

Dear Prospective students and families

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for your application. The number of applications we received within three weeks of our applications opening on the 1<sup>st</sup> December was simply amazing! We are still open for applications from all Bradford students wishing to study Arts, Humanities or Languages A level programmes and applications for these can be made through our website [www.dixons6a.com](http://www.dixons6a.com).

Applying to Sixth Form can be a little daunting, especially when everything is done online. Please let me reassure you, if you are receiving this newsletter we have received your application and will be in touch with you soon inviting you to an application interview. If you want to know more detail about what happens next you can read about the seven steps of our application process on our website.

You may have noticed that our home – the Douglas Mills building on Manchester Road – is now a hive of activity with Kier staff and their sub-contractors fully refurbishing all internal spaces. You might even see a big trench in the car park that will be where the foundations for our new Sports Hall start. The experience we have built up the Dixons Trust in relation to opening new establishments is already helping us ensure that everything is how we want it to be so that our learning environment is just right to help you study and achieve as post-16 students.

Alongside interviewing prospective students and helping guide them in their subject choices we have another exciting set of interviews happening soon. Those are the interviews to select the new external staff that will join colleagues from within the Dixons Trust. As I read their CVs and applications I'm impressed at the range of subject expertise they have. However, I'm particularly interested to see how their experiences of providing additional opportunities to students will benefit your future – whether that is supporting medical applications, safely leading students up mountains, or helping students develop their stagecraft in dramatic productions.

While much is planned for our opening, there are still many details that we need to finalise. The quotes we will display on our walls are one such example. I'm going to be working with some focus groups of students over the next couple of months and am looking forwards to finding out what their ideas are regarding the things that inspires us. I personally find reading the thoughts of other people inspiring and challenging in equal measure, recently I read a statement by Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman in space who simply said, "***We can and we must move constantly forward.***" Translating this into the final stretch of GCSE study I'll finish by saying, you can and must do everything you can to achieve the best possible grades, not just for entry to Sixth Form but for your future.

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