

24 June 2022

Dear families

We would like to thank families for the supportive feedback during the Ofsted inspection which took place this week and look forward to sharing the report over the coming weeks.

At Dixons Music, we always strive to ensure we maximise every minute of the school day and find marginal gains to support our students and staff to be as successful as they can possibly be.

With that in mind, **from August 2022**, we have made some changes to our academy day which will allow all staff to receive more frequent Continuous Professional Development, and meet as year groups and key-stages in order to tailor learning further for students within each cohort. This will also enable more time at the end of the academy day for further professional development, giving staff additional time to meet the needs of all students both academically and pastorally.

It is hoped that dropping off will be more convenient for families at the beginning of the day, as secondary students on both sites will already be in their own academy buildings at this time, meaning a reduction in traffic and more parking available.

Please see the changes below:

- The academy doors will open at 8:20am and close at 8:30am (EYFS will enter through the hall and Year 1 & 2 students will enter through their own classroom doors. Years 3-6 will enter under the canopy. Free breakfast will still be available for all students).
- Additional places will be made available for **DMP Early Starters** (previously called Early Breakfast Club) to support families who need childcare, which will run from **7:45am-8:20am** at the price of £2.00 per day.
- All staff will receive more frequent Continuous Professional Development, which will impact positively on student outcomes with no reduction on lesson timings.
- 'Shape of the Week' meetings will take place during these times as this ensures all adults working with students in each year group have time together to form an astute understanding of student needs and learning priorities throughout the week.

As always, if you have any questions or any feedback you would like to give, please contact the academy in the usual way.

Yours faithfully



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Principal



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Acting Principal

