



Dixons City

Newsletter – Term Two

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Yr 10 – 27/01/25,
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Principal's Message

Term 2

We've enjoyed a very busy and positive term 2 at Dixons City. Students have taken part in various activities this term including: the Dixons Cup, Year 11 GCSE mock exams, the Christmas Concert and the Cycle 1 recognition event. Students also helped raise donations for the local food bank on Christmas Jumper Day and we had a successful Ofsted inspection.

Calendar 2025 / 26

The calendar for the next academic year, 2025 / 26, has been uploaded to our academy website and can be found in the calendar section (<https://www.dixonsca.com/calendar>).

Support from families

We have high expectations of all our students so that they are the best versions of themselves. If a student fails to meet our values, it is important that we support them through corrections, so they do not repeat this behaviour. Our system of corrections is very simple, and we are counting on your support. If you are worried about it, the best way to avoid it is to make sure your child picks up the learning habits sticks to them every single day. See page 20 of our Family Handbook (<https://www.dixonsca.com/about/family-handbook>) for our learning habits.

Research shows that good attendance at school is linked to positive outcomes. Evidence suggests that even small improvements in attendance can lead to meaningful impacts for attainment. Regular attendance is the key to your child doing well and will set them up with good routines for later life and the working world. All parents and carers have a legal responsibility to ensure that their child is educated. School attendance is mandatory during term time with the expectation that attendance will be 100% unless the child is unwell - attendance lower than 90% is of concern and categorised as Persistent Absence. Please support your child's attendance by ensuring medical and dental appointments are made outside of academy hours and that no holidays are taken during term time.

We ask parents to be considerate and safe when parking around the academy. The beginning and end of the academy day is extremely busy, and we ask anyone dropping off or collecting students to drive with extreme caution. Please keep the School Keep Clear marking (zig zags) clear, adhere to local parking restrictions and do not park in front of the gates. As well as being busy outside the academy building, reception can also be very busy at the beginning and end of the day.



Teachers are not always available at these times as we are supporting students in Morning Meeting or in corrections. If a member of staff isn't available, please leave a message with the admin staff on reception and the teacher contact you as soon as they can. However, unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated in relation to members of staff, including our admin staff on reception. If a parent or carer has concerns we will always listen to them and seek to address them as quickly and positively as possible - we know that students benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one.

Farewells

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to a couple of member of staff this week. After 14 incredible years of commitment and service, Mr Lorryman (Teacher of Science and Head of Careers) will be leaving us. We will also be saying goodbye to Dr Lowther (Head of Music), who has dedicated an incredible 28 years to shaping the musical and personal lives of countless students. Her contribution to this academy and its community has been nothing short of extraordinary and we wish her the best on her retirement. We welcome Mr Kabir (Teacher of Science) and we look forward to Mr Gadsby (Assistant Principal) and Mr Hart (Head of Music) joining the academy in the new year.

On behalf of all the staff at Dixons City, I wish you and your families a happy festive break. I look forward to the New Year, term 3 and our Year 8 residential to Ullswater!

Top 10 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

- Maya H 7B
- Elizabeth A 7B
- Nariyah B 7B
- James G 7B
- Ethan M 7W
- Ruben S 7W
- Kumail A 7W
- Minnah S 7C
- Ava Eden A 7X
- Alishba A 7W

- Naomi S 8Z
- Saim A 8Z
- Siddhika S 8Z
- Sum T 8Z
- Mia C 8Y
- Bodhi L B 8B
- Maira S 8Y
- Nawal K 8Y
- Daniel M 8A
- Anaya A 8B

- Arham H 9Y
- Lucas W 9W
- Hamaz H 9A
- Musa M 9X
- Hanar S 9W
- Aiza A 9W
- Grigori T 9W
- Aidan A 9W
- Amaani K 9X
- Yusaf H 9W

- Jake B 10X
- Saanvi S 10X
- Tayyeba A 10B
- Idris M 10A
- Mia D 10W
- Nathaniel F 10W
- Zainab A 10A
- Shasta B 10X
- Laraib K 10C
- Samuel A 10X

- Isa K 11W
- Muhammad D 11W
- Jibran S 11Y
- Malachi Robert B 11Y
- Sarah C 11B
- Azan W 11W
- Waris D 11C
- Tyler H 11A
- Ismail K 11B
- Falak N 11B

Year 7

Tuesday after school this week we took a group of 10 Year 7 and 8 girls to a netball tournament at Dixons Trinity Chapeltown for the Dixons Cup.

