



The Dixie Grammar School

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From the
Headmaster

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News @ The Dixie May 2021

Dear Parents,

As we pass the anniversary of the first lockdown and we look back to all that has been lost, it is important to reflect also on what has been gained. We have found new ways to work with each other, new ways to challenge and inspire each other and new ways to connect. The skills we all gained during remote learning will remain of benefit to us long after the face masks and nasal swabs are relegated to the bin.

We have been grateful to be able to return to something more closely resembling normal school life this half term, and whilst musical and sporting events still pose a challenge, some of our clubs and societies have re-started and Dixie Live music sessions on Wednesday lunchtimes really have been a treat. The performers in Dixie Live along with our successful equestrian teams and the new origami club (news of it folding was premature), give us a glimpse of what we have missed and we greatly look forward to making further steps back to normal Dixie school life next half term. Our plans are both weather and Covid dependent, but at present we are planning for a normal Whole School Sports Day, with all parents invited throughout. Prize Giving will take place in the marquee on the afternoon of Friday 9 July, but due to restrictions and planning ahead with caution, we intend to live stream the event to enable parents to watch it remotely. We also look forward to other end of year celebrations—the Dixie Creative Showcase and Get Back Into Singing live event (details page 4).



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Whole School Sports Day ~ Wednesday 7 July 2021

9.45am—3.30pm at our Barton Road Sports Ground



Please feel free to bring along a picnic ~ hot and cold drinks will be available



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DIXIE 6



A HAPPY STUDENT WILL PROGRESS



'AN EXCELLENT JOURNEY'



The other aspect of school life to make a return this term, perhaps less welcome in the eyes of some is the end of year school exams. It has been at least two years since exams were sat in this way and their return marks an important return to normality, made easier through the relaxation of the rules surrounding the wearing of masks. For those in Year 6, teacher produced revision notes were made available to be used in the exams. Those in Year 7 were guided through construction of their own revision notes—again with permission to use them in the exams. Skills of revision need teaching and through this we hope to guide students to their preferred way of revising in preparation for the more important exams higher up the school. Exam results will be shared individually with students and parents after half term—that they have taken place with so little concern in school is a fantastic achievement in itself. All students can reflect with pride—particularly those sitting exams for the first time.



Following a year of reflection and planning, we were delighted this week to launch to Year 5 parents our new Dixie 6 curriculum. The purpose behind this new initiative is to maximise the strengths of being a 3-18 school. Year 6 is to become a genuine transition year between Junior and Senior education—neither Junior nor Senior, but with the best elements from each. The experience for and expectations of students will build closely on those familiar from the Junior School – continued focus on key skills whilst introducing some of the specialism and diversity of a secondary curriculum.



A homework schedule will feature which is a conscious step up from the demands of the Junior School but not yet as complex or organisationally demanding as will be the case in Year 7 and beyond. Students will enjoy an element of thematic study – next term's theme is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone – there is a rumour that Harry Potter Science week will involve the study of Herbology, Potions and Transfiguration!! Preparation for the new Dixie 6 curriculum has involved Junior and Senior School staff and we are all excited to embark on this new curriculum. Setting the foundation in Year 6 will, we are sure, pay dividends throughout the students' Senior School careers.



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As Dixie 6 is a stepping stone from Junior to Senior, so our **A level transition courses** after half term bridge the gap between GCSE and A level courses. We look forward to the majority of our Year 11 returning after half term as our new Lower Sixth. They will take on all of the privileges and responsibilities associated with being a member of the Dixie Sixth Form and the transformation from uniform to business wear will be considerable, as will the jump in expectations, academic and otherwise.

The new Lower Sixth will undertake transition lessons in each of their chosen A Level subjects - this worked extremely well during lockdown last year, enabling students to make a swift start to their A Level courses in September. In addition, new Sixth Formers will complete sessions on study skills, have the opportunity to begin work on an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) and help out in classes with younger students as part of the Dixie Leaders Award. They will take a full role in Enrichment lessons on a Thursday afternoon and continue to participate in Senior Games on Wednesdays.

