

JULY 11, 2025

SPORTS DAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



The Dixons Croxteth newsletter keeps our community, including parents, students, staff, and the public, informed with updates on school events, policies, student achievements, opportunities for community involvement, and available educational resources.



Academy's values:

Hard Work: we never give up. We remain positive so that we have the strength to persevere with even the hardest work. We do what it takes for as long as it takes.

Integrity: we do the right thing because it is the right thing to do. We do this even when people are not watching.

Fairness: we play by the rules. We are respectful, polite, and courteous at all times. We treat others in our diverse community as we wish to be treated. When we help others, we help ourselves.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Dear Families,

This week's newsletter is dedicated entirely to celebrating our incredible Sports Day, a joyful and memorable event that brought our whole school community together.

In a recent vlog, I shared my ambition to bring back a traditional Sports Day at Dixons Croxteth, one that students would remember fondly for years to come. On Wednesday 9 July, that vision became a reality. For the first time since Dixons took over the school, the entire student body came off timetable to participate in, observe, and support our first Sports Day.

The atmosphere was electric. Students demonstrated our core values throughout the day, supporting one another, offering encouragement and advice, and competing with pride for their houses in our newly relaunched house system.

One of my personal highlights was the Year 10 tug of war. It was a fiercely contested event, but what stood out most was the sportsmanship shown afterwards. The winning team immediately went over to congratulate and support the other side, a spontaneous act of kindness and integrity that made me incredibly proud of the young people we are nurturing here at Dixons Croxteth.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our students for their outstanding conduct and enthusiasm, and to our staff for their hard work in planning and delivering such a successful day.

This is just the beginning. We are committed to creating joyful experiences for our students, and Sports Day marks the first of many exciting events to come. Next year, we are planning a Christmas concert led by Performing Arts, a Winter Sports Day, an art exhibition, wellbeing walks, and more inter-school sporting events. Our goal is to help every student flourish, academically, socially, and emotionally, and to leave school with happy, lasting memories.

This special edition newsletter includes photos, student quotes, and a summary of the day's events, all from the students' perspective.

Finally, I will be sharing an end-of-year newsletter and vlog next week to reflect on the year and look ahead to what is next.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Duggan
Principal



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"Our first sports day as Dixons Croxteth was a major success . It was a pleasure to see all our students enjoying themselves. Watching the students' pride in their achievements and receiving their medals was the highlight of the day."

Mr Makin, Vice Principal

" It was an opportunity for me to show our value of hard work because even though my event was difficult, I kept going to finish."

Joju, Year 8 student

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"I had lots of fun even though I felt so tired, I pushed myself to keep going and finished 2nd."

James, year 8 student

"I had lots of fun competing on the day and getting a medal for winning my event"

Utchay, year 7 student

"The integrity of both spectators and athletes throughout the event demonstrated how embedded our culture now is at DCR!"

Mr Owens, Head of year 10

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"After a couple of years of waiting, it's inspiring to see our students back on the field taking part in our sport day tradition, putting into competition their sporting skills from the curriculum and demonstrating hardwork, resilience, team spirit, and the true joy of coming together as a school community through sport. It was a truly joyous afternoon."

Mr Little, Assistant Principal

"A fantastic opportunity for the whole school coming together to support and cheer for one another..so many happy smiling faces!"

Ms Palmieri, Head of Creative Arts

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"It was an afternoon simply filled with joy – pupils working together , supporting each other , excelling and growing ; the winners enjoyed their moments of success and importantly those that didn't win enjoyed taking part , some determined to improve next year . An afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by all- a definite highlight of the year."

Mrs Morgan, Vice Principal

"It was so nice to see students enjoying a sunny afternoon for Sports Day – cheering on friends, competing with enthusiasm and friendly house rivalry. There was a true Team DCR buzz around school!"

Mr Malabar, Teacher of Maths



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"It was so lovely to see the joy and sense of achievement of students when they brought their results in. Not only that but the way they were supporting and congratulating each other was amazing to see and really demonstrated our core value of integrity. It was great to see both students and staff enjoying the afternoon together."

Mrs Watson, Head of year 9

THE DIXONS ACADEMIES TRUST

VIRTUAL ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION 2025



The Dixons Academies Trust

Virtual Art & Design Exhibition 2025

Step into a vibrant digital gallery where imagination knows no bounds!

The DAT Virtual Art Exhibition 2025 proudly showcases the incredible artistic talents of students from nursery through to sixth form across our trust, all centered around the theme of Joy.