Although we have had no confirmation of results yet, we do believe that we came top as there were a lot of draws but in one of our games, we managed to win 3-1 which was the most goals scored on the night.

The girls did really well, having only done one training session for an hour after school one-night last term, they have already improved dramatically. Like with last terms x-country competition, we haven't always gone to netball tournaments, but after this event they are now asking for a consistent netball club to be put on after school which was amazing to hear from them.

We did have to drive back with a medley of the greatest showman, baby shark and Sabrina Carpenter going on in the back, but the students all had massive smiles on their faces.

A special mention must go to Inayah Iqbal (8X) who played multiple positions on the night, especially as she plays netball outside of school as well, helped to make all of the students feel a lot calmer and to play to the best of their ability.



The students involved were:

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|-----|------------|----|
| 1. | Aichata K | 7Y |
| 2. | Aminata K | 7C |
| 3. | Josey A | 7Y |
| 4. | Nariyah B | 7B |
| 5. | Maya H | 7B |
| 6. | Leyah A | 7X |
| 7. | Juwariah S | 7A |
| 8. | Isha H | 7A |
| 9. | Inayah I | 8X |
| 10. | Naomi S | 8Z |

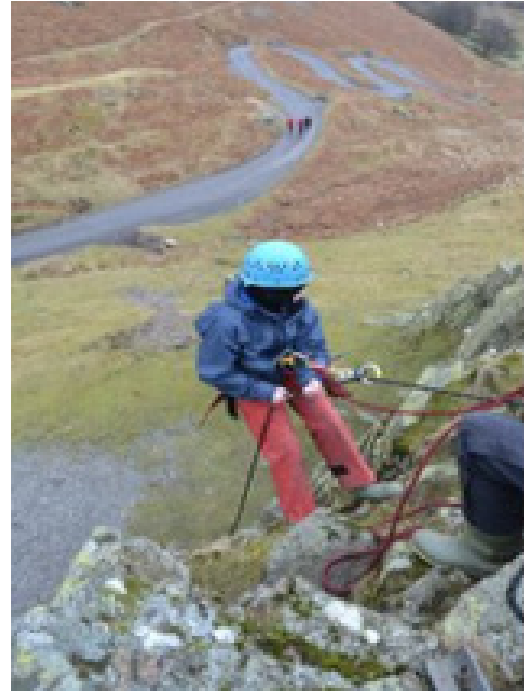
A massive thank you to Sophie P as well who drove the minibus for the first time perfectly through a busy Leeds city centre, and has put a real effort into organising this netball team!

Year 8

ULLSWATER TRIP

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

Just a remindr the trip is between the 13th - 17th of January. Students need a packed lunch for the first day and require all relevent medication.



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

YEAR 8 ULLSWATER KIT LIST

- Casual t-shirts
- Sweatshirts & Jumpers
- Fleece tops
- Thermal top / bottoms are ideal if possible
- Underwear (socks/pants) with spares (good quality socks are very important!)
- Pyjamas / bed clothes
- Towels, shower essentials, toothbrush and toothpaste.
- Hat & gloves (preferably waterproof)
- 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)
- Reusable water bottle for the week.
- Medicine—two of each inhaler and two EpiPens.

KIT THAT IS PROVIDED BY ULLSWATER

- Rucksacks (30 and 65 litres)
- Balaclava
- Gloves
- Wetsuits
- Extra fleeces (top & bottoms)
- Walking boots
- Wellies
- Coates
- All activity equipment
- All food and drink

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

Year 8

After school yesterday we took a group of year 8 students, and one of our year 7 students, to a year 8 boys football tournament at Dixons Allerton for the Dixons Cup again.

All of the students were great, and played their part in being a successful team on the night. They grew in confidence the whole time, which helped them to score more and more goals as they progressed through the games.

Seven Dixons Schools turned up to the tournament, and we came away from the tournament winning 3 games, drawing 1 and losing 2. This means we earned a 2nd place finish, which is fantastic for our overall Dixons Cup standings.

