

May 2026

Summer Term 2026

Dear families

As we enter a busy time of year, we wanted to highlight many exciting events taking place at Dixons Newall Green this term.

Recognition

We love to recognise students who consistently live by our values and follow our six learning habits. We will continue our recognition drive this summer term through appreciations, golden tickets, positive phone calls and recognition events.

Attendance

During Half Term 5, all students who are in each week from Monday – Friday will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 'Restaurant Favourites' gift card. This provides the winning students with the opportunity to celebrate the week's successes with their family and friends.

Attendance is imperative in the run up to and during the Cycle 3 exams. To help your child to feel prepared, they need to attend as many lessons as possible. This will help your child to be able to connect their knowledge and feel confident in their assessments.

We also wanted to communicate two early finishes that we have coming up in the Summer Term.

Dixons Newall Green Academy will be closing to all students in the afternoon on the following dates:

- **Thursday 18 June at 1pm** – to support staff training
- **Thursday 2 July at 11:55pm** – to support our Y6 transition event (unlike other schools, we do not have Year 11 staff freed up by exams to run the workshops)

Attendance at school is still essential, on the morning of both dates above. School will open at 7.50am for breakfast club as usual and Morning Meeting will begin at 8:10am. All students who claim free school meals will be able to take a grab bag lunch home.

Cycle 3 Assessments

Cycle 3 Assessments-these assessments will take place after our May half term break and you should have already received a communication with an overview of when the assessments are taking place, and which knowledge will be assessed. This information is also available on our Academy website along with useful presentations that have been shared with students, in the Assessment section. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any concerns or questions about our Cycle 3 assessments. Reports will be issued during the final week of term. dmcvey@dixonsng.com

Homework

Homework-thank you for your continued support of this essential learning habit. We really could not have such high completion rates without your help and we appreciate everything you do at home. Again, all information you may need is on our website under the Homework section including our Cycle 3 Knowledge Organisers and Year 9 Mastery Homework booklets. A particular mention has to go to our year 9 students who have adapted to this new homework system and are producing very high-quality work that is preparing them for their next steps in education.

Year 6 Transition Day

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Year 6 students to the academy this year on Thursday 2nd July. To ensure they have the very best possible transition experience, the day will finish earlier than usual at 11:55am for students in 7, 8 and 9. This adjustment allows us to focus fully on supporting our new students as they settle in and begin to feel part of our school community.

As we are not yet at full capacity, we do not have the level of staffing that a fully established school would typically have once Year 11 have left. Therefore, we need to carefully allocate our staff to support our incoming Year 6 students throughout the day. Finishing earlier enables us to provide them with the high level of attention and care they deserve during this important transition.

Dream Team (Friday 17th July)

At the end of this year, our students will be presenting their own, self-written report to their Dream Team. Family members and their advisor and/or Head of Year will be invited. This event provides students with an opportunity to be recognised for their effort and progress over the academic year and to recognise for themselves their successes.



Anti-Bullying

At Dixons Newall Green one of our values is kindness. We are always helpful and polite; there is no space for name calling or bullying. Please see this section of our website: <https://www.dixonsng.com/about/family-support>. It includes our approach to bullying; how students can report bullying; advice for families and website links for children's mental health.

Over the coming weeks we will be prioritising these transitions so that our standards remain as high as ever and so we can support our most vulnerable students who might be sensitive to noise. We are grateful for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Whitworth
Principal
Dixons Newall Green Academy