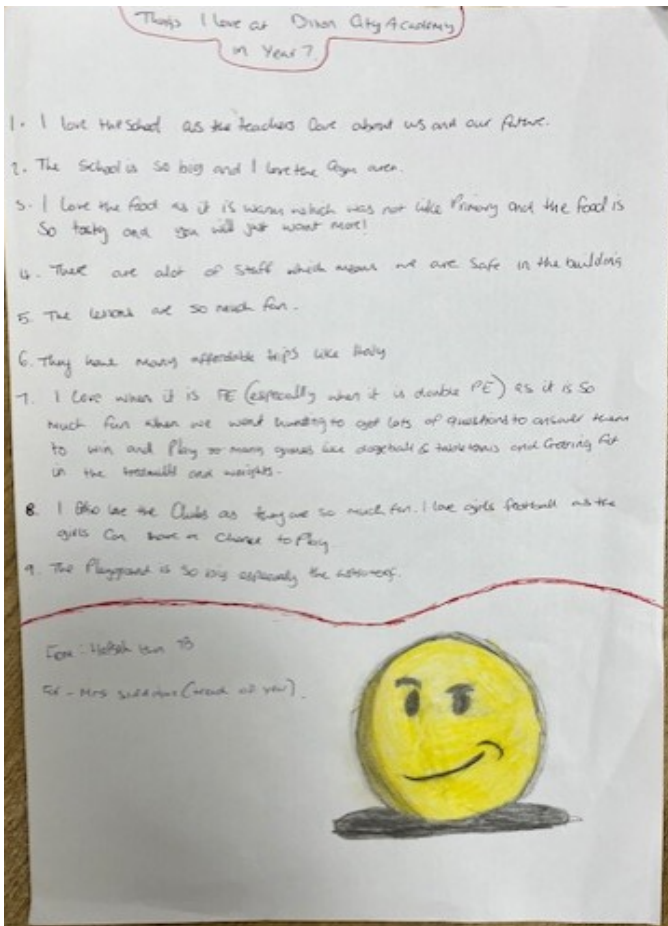
Year 7



Year 7 have had a very purposeful start to their time at Dixons City Academy. The students have settled in well and quickly got themselves into the routine of the academic rigour and challenge that is present at DCA.

Mrs Siddique
Head of year 7

The students thoughts about DCA so far..



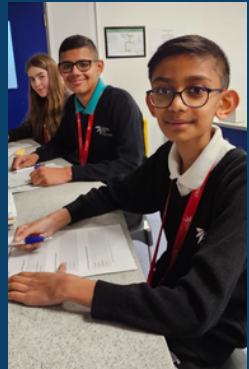
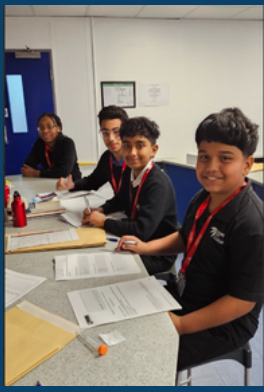
Key links to the website

Holidays - <https://www.dixonsca.com/calendar/term-dates-2022-23>

Uniform - <https://www.dixonsca.com/about/uniform>

Curriculum - <https://www.dixonsca.com/about/curriculum>

Homework timetable - <https://www.dixonsca.com/about/homework-timetables>



Year 8

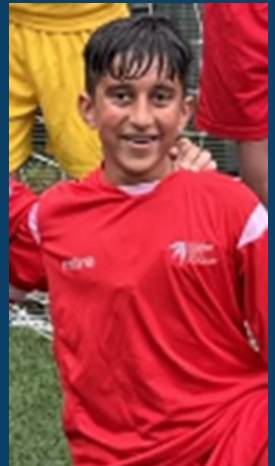
Students participated in "The Raised in Yorkshire dental team" and collaborated with 6th form students. Students were able to learn good hygiene techniques to keep their teeth healthy!