All of the students played really well, but a special mention must go to Mustafa Shiraz who had another great outing in goal. As well, Mohsin Rashid was amazing the whole night, and as Jonny described to me he 'Scored a goal that Maradona would have been delighted with'.



The full list of students involved were:

1. Mohsin R - 8X (C) (MAN OF THE TOURNAMENT)
2. Hashir K - 7X
3. Adam M H - 8A
4. Mustafa S - 8B
5. Finley T - 8B
6. Abdihafid A - 8C
7. Iacov T - 8C
8. Ibrahim K - 8Z

As always, a massive thank you must go to Jonny Y for driving the students to the tournament and refereeing games to allow them to have these experiences. Also, to Ben N for helping out this week and managing on the sideline!

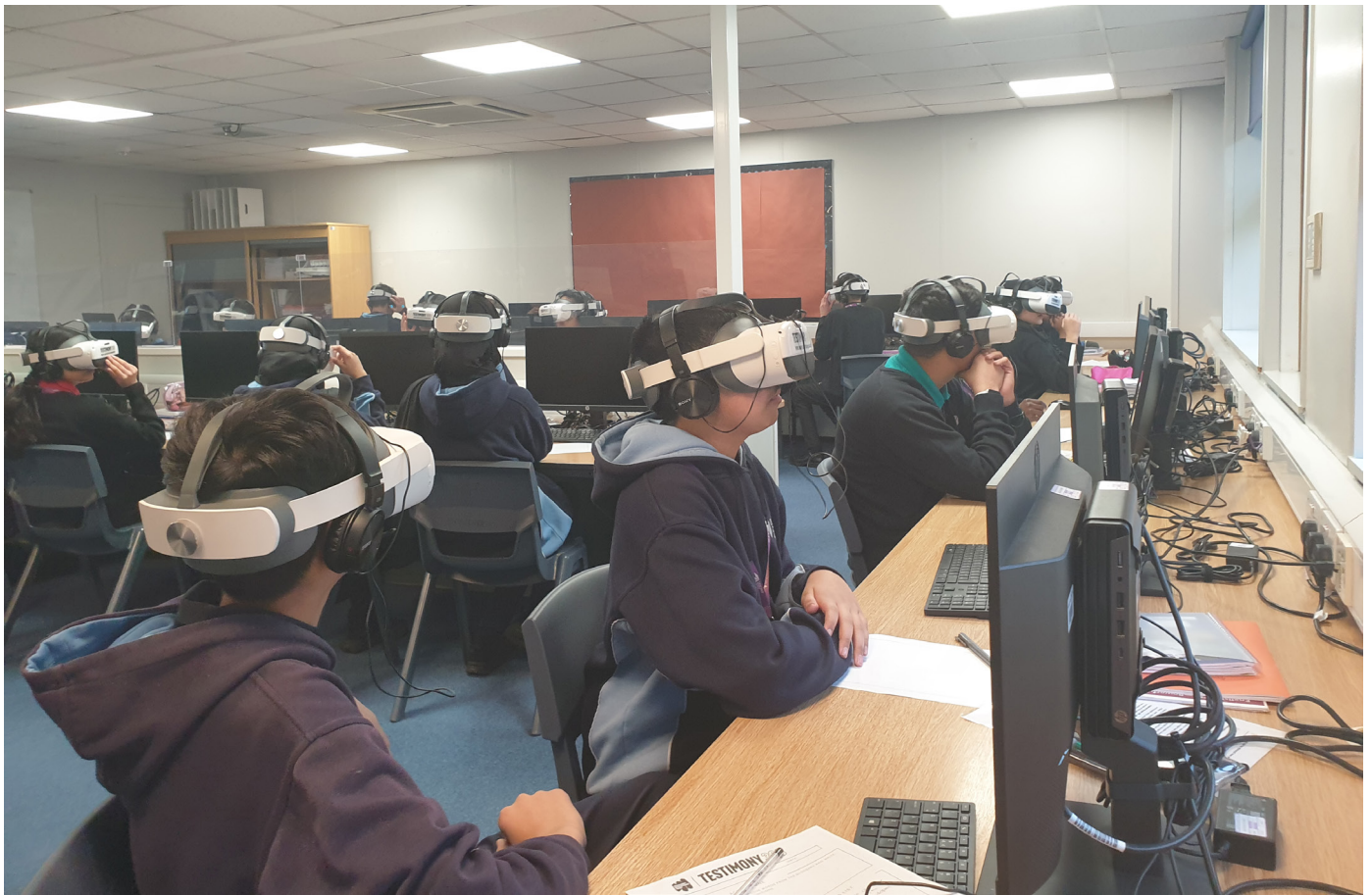
Year 9

It has been a fantastic term for our year 9 students with lots of new and exciting opportunities for them to take part in.

