

9 December 2024

Dear Families

2024 GCSE Results

Results for the 2023-24 academic year have now been released by the Department for Education, and we are very proud to announce that Dixons Cottingley Academy has placed in the **top 3 schools in Bradford** for our Progress measure, meaning students are leaving DCO with better results than they would otherwise be expected to achieve. Our Progress score was +0.65. What this means is if every child was targeted a grade 5 in all their subjects, at Dixons Cottingley, every child would receive seven grade 6s and three grade 5s. We are also proud to be able to announce that we are placed in the **top 5% of schools** nationally in England for our students' progress.

Our 4+ rate is 75.4%, and 5+ rate is 53.6%, meaning of all our students, three quarters are leaving with grade 4 and above in their GCSEs, and over half are leaving with 5 and above. This will only continue to improve with better attendance to the Academy, and attendance at after school intervention sessions.

Students are very well served at DCO with these nationally leading results, good OFSTED rating, excellent vocational options, and high achieving inclusion and sporting awards. We are incredibly proud of everything our school has achieved, and we are pleased to continue succeeding in our Trust Mission of challenging Social and Educational disadvantage in the North.

Thank you for your continued support with the DCO mission. We will continue to push students to attain the highest outcomes that they can get by focussing on attendance, academic achievement, and maintaining the culture at DCO. We thank you for all the support we have from you as families.

We look forward to seeing the continued improvement of grades at DCO increase further and further through the future year groups.

Festive Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 12 December, all students are invited to take part in our festive lunch; Christmas themed food will be served on this day. Students are also invited to wear a Christmas Jumper alongside their normal school uniform. Families are asked to make a voluntary £1 donation if your child chooses to wear a Christmas jumper and the proceeds will go to Save the Children, an international charity who supports families suffering around the world.

Final day arrangements

As you will all be aware, the last day for students this year will be on Thursday 19 December. Therefore, the academy will finish at 13.00 on Thursday for students; all bus companies have been made aware.

All students will take part in lunch before they are dismissed.

We wanted to communicate as soon as possible so you can plan accordingly. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and support. I wish you all a lovely, restful break when it comes, and we look forward to welcoming all our students back on Monday 06 January 2025. Please also see attached the Cycle Assessment schedule for Years 8 and 10 that start w/c 06 January.

Dixons Trust Conference

On Friday 14 February, the Dixons Trust Conference will be taking place. This means all Dixons schools will be closed to Dixons students on this day.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information above, please contact the academy in the usual way.

Yours faithfully

Francesca Hitch
Principal