A huge well done to the following students: Ali Zaffar M, Maira S, Arman M, Azaan P, Ayaan H, Ismaeel A, Inaaya J, Aisha J, Bodhi L, Angel A, Zohair M, Aahil H, Aryan P, Mustafa S, Katelynn B, Skarlet B, Leo M, Faizan M, Arma O, Amani H, Ismaeel A, Waleed M, Danush R, Austeja M, Aliza H, Siddhika S, Malayeka A, Huzayfa R, Ayan B, Ruqahyya G, Mohammad R, Quin B, Muhammad A, Elliot G, Ibrahim L, Aadaeze O, Muhammed Zain E, M.Abdullah B, Abbas E, M.Kamran H, Mumammad R, Ifeoluwa Grace D, Marvelous F, Fatima D, Naomi S.

Mrs Mason – Head of Year

Year 8 Rising Star!

A special shout out to Mohsin R 8B. Mohsin is DCA's very own talented footballer who will be continuing his development within the Academy setup at Barnsley FC. This is amazing and we wish him all the best for the upcoming season!



Ullswater Trip 2025

Staff are looking forward to taking students to the Year 8 Camp which will take place in January 2025.

If you would like your child to participate and go to Year 8 Camp please contact Mrs Mason as soon as possible on: smason@dixonsca.com

What to expect in Ullswater:



Year 8 Ullswater Kit List

Casual t-shirts
Sweatshirts & Jumpers
Thermal tops / bottoms are ideal if possible
Underwear (socks/pants) with spares (Good quality socks are very important!)
Fleece tops
Pyjamas/bed clothes
Towels, shower essentials, toothbrush and tooth paste
Hat and gloves (preferably water proof gloves)
Synthetic trousers for walking (NOT JEANS) ie. Tracksuit bottoms
At least two pairs of trainers (one which can get wet) NO PUMPS
Swimwear (to wear under wet suits)
Re-useable water bottle for the week
Medicine – Two of each inhaler and two epi pens

Kit that is provided by Outward Bound

Rucksacks (30 and 65 litres)
Balaclava
Gloves
Wet suits
Extra fleeces (top and bottoms)
Walking boots
Wellies
Coats
All activity equipment
All food and drinks

Any concerns please email Miss Langton - hlangton@dixonsca.com



Year 10

I am excited to share some incredible news from our Year 10 students' recent participation in the Greenpower Race Day, held at the renowned Goodwood Motor Circuit. The event took place towards the end of the last term. This exciting event challenges students to design, build, and race electric vehicles, fostering skills in engineering, teamwork, and sustainability while encouraging an interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) subjects.

Our students dedicated significant effort to constructing and preparing their car for the race, demonstrating not only technical skills but also collaboration and problem-solving abilities. Their hard work truly paid off, as they had a fantastic day and secured remarkable results:

- ****3rd Place Overall****
- ****Fastest Lap of the Day****

Congratulations to the following students for their dedication and achievement; Afifah H, Aleeza G, Victory O, Saad M, Maryum Z, Eesa A, Fahim L

**Mr Mohammed
Head of Year**



Dixons Cup Success!

In week 4 our year 10 team went across to Dixons Allerton to take part in the annual 7 a side football tournament as part of the Dixons Cup. Our Year 10 team, led by Captain Armaan, triumphed in the Dixons Cup, bringing the trophy home to Dixons City Academy! With Jeremy A as an outstanding goalkeeper, the team — including Haashim K, Hevar R, Essa H, Ibrahim S, Victory O and Haider A — showcased their grit and teamwork by winning the tournament without conceding a single goal. results were:

- DCA 1 v 0 Dixons Unity
- DCA 0 v 0 Dixons Trinity
- DCA 2 v 0 Dixons Trinity Chapeltown
- DCA 2 v 0 Dixons Allerton
- DCA 0 v 0 Dixons Cottingley

As a result of the students work rate and determination to be the best, we won the overall tournament!

This success perfectly embodies the Dixons Academy Trust ethos of excellence, integrity, and perseverance. The team's commitment to pushing boundaries and striving for success is an inspiration to all.



Mr Ignatowski - Head of PE

Year 11

We are also immensely proud of our Year 11 boys football team. A group of Year 11 students competed at the Dixons Cup at DAA. The boys were in a league format with seven other teams and battled incredibly well against some very competitive teams. They went unbeaten in their first six games, winning three of them and drawing the other 3. Highlights included beating the reigning champions of the Dixons Cup, Dixons Unity, 2-1 and also beating host school Dixons Allerton 4-0. They lost their final game to an incredibly strong Dixons Chapelton team 3-0 - who were the overall winners. All nine students played a pivotal role in the tournament and should be very proud of their achievements and for representing DCA so well.