Some students were selected to work with Impact Gamers and have been working hard to develop their skills in game design. These students will soon be delivering sessions teaching students from Newby Primary School how to make their own games. Students have already made an excellent start and we are looking forward to seeing their continued success.

Another opportunity that was given to our year 9 students this term was an experience day with the Holocaust Educational Trust. The event involved using AI and Virtual Reality to engage with a Holocaust survivor and the key sites in his story. This was a unique experience that our students engaged with really well and we are incredibly proud of their maturity and attentiveness on this day.





Holocaust testimony virtual reality experience

On Tuesday 10th December, 64 Year 9 students took part in a special event organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET) called Testimony 360. As Holocaust survivors sadly pass away it is ever more important that their stories are recorded for future generations. Because of the innovative work of HET, Year 9 students were able to ask Holocaust survivor Manfred Goldberg any question they could think of. Al then enabled Manfred to respond to these questions (he had been filmed answering

every question that could be thought up). Students then were able to use Virtual Reality technology to visit key sites in Manfred's story, including the coastline in northern Germany where Manfred was finally liberated, whilst listening to his story. Students were amazed that it was like really being there. Importantly, they gained a deep insight into the life of a remarkable man who said that his revenge on the Nazis was to survive and have a family in Britain.

SPORTING SUCCESS

After school yesterday we had our first Year 9 football game (With the help of some of our Year 8 students) in the Bradford League against Co-op Grange at Home.

Anybody that can remember results from this year group over their first two years at our school, will know that they haven't always been positive outcomes. However, they have always been improving every game. Which has led to this year where they have managed a 2nd place in the Dixons Cup tournament, and last night they played amazingly winning 7-0!

It really shows that the students who have stuck with the football, kept coming to football club with the Year 10s and 11s and not just given up have really improved their skills. They have turned into a really good team, so if you ever get the chance to come up and watch them after school then please do.

Man of the match goes to Benjamin Kuye, for scoring twice with one being a fantastic long-range effort from outside the box.



The full list of students involved were:

1. Jesse A 9B (Captain)
2. Mustafa S 8B
3. Abdihafid A 8C
4. Isah H 8W
5. Mohsin R 8X
6. Badmus M J 9A
7. Hassan A 9B
8. Salman A 9B
9. Aun N 9B
10. Muhammad R 9B
11. Benjamin K 9W (MAN OF THE MATCH)
12. Olaf W 9W
13. Ksawery W 9W
14. Suleman K 9Y

Year 10

SPORTING SUCCESS

A massive well done to Grace B who won the Dixons Cup cross country competition at the end of Term one. She managed to beat competitors from across the Dixons trust, as well as her sister, to finish in 1st place in the KS4 cross country competition.



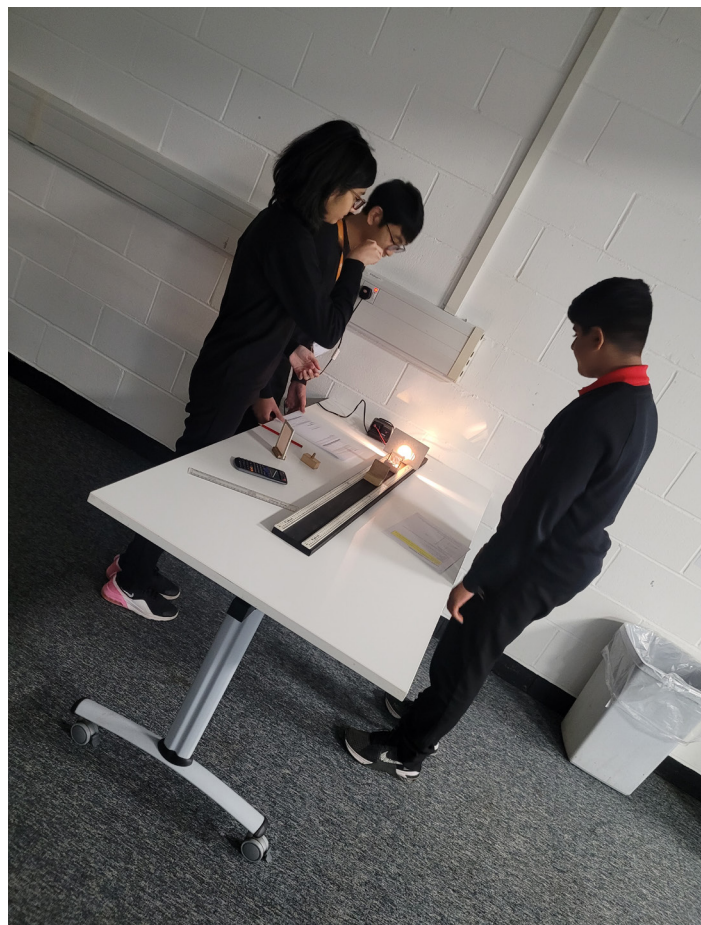
Future Lioness Leads the Pack!

