

November 2025

Dear families

I am writing to inform you of key information regarding Thursday 11 December 2025.

Early Closure and Cultural Dress

As you are aware, a key part of ensuring that all our students can climb their mountains is through the use of our cycle assessments and mock exams to understand where they are now and what support teachers need to put in place so that our students can continue to make progress.

In order to support this with process, there will be an early closure on **Thursday 11 December 2025** to allow staff the time to analyse and plan forward based on the recent Year 11 mock examinations. All students will finish their day at 12.00pm, with the academy being closed to students from this point. We will complete a survey of students in advisory the week before about whether students would like a grab bag packed lunch to take with them.

During the morning, we will be holding our Winter Festival. This will be a recognition event to celebrate all students' hard work during Cycle 1. We will also be allowing all students to wear cultural clothing whilst they are in school on that morning if they choose to do so, including Christmas jumpers. This will be raise money for charity selected by the student leadership team. **Students will need to contribute a £1.00 donation** in order to wear cultural dress. Year 11 will also have a celebration to mark the successful completion of their first round of mock examinations which will be planned by the student leadership team.

Year 11 Mock 1 Results Evening

We will also be holding our Year 11 Mock 1 Results Evening on the evening of Thursday 11 December **from 16:00 until 18:00**. This takes the form of a parent's evening, but with students receiving their Mock 1 results as they enter the academy, before then attending short meetings with their teachers.

Appointments will be available to book on the My Child At School app in the coming weeks. Please look out for further information on your app about this process.

Thank you as ever for your continued support to enable all our students to climb their mountains to university or a real alternative. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email info@dixonsma.com.

Yours faithfully



Kat Lang
Principal