Mr Lafferty
Head of Year 11

Post 16 Update

We are really excited to see Year 11 are continuing to show their determination in lessons and are constantly showing maturity around the building. Attendance has increased by 4.5% since last year and this will have a massive impact on their final outcomes. We are also looking forward to welcoming 3 different Post 16 providers in to the academy this term to delivery PDS sessions in the theatre to support students. We welcome Dixons Sixth Form, New College Bradford and Bradford College in for assemblies.



Review of the term

It has been a fantastic start to the academic year for our Year 11 students. They have adapted well and shown integrity in morning mastery sessions, taking onboard the wealth and knowledge and experience that our curriculum areas are carefully planning and delivering each morning. The study prep in an afternoon is also providing Year 11 with an essential opportunity to revise topics set by departments in the build up to mock exams and their GCSEs. Please can parents/carers remind students to ensure they arrive on time to school to fully benefit from the morning mastery sessions and to ensure appropriate revision material is complete in all study prep sessions. This will support our students in the build up to their mock exams. We will send out more information when it is finalised, but our draft mock exam timetable starts with English Literature on Monday 11th November 2024.

Class of 2024 GCSE Results



In August our Year 11 class of 2024, collected their GCSE results. The hard work and determination across the 5 years at DCA paid off and the students are now well on their way with the next steps in their educational journey to change the world for the better. Well done to all students!



Year 11 Prom

In July the year 11 students celebrated their 5 years at Dixons with a prom at the Midland Hotel. It was a great evening of music, dancing and plenty of selfies for the class of 2024!

DCA Social

As part of developing our relationships in the community we are looking at setting up a social group for families in the form of a coffee morning. This will be a fantastic opportunity to socialise with other parents and develop our community links. If this is something that would be of an interest to you please pass a message onto your child's AHOY or email directly Miss Morley - kmorley@dixonsca.com

Critical Thinking Club

During Term 1, we have seen the inauguration of the Critical Thinking Club that runs on a Thursday afternoon from 2:45 - 3:40. During these sessions Mr Ali is helping the students to learn about the fundamentals of sentences and logic. So far they have had a great turnout of around 18 students across all year groups including three year 7 students. Please see Mr Ali in the Maths department for more information.

Term 6 Positive Stories

In this section we celebrate the success of students at the end of our previous school year.

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Our Y9 and Y10 students embarked on their DofE expedition in July. Students have been working towards their award throughout the school year, completing their volunteering, skills and physical sections. Y10 silver students started day one in Saltaire, camped over at Sconce campsite and walked to Bramhope campsite for day two. Meanwhile the Y9 bronze students set off from Harewood house and walk to meet the Y10 silver students at Bramhope campsite. All students were able to experience a campfire, put up a tent, cook and maintain a campsite. All students were successful in finishing their expedition at Menston Recreation ground. All students were a credit to Dixons City Academy and upheld or PRIDE values through their time on the expedition.

Miss Langton - DofE Leader

Year 9 Greenpower Race Day Success

I am thrilled to share some fantastic news from our recent Greenpower Race Day trip, where our Year 9 students showcased their remarkable skills and teamwork. The students put in a tremendous amount of effort in building the car and preparing it for the race, and their hard work truly paid off. Not only did they enjoy the day immensely, but they also achieved outstanding results:

- 3rd Place Overall
- Fastest Lap of the Day

Well done to all students involved!

Mr Patel, Miss Hussain & Mr Afzaal



Sports Day 2024

During term 6 the whole school took part in the annual DCA Sports Day. An opportunity for the school to show their sporting prowess as well as working with their forms to demonstrate teamwork at the highest level. It was a great day for all staff and students involved, where the weather helped to make the event even more memorable



Year 7 winners - 7Y



Year 8 winners - 8C



Year 9 winners - 9Y



Year 10 winners - 10Y

Extra-Curricular clubs available at DCA

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

How to get involved...