Year 10 student Grace B is making waves across the extracurricular scene, demonstrating outstanding dedication and talent in everything she undertakes. Most recently, she claimed victory in a challenging cross-country race that included competitors from Years 9, 10, and 11 across multiple Dixons schools. Her success extends beyond the track; she is a promising football talent and has just advanced to the next round of the prestigious Lionesses Talent Performance Pathway, moving one step closer to representing England in the future. Her accomplishments highlight her commitment, skill, and bright future in both athletics and football.



Cambridge University

Year 10 students recently had an inspiring trip to Cambridge University, where they were able to experience a glimpse into higher education. The day began with a guided tour of the historic campus, providing students with a sense of university life and the academic environment at one of the world's leading institutions. Following the tour, students took part in an engaging physics workshop focused on optics, where they explored the concepts of lenses and focal length. The highlight for many was the hands-on activity in which they built their own telescopes, allowing them to apply their learning practically and gain a deeper appreciation for the subject. This visit not only broadened their understanding of physics but also motivated them to consider the possibilities of further study and university life.



Year 11

SPORTING SUCCESS

In Term one, DCA took part in a Dixons cross country competition at Dixons Cottingley. A massive well done to Suhail A who came 1st in the KS4 race, and from what I am told he finished his lap ahead of the rest of the competition. Well done to Ella B who came 2nd in the girls KS4 Race!



POST 16 DEADLINES

We have been very proud of the Year 11 students showing immense determination and purpose during their November mock exams. Now as we end Term 2, the deadline for most P16 providers is December 31st to apply for a place. Please ensure that you are supporting your child with applying to at least three different post 16 providers.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

It has been another fantastic term for our Year 11 students. They are continuing to show determination and engagement in morning mastery sessions, which continues to have a major impact on their progress and attainment. We have had the joy of welcoming three different Post 16 providers into our whole year group PDS lessons. Students represented the academy in a very professional manner and DCA would like to thank Dixons Sixth Form, New College Bradford and Bradford College for talking about Post 16 applications to our students. In Term 3, we are welcoming Shipley College and Bradford University in for talks.

Our Year 11 students have been working tirelessly during Term 2 for their mock exams. These have proved to be a real success and the students have shown integrity in all exams that they have sat. We really hope that the students achieve the results that they have worked hard for. We have a mock results day in the school calendar during the start of December, where students will get to experience what it will

be like to open their envelopes in the summer of 2025.

Our all important Year 11 consultation evening is booked in the calendar for Monday 9th December 2024. More communications will be sent to parents in due course.

We are also beginning to look into prospective Prom venues to celebrate the students' success at the end of their journey at DCA. We have a Prom committee who are going to visit different venues with members of staff, so that the students have autonomy over how the celebration will be planned.

Thank you for continuing to support our Year 11 students through such a vital school year. Please remember that revision material for students to use at home is available on the academy website, by clicking on the revision link in the top corner of the website, which takes you on to our Trust revision pages.

- Steven Lafferty

Positive News

A Big

THANK YOU



Dixon's City Academy

For donating 92.8KG of food which provide 143 meals! Harvest 2024



Registered Charity Number: 1192346 | Registered in England and Wales

Mrs Mason led on the collection of spare food for a local food bank at the end of term 1. The whole school delivered and we managed to donate over 90kg's worth of food to the Bradford Central foodbank. A massive well done and thank you for supporting such a hard working charity.

