

## March 2024

Dear Families,

### Re: End of Term Arrangements and Return to Academy Information

As we approach the end of another successful term at Dixons Newall Green Academy, we would like to update you on what students have been up to, as well as provide some essential information for the return to academy after the holidays.

**Chinese New Year:** on Thursday, 15 February, we held our Year 7 Chinese New assembly and the judging of our Dragon Challenge in partnership with Swire Chinese Language Centre Manchester. It was an amazing showcase of our students' creativity, commitment and resilience and the culmination of weeks of hard work from all Advisory Groups.

**World Book Day:** Reading is incredibly important at Dixons Newall Green, so it was important for us to celebrate books and reading because there are so many benefits to being a reader! On Thursday, 7 March, Aimee, our fantastic Head of English organised a Guess Who Competition! In the morning students arrived to images up across the hall of staff members hidden behind their favourite books. It was amazing to see all students eager and determined to guess every single staff member behind the book for a chance to win the prizes.

**Stretch Project Finals:** Students have been working hard on their stretch projects this cycle (writing a speech about their aspirations). The finals are set to commence this week on Thursday 28 March. Each student will have the opportunity to present their speeches to their advisories, with the finalists presenting to a panel of external judges. We hope to see many of them securing a place in the finals with their remarkable efforts.

### End of Term Arrangements:

The holidays will officially commence on **Friday, 29 March 2024**, with students **finishing on Thursday 28 March at 1:35pm** (after family dining). Please ensure arrangements are made, if needed, for your child's pickup or transportation.

### Return to Academy Arrangements:

Students are scheduled to return to the academy on **Monday 15 April 2024 at 11:05am**. They should enter through the normal student entrance where a warm welcome awaits them in the dining hall for refreshments before period 4. Staff members will be present earlier for training purposes.

### Uniform and Equipment Check:

It is an ideal time over the holidays to check your child's equipment and uniform. Please ensure they have the correct uniform and the following equipment before returning to the academy:

- Clear plastic pencil case containing:
- 2 black pens
- 2 green pens
- Black whiteboard pen
- 2 pencils
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Reading book (from the library)
- Protractor

**Reminder:** Students are permitted to wear their PE kit only on days when they have PE scheduled or when participating in an elective that requires it. To avoid inconvenience, kindly review your child's timetable in advance



**Lockers and Cashless Payment:**

Upon return, new lanyards and cashless cards will be issued to students (there has been a delay in handing these out this half-term due to technical issues). These will link to your ParentPay account and facilitate purchases during break time and Family Dining. Students are required to carry these at all times.

Additionally, for students who have lost their locker keys, replacements will be provided. We strongly advise making copies of these keys to avoid future inconveniences. Please note, any subsequent replacements will incur a charge of £5.

**Term Dates for 2024/2025:**

We have officially published the term dates for the upcoming academic year. Kindly visit our website at <https://www.dixonsng.com/calendar> to access this information.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation throughout this term. We wish all our families a joyful and restful holiday season. May it be filled with warmth, happiness, and precious moments with your loved ones.

Warm regards,

**Stephen Garvey**  
**Principal**