

# DIXONS KINGS DIGEST



## TERM DATES

### **2022.23 Term 2**

7 November 2022 Academy opens  
1 December 2022 Planning & Data Day (Academy closed)  
2 December 2022 Planning & Data Day (Academy closed)  
16 December 2022 Academy closes

### **2022.23 Term 3**

4 January 2023 Academy opens  
2 February 2023 DAT Conference Day (Academy closed)  
10 February 2023 Academy closes

### **2022.23 Term 4**

20 February 2023 Academy opens  
13 March 2023 Data Day (Academy closed)  
14 March 2023 Data Day (Academy closed)  
31 March 2023 Academy closes

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

What a turbulent end to what has been a busy half term. Thank you to all those parents who have supported the school by attending the various parents' evenings events, these are so vital in ensuring effective communication between school, child and parents. I would like to praise our Year 11 students for approaching their mock exams with maturity and focus as we prepare them for the real thing in just a few short months. Well done to our Year 7 students for their excellent attitudes and embracing our three core values, transitioning to secondary school can be quite hard, but for the vast majority they have stepped up and settled in well over the first term.

The issues with IT have affected some areas of the school but our lessons and learning are unaffected, please bear with us whilst we rectify the issues, if you do need to contact school then please do so on the [info@dixonska.com](mailto:info@dixonska.com).



Attendance remains an area for improvement there have been lots of days lost to both holidays and illness. Days missed lead to gaps developing in learning so we must do all we can to ensure we meet the basic expectation of 95-98% attendance. Any holidays during term time will not be permitted and will lead to fines being issued.

Our annual Winter Performance was a huge success with many new, budding stars embracing their more creative sides and taking part, we look forward to seeing more of these in the future.

Tuesday 3 January will now be an additional training day. The school will reopen to all students on Wednesday 4 January 2023.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a restful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing all students and families in the New Year.

## FAREWELL & WELCOME

*By Ms Hickey*

It has come to the time of the year when we have to say goodbye to some of our staff. Ms Kauser left us on 6 December and Ms Hickey will be leaving us at Christmas to support at Dixons Trinity Chapeltown as Senior Vice Principal until the end of the academic year.

After the Christmas break we will welcome Mr Smith, who will be joining the Geography Department as Teacher of Geography..

# SOLUTIONS FOR THE PLANET

By Ms Salhi



On Thursday 24 November our Year 7 students spent the day with the Solutions for The Planet team. for The Big Ideas Day. They worked in groups of five, exploring ideas to save the planet. These ideas included; air pollution, controlling plastic disposal in our seas to minimising food waste and making sure people don't go hungry.

Each group chose an idea they wanted to develop into a project. Some of our groups will further develop these ideas during cycle 2 enrichment. They will work alongside volunteers from Business and Science staff at school to research their idea and create a business plan to submit.

Every year so far we have had a team selected for the regional final and this year we are hoping to reach the national finals...Watch this space!



# LITERACY CORNER

**By Ms Ashraf**

The following Y8 students were the winners in a Christmas Writing competition where they had to write about a Snowman who came to life. A massive well done to the diligent and creative Huzaifa Ali, Sultan Talat, Mustafa Ali and Faizan Ali.

## **Lucy's Magical Dream**

by Sultan Talat

Once on a snowy morning, Lucy was asleep dreaming about an alive snowman. The snowman was building a second snowman. He had a smile as wide as a road. He was too busy to look up. With a magical touch, the second snowman came alive too. Lucy was really happy because she was making friends. She was running around touching snowman to snowman laughing while they came to life.

Mum entered Lucy's bedroom and woke her up from her very magical dream.

## **A Snowman's Smile**

by Huzaifa Ali

One festive morning, Jack woke up and saw that it was snowing. He ran outside. He began to make a big snowman. Then he ended up going back to bed.

The next morning Jack woke up. He quickly looked out of the window and the snowman wasn't there. He began to panic. He ran outside. Someone tapped on his shoulder, and it was him. The snowman! Jack got scared but then he invited him to celebrate Christmas with his family.

25th December and Jack and the Snowman (Bob) were having Christmas together. They had turkey and potatoes. Bob told Jack to come outside, and they held hands. Until Bob started running and they flew away and never came back.

