

22 August 2022

Dear families,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer break. The beginning of the new academic year is very important, it is vital that our students start the year with the correct equipment and following our very high standards at DKA.

- Term starts for all students on Tuesday 30 August. Line up for all students is at 8:00am, students must be here for this time, I would recommend an arrival time of 7:45am to ensure students are not late.
- Uniform needs to be as per our guidance on page 18 of the parent hand book;  
<https://www.dixonska.com/uploads/images/Parent-Carer-Handbook-2022-23-Final.pdf>  
The wrong shoes and trousers cause us the most issues each year. Shoes must be polishable leather, no trainers - be careful when buying from some outlets as they may say school shoes but they are not what we expect. Trousers must not be leggings or jeans and should reach the ankle and sock.
- Students who are in **Year 10 this academic year** must make sure they have a blue blazer and tie.
- MCAS – We use our ‘my child at school’ app as the main source of communication between school and home. You must make sure you have downloaded this application to be kept up to date. If you have not done so yet please go to; [https://www.dixonska.com/uploads/images/MCAS-Instructions\\_2022-06-20-152323\\_1lbc.pdf](https://www.dixonska.com/uploads/images/MCAS-Instructions_2022-06-20-152323_1lbc.pdf) to find out how to do this.
- Jewellery is not allowed including studs / rings in noses or ears. Plasters will not be allowed to cover these; they will have to be removed.
- Family dining has changed for all students in Years 7 and 8. Although the premise of family dining remains where all forms will sit and eat together, students will be able to bring a packed lunch or buy food from the canteen. This change allows our students to have a greater choice over what they eat at school. Meal options and prices are available on our website. If your child is eating school meals you must make sure their parent pay account has adequate funds - if the account is in deficit they may be refused a sale.
- All students will need to have the correct equipment as referred to on page 13 of the handbook;  
<https://www.dixonska.com/uploads/images/Parent-Carer-Handbook-2022-23-Final.pdf>
- Students will be issued with a new planner when they start the new term. This must remain graffiti free, if it gets lost or damaged there is a charge for replacing it.
- Open evening for the new Intake for 2023 students will be on 21 September 2022, 4pm until 7pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all on 30 August – Enjoy the rest of the holidays

Yours sincerely



Richard Wilson  
Principal