From finger-painted masterpieces to advanced mixed-media outcomes, this exhibition captures the distinctive perspectives, creativity, and passion of our young artists at every stage of their educational journey. Explore an inspiring collection of drawings, paintings, sculptures, and photography - all from the comfort of your home. Join us in celebrating our budding creatives by scanning the QR codes below:



Nursery - KS2



KS3 - KS4



KS5

LUNCH MENU

Below is the our spring menu

   					
Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MENU					
	Beef Meatball or Bolognese Pasta Garlic Bread 	Pepperoni / Cheese Pizza Potatoes Fries 	Stir Fry Chicken & Egg Fried Rice & Broccoli 	Chicken Burger & Chips 	Beef Enchilada Yellow Rice & Nachos Chips 
	Assorted Baguettes or Wraps CHICKEN-BACON-TUNA-MEATBALL 				
	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread 	Mix Vegetables Pizza Potatoes Fries 	Vegan Nugget Egg Fried Rice & Broccoli 	Beyond Burger & Chips 	Veggie Enchiladas Yellow Rice & Nachos Chips 
	Selection of Salads / Chef's Homemade Soup (Twice a Week) Selection Sandwiches: CHEESE-HAM-TUNA 				
	Ice-cream 	Yogurt 	Mixed Muffins 	Choc-Ice 	School Cake 
Any special order or allergy than the main menu please ask the kitchen before 10:30 am					
   					
Week 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MENU					
	Pepperoni / Cheese Pizza Potatoes Fries 	Chicken/Pork Meatballs Mash-Veg and Gravy 	Indian Beef Curry Basmati Rice-Neen Bread 	Roast Chicken/Pork Yorkshire Pudding-Veg and Gravy 	Chicken Goujons Singapore Noodles Prawn Cracker 
	Assorted Baguettes or Wraps CHICKEN-BACON-TUNA-MEATBALL 				
	Mix Vegetables Pizza Potatoes Fries 	Vegetable Meatballs Mash-Veg and Gravy 	Indian Veggie Curry Basmati Rice-Neen Bread 	Roasted Vegetable Yorkshire Pudding-Veg and Gravy 	Vegetable Singapore Stir Fry Noodles Veggie Cracker 
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HOME LEARNING AT DIXONS CROXTETH

At Dixons Croxteth Academy, we build a partnership between carers, students, and teachers that puts learning first. We help our students value learning by teaching them to take ownership of their own success. Home learning activities play a significant role in a pupil's educational journey and wider development.

Why is Home Learning so Important?

When our long-term memory is altered, we have learnt something. However, when we are exposed to new information, we instantly begin to forget it. Over time, the amount of original information retained significantly reduces unless it is revisited often.

Our home learning strategy is designed to allow students to frequently revisit powerful knowledge, interrupting the forgetting process.

There are three strands to our Home Learning Strategy:

Read. Cover. Write. Check. (RCWC): This is a paper-based task.

Sparx Maths: Online.

Seneca Learning: Online.

Expectations – Y7 and Y8

Up to 60 minutes per day of:

Seneca

Sparx Maths

RCWC

Expectations – Y9 and Y10

Up to 90 minutes per day of:

Seneca

Sparx Maths

RCWC

Completion of past GCSE examination questions

Expectations – Y11

A minimum of 90 minutes per day of:

Seneca

Sparx Maths

RCWC

Completion of past GCSE examination questions

Accessing revision sites

Excellent additional resources can be found at:

Learn Dojo

BBC Bitesize

Save My Exams

Oak National Academy

Free Science Lessons

ACADEMY LEADERS

Senior Leadership roles at Dixons Croxteth



Mr Duggan

Principal



Jacqui Varkulis

Vice Principal

Behaviour and Culture



Anish Morgan

Vice Principal

Teaching and Learning



Ian Makin

Vice Principal

Student Experience



Mark Little

Assistant Principal

Designated Safeguarding Lead

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If you are worried or have a concern please speak to one of the members of staff below or email: dc_r_safeguarding@dixonscr.com



Mr I Duggan
Principal



Mr M Little
Assistant Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr I Makin
Vice Principal
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Ms J Varkulis
Vice Principal
Deputy Designated
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Miss L Cox
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Ms T Redmond
Safeguarding officer



Mr R Owens
Safeguarding Officer



Mrs C Watson
Safeguarding Officer