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 session 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.

Health & Social Care

Year 9 Health & Social Care students have been actively learning throughout cycle 1 about creative activities and their benefits to vulnerable people. Students have participated in activities such as colouring, bingo, origami, cooking pizzas and baking cakes and cookies along with many other activities. Students produced some very creative and yummy products which were politely declined when offered to Mr Bell. Taking part in these have helped students to work towards their first official assignment to plan and lead an activity to an individual at home. Not only are they preparing to succeed in their coursework, but many have learnt new life skills and daily tasks which will be an important part of their life in the future.



Positive News

Recognition Event

On Friday 29 November, Dixons City Academy hosted a special Recognition Event to celebrate students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to our core values of Respect, Integrity, and Determination. This event highlighted students who achieved excellent attendance and consistently upheld positive behaviour, avoiding corrections throughout Learning Cycle 1.

Students who qualified received Golden Tickets, which served as their pass to join the fun. The event took place in the Sports Hall, where students enjoyed an exciting array of activities, including a bouncy castle and a 40ft obstacle course. Each year group participated during a designated period during the day, with over 400 students rewarded for their efforts. The event was an excellent opportunity to reinforce the importance of good attendance and behaviour in achieving academic and personal success.





This event was a reminder of the importance of celebrating achievements and fostering a sense of joy within our school community. We are proud of the students who have worked hard to meet the high expectations of our academy and look forward to celebrating further achievements in the future.

Thank you to all families for your continued support in helping our students excel. Together, we are creating an environment where excellence thrives!



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13 December, Dixons City Academy was filled with festive spirit as students and staff came together to celebrate our annual Christmas Jumper Day. This much-anticipated event saw the school community embrace the holiday season while supporting an important cause.

Students were invited to swap their usual school jumper for a festive Christmas jumper or, for those without one, a jumper in seasonal colours like red or green. The vibrant display of holiday cheer brought a smile to everyone's face, reinforcing our shared sense of community and joy.

This year, Christmas Jumper Day also had a charitable focus, as we collected food donations for Bradford Central Foodbank to help those in need within our local community. Our students and staff truly embodied our academy values of respect, integrity, and determination, bringing in an impressive variety of items, including teabags, pasta, rice, tinned foods, biscuits, and coffee. During Morning Meeting, form tutors collected donations from students, which were then organized for delivery. The generosity shown by our academy community was truly heartwarming, and the donations will go a long way in supporting families in need this holiday season.

A special highlight of the event was the involvement of four members of the Student Council, who helped deliver the donations to Bradford Central Foodbank. This experience allowed them to see firsthand the impact a collective effort can have on those most in need within our wider community. The students were inspired by the gratitude of the foodbank staff and left with a deep sense of pride in how Dixons City Academy had come together to make a difference.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their enthusiasm and willingness to give back. Events like these remind us of the importance of community spirit and the difference we can make when we work together.

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the success of this event. Your kindness and support exemplify the very best of Dixons City Academy.





Performing Arts at DCA

Christmas Concert – Sold Out Show!

This year concert was a tremendous success, SOLD OUT! Highlights included Samba Bands opening of 'everybody dance now' which got everyone in a party mood, our first sneak peak of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory with It Must be Believed to be seen and we mustn't forget concert bands Let It Snow which included a special cameo from Frosty The Snowman himself.

The concert was also Mrs Lowther's final concert for Dixons City Academy as she leaves us for a well-earned retirement. There were some tears shed, and she will be missed by many. Good Luck Mrs Lowther!