## **Bob's Birthday Surprise**

by Mustafa Ali

One morning, Bob woke up to the sound of his mum knocking on his bedroom door. When he opened the door she said happy birthday and gave him his breakfast tray. On the tray was a plate full of chocolate pancakes, strawberries and hot chocolate with whipped cream, marshmallows and chocolate sprinkles! Bob ate all of his breakfast and took his time as it was the Christmas holidays. Smiling from ear to ear, Bob went outside for his birthday surprise and his mum showed him a Snowman which waved at him with a big friendly smile!



# CAREERS FAIR

**By Ms Willetts**

On Wednesday 9 November Dixons Kings Academy hosted our annual Careers and Higher Education Fair. We were joined by over 50 exhibitors including, colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers and employers.



Students were able to explore future career and higher education opportunities, having prepared specific questions in an earlier cultural studies session. This ensured that the day was both informative and purposeful for all.



The fair was a roaring success and I want to take this opportunity to thank the exhibitors for their time, our students for their enthusiasm and our staff for helping ensure the day ran smoothly. A special mention must go to Mr Hirst for battling the cold to ensure all could park safely and for being on hand throughout the day.

A big thank you must also go to the catering team for ensuring all exhibitors were well fed and watered throughout the event. We received some fantastic feedback from those who attended, and I look forward to organising our next careers event, which is the year 11 mock interviews being held in January.



**Comments from our exhibitors:**

“Having attended various careers fairs both as an employer and a candidate, the events I’ve been a part of at DKA are well ahead of the others. Students were engaged and asked interesting questions - they were all very well behaved.”

“The children were a credit to the school.”

“Year 8 children were brilliant and asked the best questions - they seemed the most prepared of all the year groups!”

# STAYING SAFE ONLINE FROM THE BRADFORD PREVENT TEAM

Recently more and more young people have been occupying themselves online than ever before and whilst the online space can be fun and educational it can also pose risks to young and impressionable people.

Keeping young people safe online is just as important these days as keeping them safe from "stranger danger" so taking time to read and understand how to keep them safe is important if we are all to work together to reduce the risks.

Below are some useful resources and guidance to support you in keeping your young people safe.



Want to increase your young person's resilience against the risk of radicalisation online but not sure how to start? Visit the website to get yourself skilled up

Critical thinking skills can help keep young people safe from fake news, misinformation and scams. To learn more visit the website.

Do you know all about the age appropriateness of games you are buying? if not visit Internet Matters to learn more.  
[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)



In chat gaming can be fun but there can be risks. Parents/carers increase your awareness with @TheParentsZone on how you can keep your young person safe in their in-chat gaming.  
[www.parentzone.org.uk](http://www.parentzone.org.uk)



To help develop your awareness around the online gaming safety aspects Childnet have produced a useful resource leaflet available online. You may also want to consider looking at their resource hot topics around gaming which you can access on their website.  
[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)



Is your child getting tech for a birthday or other special occasion? Make sure the security settings are set and you help keep young people safe learn more on the UK Safer Internet Centre website.  
[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)



For further general advice about keeping young people safe online or to report a concern you can visit the CEOP Think You Know website.  
[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

# WINTER PERFORMANCE

*By Ms Hickey*

Students across all year groups showcased their talents at our annual Winter Performance. We are incredibly proud of all students that worked diligently in preparing their act and showed incredible confidence in performing to their peers and their families.

The highlights of the performance were Sufyan Khan in Year 11 with his hilarious comedic monologue and Sufyaan Saleem in Year 8 with his pitch perfect rendition of High Hopes.

We also welcomed back a former student, Usman Sheikh, to run the lighting for the show. He was helped by Hussain Shaban in year 9 to ensure that all the performers had their moment in the spotlight.



## PSHE Association

### Coming up next term:

Year 7: Making Informed Decisions, Online Safety, Cyber bullying and Managing Money

Year 8: Work, Money Skills and Equal Opportunities

Year 9: A Levels, Apprenticeships, Employment with Training, University, Graduate Schemes and Career Pathways

Year 10: Budgeting, Managing Debt and Gambling

Year 11: Relationships and Consent

## PSHE UPDATE

*By Mrs Labella*

In PSHE this term Year 7 students have covered the topics of County Lines, First Aid and Managing Emotions.

Year 8 students have been focusing on Homophobia, Transphobia, Bi-phobia and Stereotypes.

