

September 2021

Dear Families

I'm delighted that your son/daughter enrolled with us at Dixons Sixth Form. You may have seen our first cohort of students on Look North or Calendar collecting their results this summer. We are extremely proud that from our small, initial cohort ten progressed to medicine, three to dentistry and three to Oxford University along with a wide variety of other equally impressive destinations. It's great to see just how quickly we are becoming established as the A level provider of choice for Bradford.

Students have received their individual timetables. However, there are some general details you may be interested in that I can explain here. All YR1 students have a lesson every day at 8:50 so always need to have arrived in good time to be in the right room at this time. All YR1 students are fully timetabled until the morning break each day and the flexibility students receive at Sixth Form starts after that break time – this is where study periods will be spread in the time after break and the afternoons (and of course as a Sixth Form College students have the choice whether they remain on campus or go off campus in these study periods). Our library is open until 5:00PM Mon- Thurs and until 4:10PM on Fridays – students are welcome to remain on site after 4:10 for study purposes.

We encourage students to walk, cycle or use public transport to travel to College. As our site is located on a road used by industrial traffic, **we also encourage and expect that any students receiving a lift to College are dropped of 2-3 streets away from the Campus and walk the final few hundred yards.** This is good for their health – but also importantly reduces the risk of traffic accidents involving our students. Many of our current students are dropped off at younger siblings schools and walk to our site from there as we have a later start time than schools dealing with younger students.

Dress code: Students can choose what they wear to college, provided their choices are suitable for a focused academic environment. For further detail the dress code guidance can be found on the college website in the admissions section under key information.

Terms of address: students refer to staff by their first names in College – this is a change for students as they progress from school to a Sixth Form College and then onto University or work. It is important to understand we do this because that's what happens in workplaces. It is also equally important that students do not misinterpret our adult atmosphere for a lack of focus or discipline and we are committed to early contact with parents if anything is

ParentPay: As a cashless college any item that has a cost is paid for using ParentPay. Therefore, activating ParentPay is a requirement for studying at Dixons Sixth Form and we encourage Parents to make sure this is done as soon as possible. A separate email with instructions is being sent regarding this.

Enrichment, Year group residential, Lectures and Big Meal Events: There is far more to being a student at Dixons Sixth than just three A level courses. Part of being a student here involves taking an active part in a weekly enrichment class, a weekly lecture, tutorials, a termly big meal event and a year group one night residential. Parents should be aware that anyone with a household income of £25k or lower can receive a bursary that covers the cost of all the above. For those families with higher incomes the cost of the compulsory meals and residential totals £125. If you are unwilling to meet these costs, please discuss that with your son or daughter as they will need to go to a different Sixth Form

I like to make parents aware that course trips and enrichment activities can take place in the local region and this can require students to travel independently on foot or by public transport to arrive at College activities that are delivered off site – for these local activities we do not seek any further parental consent. Any activity that is further away than our local region would require specific parental consent and this would be a condition of taking part.

I hope you enjoy the last days of summer throughout the rest of September.

Yours sincerely

Mark Rothery Principal