Ellissa A	7C	Julia B	9X
Bana A	7C	Jaiden B	9Y
Elizabeth A	7B	Reuben B	9X
Arabella D J	7Y	Aarush C	9C
James G	7B	Casey D	9A
Klarissa H	7X	Kacie D	9W
Isha H	7A	Haider K	9X
Mikaeel H	7W	Blanka M	9C
Sumaiyah H	7A	Remy M	9B
Khairah H	7C	Mobeen N	9W
Maya H	7B	Wendy O	9B
Humaira I	7Z	Jay P	9A
Mohammud K	7B	Amelia R	9Y
Aminata K	7C	Alicia S	9X
Aichata K	7Y	Sophie S	9B
Aqsa N	7Y	Leon S	9B
Nathan N	7B	Mia S	9A
Harrison O	7B	Immani Y	9X
Osasere O	7Y	Jeremy A	10A
Cerys P	7W	Samuel A	10X
Ruban S	7W	Rose A	10C
Dominika U	7Y	Seyi B	10W
Angel A	8A	Tara B	10Y
Maria A	8C	Jake B	10X
Renad B	8C	Nathaniel F	10W
Katelynn B	8B	Riya G	10A
Skarlet B	8B	Freya J	10A
Mia C	8Y	Maja L	10C
Pooja G	8A	Victory O	10W
Aliza H	8C	Charlie S	10X
Inaya K	8C	Owen B	11C
Narwal K	8Y	Malachi R B	11Y
Bodhi L B	8B	Hope B	11A
Samaira M	8C	Lilah B	11A
Daniel M	8A	Sarah C	11B
Austeja M	8C	Harry H	11C
Kevin O	8Y	Noah H	11C
Michael P	8Y	Zainab H	11W
Maira S	8Y	Beverley K	11B
Naomi S	8Z	Elijah M	11B
Sum T	8Z	Franciszek P	11X
Abbie W	8B	Gabriel S M	11X
Sofia V	8A	Sophie S	11A
David A	9Y		
Sarah A	9Y		

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.



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	

Dixons Cup Football

Year 7 and 8 girls took part in a netball tournament at Dixons Trinity Chapeltown for the Dixons Cup. The girls did really well, having only done one training session for an hour after school one-night last term, they have already improved dramatically. Like with last terms x-country competition, we haven't always gone to netball tournaments, but after this event they are now asking for a consistent netball club to be put on after school which was amazing to hear from them. A special mention must go to Inayah Iqbal (8X) who played multiple positions on the night, especially as she plays netball outside of school as well, helped to make all of the students feel a lot calmer and to play to the best of their ability.

The students involved were:

- Aichata K
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- Josey A
- Nariyah B
- Maya H
- Leyah A
- Juwariah S
- Isha H
- Inayah I



Dixons Cup Football

During term 2, DCA hosted a year 9 and 10 girls football tournament for the Dixons Cup. The girls did really well coming 3rd in the table out of 5 teams which is a great effort, and means we take away some points from the tournament. Due to constant Dixons Cup competitions, we have not been able to hold a football training session for the girls so far this year, so to get the range of results we have had so far for girls football is really positive.

A special mention must go to Fatima A, who performed well throughout the tournament, being a good all-rounder and managing to score as well. Also, Lauren W who was a great influence on the younger/new students to the team, helping them feel calm throughout.

The full list of students involved were:

- Fatima A
- Grace B
- Pooja G
- Zamzam M F
- Lauren W
- Rabiya L
- Tehreem A
- Amirah A
- Angel A
- Saffah A
- Saima A



Dixons Cup Football

Year 7 boys football:

Last but not least, again this Wednesday just gone, on the same minibus we also took a team of 6 Year 7 boy students to a football tournament at Dixons Allerton.

As I highlighted for the Year 7's in the badminton, this football tournament was a massive opportunity for those 6 students experience their first football tournament with us in the Dixons Cup. There would have been a range of emotions because of this, but the students still managed to perform amazingly, winning 3 games and drawing 2. They are a very talented year group at football, and we can only see their performances improving further in years to come with more experience, both inside and outside of the Dixons Cup. The games they won and drew managed to gain them a 3rd place finish, meaning even more points for us.

The students involved were:

- Harrison O 7B
- Ahmed A 7C
- Hashir K 7X
- Kudzai M 7Y
- Ismaeel A 7Z
- Raihan A 7Z

As always, a massive thank you to all staff involved in helping to make these fixtures that happen, whether that is in PE with running clubs, putting team sheets up and taking students there, or teachers outside of PE allowing students to leave your lessons, spreading the word of extracurricular sport and supporting our students to get it right!

Dixons Cup Football

On the 14th of November, we took a group of year 9 students, with the assistance of three year 8 students, to a football tournament at Dixons Allerton for the Dixons Cup.