1. **Speak to the teacher**

2. **Collect and return a permission letter**

3. **Sign up**

4. **Attend each week!**

Monday				
Choir	String Group			
Music Dept	Music Dept			
8.15 - 8.45am	3.45 - 4.14pm			
Tuesday				
Guitar Group	Boys Football (Y7/8)	Fitness club	Concert Band	
Music Dept	Astroturf	Fitness suite	Music Dept	
8.15 - 8.45am	3.40 - 4.40pm	3.40 - 4.40pm	3.45 - 5.00pm	
Wednesday				
Wind Group	Boys Football (9/10/11)	Climbing	Soul Band	Music Theory Class
Music Dept	Astroturf	Sports hall	Music Dept	Music Dept
1.20 - 1.45pm	3.40 - 4.40pm	3.40 - 4.40pm	3.45 - 4.45pm	3.45 - 5.15pm
Thursday				
Samba Band	Girls Football (All Years)	Badminton	Dungeon & Dragons	
Music Dept	Astroturf	Sports hall	Drama Studio	
8.15 - 8.45am	2.45 - 3.45pm	2.45 - 3.45pm	2.45 - 3.45pm	
Friday				
R&B Singing Group	Running club	Musical Theatre Group	Creative Writing Club	
Music Dept	Yard	Drama Studio	Library	
Y8/10 12.50 - 1.15pm Y7/9/11 1.20 - 1.45pm	2.45 - 3.45pm	3.00 - 4.00pm	2.45 - 3.45pm	

Performing Arts at DCA



DIXONS CITY ACADEMY

Christmas Concert 2024

Wednesday 4th December

Show begins at 6:30pm in the Lord Kalms Theatre

Tickets-
Standard- £5.00
Concession- £2.80

www.ticketsource.co.uk/dixonsca



Performing Art proudly present the Dixons City Academy Christmas Concert on Wednesday 4th December. The concert will take place in the Lord Kalms Theatre.

Plans for this year's concert are well underway and we are excited about all the new students who have joined choir and Samba Band.

We are also looking forward to welcoming some students from St John's CE Primary School to one of our rehearsals, to allow the students to practice in front of a crowd prior to their first performance.

Ticket information will be released on 4th November. We look forward to seeing you!

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Charlie and The Chocolate Factory The Musical. Plans for his year's school musical are well underway and we are excited to announce our cast. Rehearsals have already started and we are already looking forward to the performances in July 2025!

Ticket information will be released in the New Year.

We look forward to seeing you "in a world of pure imagination".

Fundraising

To help with the costs of putting on our school musical, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory The Musical", we have put together a Student Fundraising committee. We are meeting weekly to discuss ideas, create merchandise and organize all things Fundraising.



Art at DCA



Natural Forms Julia B 9Y

Year 9 have made an enthusiastic start to the year, beginning with natural forms. Students ventured beyond their comfort zones by experimenting with scale and new materials. They explored the British countryside through Angie Lewins's prints and travelled to Kyoto through the works of Mori Yuzan.



The Mill by Hiba R 10B

Upon return, year 10 have been exploring and celebrating Bradford's rich textile heritage. Students exposed screens from their drawings for Year 6 Open Evening. The Year 6's got an introduction to screen printing, with some students even trying their hand at using the squeegee to pull a print of their own.

Refugees are Welcome by Fatima P 8Z

Year 8 have been advocating for change! Inspired by positive propaganda, students have been researching a social issue which they feel passionate about. The personal responses have shown just how kind and determined our students are to change their world for the better!



What's on in Bradford:

Recommended for year 11 -Black in Colour by Alex Anughe 1Aug – 27 Oct @ South Square
<https://southsquarecentre.co.uk/events/alex-anughe-joan-day-bursary-winnner-exhibition>
Recommended for year 10 - The 62 Group of Textiles Artists 8 Sept – 3 Nov @ Salts Mill
<https://www.62group.org.uk/exhibitions/making-as-learning/>
Recommended for year 9 - The Portal, BD Walls, City of Culture 2025 @ Church Bank, Bradford Cathedral
<https://bradford2025.co.uk/event/the-portal/>
Roots, BD Walls, City of Culture 2025 @ Bradford's MAPA Cultural Arts Centre
<https://bradford2025.co.uk/event/roots/>