Year 9 students have been studying Body Image and Healthy Living.

Year 10 have been focusing on Mental Health and Challenging Stigma around Mental Health.

Year 11 have been exploring their KS5 Transition and Mock Interview Preparation.

## WHAT'S ON IN BRADFORD

December is here which means that Christmas is coming and 2023 is on the horizon! There are a plethora of great events to look forward to as the district fills with festive cheer. Here are some of the highlights you can look forward to over the month.

The Saltaire Living Advent Calendar begins to open its windows from Thursday, 1st December. Every evening, new windows will reveal a variety of fun, illuminated images and scenes. It's a great excuse to pay a few trips to the historic village to see them all.

Board the Mulled Wine Special on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway on the 16th December. Ride the rails from Oxenhope to Keighley Station, where you'll be served mulled wine and mince pies to the accompaniment of live music before being whisked away back to Oxenhope.

Celebrate Christmas with East Riddlesden Hall in Keighley at special events from 17th-21st December. Kids will have a great time at crafting and storytelling sessions, whilst parents will enjoy exploring the gardens.

Bradford West Family Hub are holding a Keeping Warm Community Event and everyone is welcome. The event takes place in the Christmas holidays at West Family Hub Farcliffe Children's Centre, 56 Toller Lane, Bradford, BD8 8QH.

There will be free activities and free support and advice for parents on:

- Benefits
- Housing
- Domestic Abuse
- Mental health
- 2-year-old offer



"Head into the theatre this December for a variety of fantastic shows. Bradford favourite Billy Pearce returns for this year's hilarious pantomime in Jack and the Beanstalk at the Alhambra Theatre.



## KEEPING WARM COMMUNITY SPACE

During the event there will be free hot soup, bread rolls, and drinks. It is a chance for you to go for a cuppa and a chat. There will also be useful recipes to take home.

The event is taking place on 21 December from 10am until 2pm.

# BRADFORD WEST GUIDE

Bradford West Family Hub have put together the information below to support families over the Christmas holidays.

## Food Banks

Horton Bank Top Community Foodbank  
926 Great Horton Road, BD7 4AE  
Open During School Holidays  
Tel: 077 381 781 89

St. James Church  
300 Thornton Road, Thornton, BD13 3AB  
Telephone 01274 830 133 or email  
admin@james4u.org

## Cafe West

Cafe West Healthy Living Centre is a vibrant Healthy Living Centre situated in the heart of Allerton and Lower Grange. It focuses on promoting health and wellbeing in a warm and friendly environment. Its key aim is to reduce health inequalities through the provision of a range of activities, projects and 'one to one' support for all their residents:  
[www.cafewest.org.uk/whats-on.html](http://www.cafewest.org.uk/whats-on.html)

Cafe West Healthy Living Centre  
Allerton, Bradford, BD15 7PA  
01274 488 499  
info@cafewest.org.uk



## Manningham Project

Your local Advice Centre  
Kirk House  
203 Lumb Lane, Bradford  
BD8 7SG  
Tel: 01274 544687

Advice areas: Benefits, employment, housing, immigration, utilities



## Girlington Advice Centre

Girlington Community Centre  
Girlington Road, Bradford, BD8 9NN  
Telephone: 01274 547118  
Email: gatcinfo@gmail.com  
Web: <https://www.girlingtonadvicecentre.co.uk/>

Areas of advice: welfare benefits, debts, housing, employment, immigration, consumer issues, education and complaints