The boys played unbelievably well, building on performances from Year 7 and 8. Immediately as we turned up and looked across the field, we looked to be the smallest team in terms of height across the 6 schools there. But this didn't deter the boys from going shoulder to shoulder with them, and using their skill to pass the ball around the opposition. We came away from the tournament winning 3 games, drawing 1 and losing 1, only by a goal as well. Even in the draw and loss, we had multiple chances to win the game but just couldn't manage to put them away. So at the moment we believe we have come away with a 2nd place position.

A special mention must go to our year 8 students playing a year up, Mohsin, Abdihafid and Mustafa. These three made a real impact in scoring goals, making key passes and great saves to help the team along the way. From Year 9, Phavesh captained the team brilliantly, and Benjamin made

some crucial tackles in defence. The full list of students involved were:

Phavesh R	9A
Mustafa S	8B
Abdihafid A	8C
Mohsin R	8X (MAN of the TOURNAMENT)
Hassan A	9B
Salman A	9B
Jesse A	9B
Muhammad R	9B
Benjamin K	9W
Olaf W	9W

A massive thank you to Jonny Yale for driving me and the boys to the tournament, getting to these Dixons Cup fixtures wouldn't be possible without the other PE teachers giving me their time to get there!

- Ben Ricketts



Dixons Cup Badminton

Year 7, 8 and 9 badminton:

We took 8 students to our first badminton tournament of the year, which involved 16 games in total, and students playing mixed doubles. Especially for the Year 7's who came with us, this would have been a really exciting/nervous experience for them as it was their first ever involvement in the Dixons Cup.

However, this did not phase our students at all, as they managed to win 8 out of 16 games which meant we left that competition with 2nd place and even more points towards our overall Dixons Cup total. Heather L particularly commented on how well our students behaved at Dixons Allerton, supporting each other and making friends with our students from the opposing Dixons schools.



Dixons Cup Badminton

The students involved were:

Yahya S	7W
Amna M	7Y
Mohammad K	8Y
Pooja G	8A
Mohammed A	9C
Amelia K	8A
Uzayr K	9C
Hanar S	9W



Dixons Cup Badminton



Year 10 and 11 badminton:

Similarly to above, we took 6 students this Wednesday just gone to Dixons Allerton for the Year 10 and 11 badminton.

Students again played 16 games, however we went a few better this time around winning 12 out of 16 games. We have no official results in yet for this tournament, but I can only imagine this leaves us again with a 2nd or 3rd place finish with more points to take away which is a great effort. It was really good to see Year 11 students like Aryan Hussain finally get to take part in an actual badminton fixture having come to badminton club for a while now, and for his performances in sport studies last year.

The students involved were:

Riya G	10A
Saanvi S	10X
Pramitha K	10Y
Artem	10B
Aryan H	11W
Yusuf A	11X



Creative Arts at DCA



Year 10

Over the course of the term Year 10 have been exploring Indian textiles techniques. They have been emulating block printing using neoprene stamps. Our batik designs proved that with a few practices attempts we were able to keep a steady hand!

Leavers 2024

We would like to showcase some of the incredible work of our talented 2024 Art cohort. Below are students' responses to the theme of Identity and their chosen exam theme. Clock-wise we have the work of Wiktorja Stefanska, Yumna Nauman and Oliver Stubley.



MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)

What is MyChildAtSchool?

MyChildAtSchool is an online portal that enables parents to view their child's performance at school in real time via any modern web browser (e.g. Edge, Firefox, Chrome, Safari etc.) and for today's busy parents, an app (for android or ios) which offers the same features.

Anytime access to Attendance, Behaviour, Assessment and student reports, letters or important documents. Student timetables alongside the school calendar and fully customisable Exam Timetables and results pages mean schools can keep parents fully informed electronically.

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If you haven't signed up to the MCAS App, please can you do this by Friday 31 January. All communications to parents after this date will be through the MCAS app rather than by text. Download the app from App store for apple mobile phones or Play Store for Android phones. Once you have downloaded the app, request a password reset and then you will have access to attendance, timetable, appreciation / behaviour data as well as cycle reports and exam timetables for GCSE and cycle 3 assessments. If you need any support with the app then please email info@dixonsca.com and put MCAS as the subject of the email and we will get back to you with some support.

What's on in Bradford:

Recommended for year 11 - Black in Colour by Alex Anughe 1 Aug – 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/>



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