## Bradford First Response Crisis Service

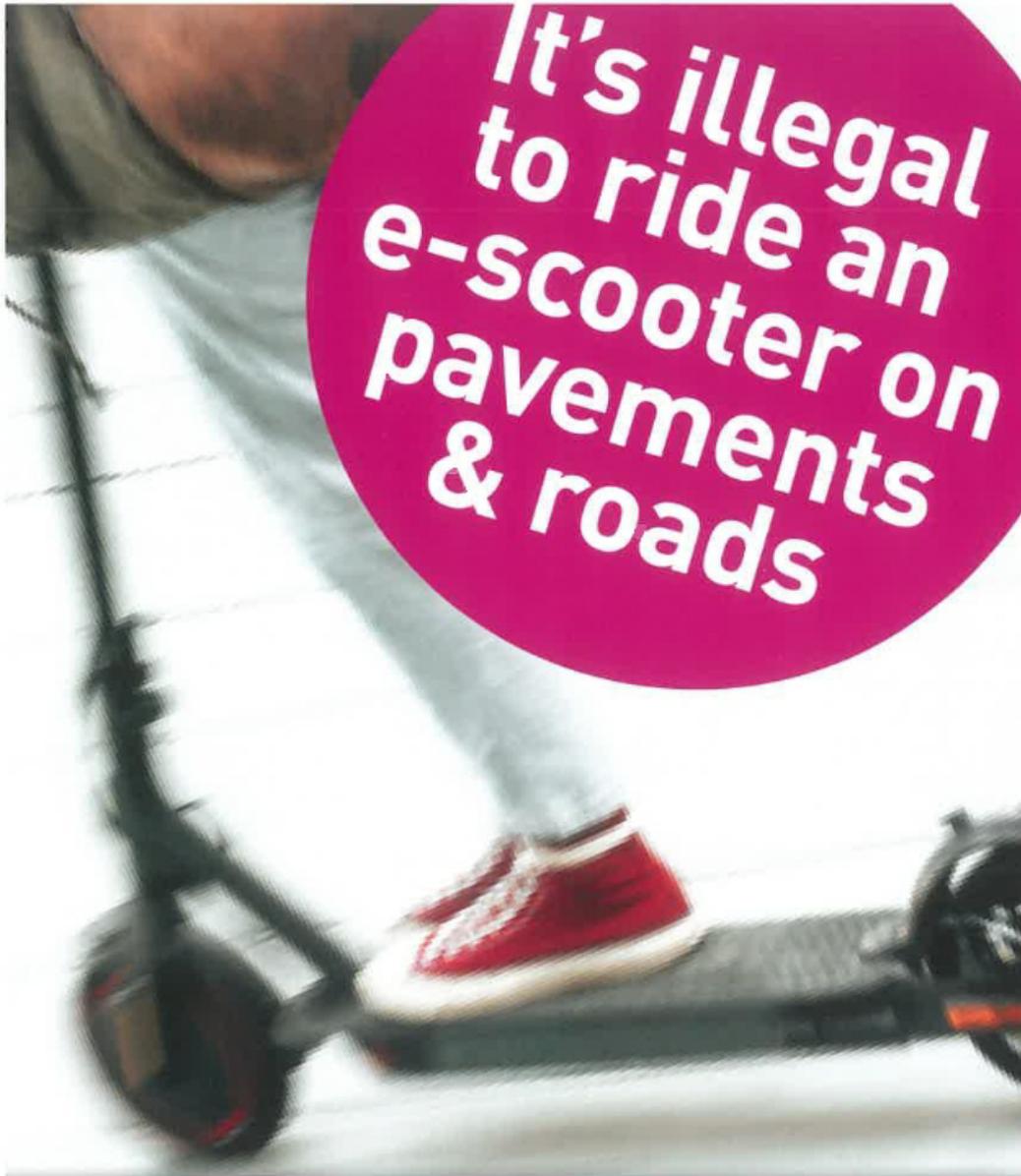
This service offers support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to people of all ages living in Bradford experiencing a mental health crisis  
<https://www.bdct.nhs.uk/services/first-response/>



This service provides support for families who have experienced domestic abuse & sexual violence.

Tel: 08082 800999  
National 24hr: 08082 000247

# WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE SAFE ROADS



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# WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE SAFE ROADS

## You've been given this flyer because:

**It's currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement\*.**

Buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

However, the current law is clear. You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. If you own an e-scooter, you can only use it on private land.

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements including:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on roads.

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows the Police to give road users a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance.

West Yorkshire Police also have the power to issue fines, penalty points or even seize vehicles - please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

West Yorkshire Police and the West Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership want to help everyone use more environmentally friendly modes of transport and improve road safety. This is why we're delivering a range of other innovative schemes to support walking, cycling and public transport use.

*\*certain areas of the country are taking part in government backed e-scooter trials. In these areas e-scooters can be hired for use on roads. Nowhere in West Yorkshire is part of the trials, meaning that the only place e-scooters can be legally ridden in the county is on private land.*

For more information on our walking, cycling and public transport strategies visit the web site or scan the QR code



[www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/improving-transport](http://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/improving-transport)