We look forward to welcoming students to the Lower Sixth in June for an exciting start to their Sixth Form journeys.

Covid Testing

We are very grateful for your continued cooperation in completing the lateral flow tests and [recording of results on our website](#). We look at the results in our weekly Health and Safety meetings and I am delighted that so many of you are helping keep us all safe—thank you.

Policies

The process of monitoring and updating School policies has continued. The following policies have been reviewed since December and are available to view on the School's website: [Staff Conduct](#), [Staff Recruitment](#), [Admissions](#), Homework – [Junior](#) & [Senior](#), [Health & Safety](#), Missing Child – [Junior](#) & [Senior](#), and [Supervision](#). In addition the following policies have been reviewed and are available on request: Children Missing from Education, E-Safety, Whistleblowing, Initial Teacher Training, Induction of Newly Qualified teachers and Staff Induction & Training.

Everyone's Invited Website

I am away from school in the last part of this final week of term—inspecting a school—a privilege I always enjoy, not least for the ideas I return with to the Dixie. That said, these visits always make me appreciate the Dixie anew. After half term, our collaborative project with Stafford Grammar School will be launched—I am grateful to those Lower Sixth students who have volunteered to spearhead the Dixie's response to the important issues surrounding toxic masculinity, misogyny, consent, negative stereotypes and to Mrs Banton for organising the sessions in collaboration with colleagues at Stafford Grammar School.

'We walk past the standards we accept' is a phrase often heard in assemblies and staff meetings —after half term our focus on Dixie school culture will continue.

With best wishes for half term

Richard Hyman



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Dixie Grammar School 2021 Creative Showcase

Art & Design Technology Exhibition
With live Music

You are invited to The Dixie Grammar School Creative exhibition. An exhibition showcasing the talents of our Art students and our Design & Technology students accompanied by live music from some of our musicians.

Tuesday 6th July 2021
Dixie Grammar School Courthouse
Market Bosworth

Viewing A - 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Viewing B - 4.30pm - 6pm



If you would like to attend please email Mrs Mcgranaghan or Miss Mason with your preferred viewing time and how many people will be attending.
mcgranaghank@dixie.org.uk / masono@dixie.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you there.

Get back into Singing - the wait is nearly over!

The Music Department is 'beyond excited' for the easing of restrictions on June 21st and will be hosting **THE BIG SING**, an outdoor sing along event after school at both the Senior and Junior School to celebrate! We hope to see as many pupils supporting this event as possible—we have waited such a very long time for the day when we can finally sing together again. There may still be some spacing restrictions but all pupils will be welcome to join us in a massive sing along to a selection of songs.

Senior School - **Monday 21st June** 4.00—5.00 pm

Junior School - **Tuesday 22nd June** 3.30—4.30 pm



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Dixie Grammar School FunPlayScheme 2021

FunPlayScheme is an activity camp that runs for two weeks of the Summer Holiday. It is exclusively for Dixie children and is based at the Junior School. Staff from the Dixie run it and are joined by helpers from the older year groups of the Senior School.

**For children attending the
Pippins Nursey & Dixie Grammar School
Pippins – Year 7**

Activities Covered In Previous Years –

Crafts –

Hama Beads, Pom Pom Making, Jewellery making, Paper Mache, Play Doh, Colouring, Loom Bands, Facepainting, Origami and many more

Sports –

Tri Golf, Tennis, Dodge Ball, Cricket, Rounders, Hockey, Rugby, Gymnastics, Football and many more

Off Site Visits – *may vary due to Covid 19

Adventure Golf, Foot Golf, Bowling, Paint Balling, Bosworth Water Park

Visiting Companies – *may vary due to Covid 19

Kids Karts, Dig/Climbing Wall, Zorbing, Pamper sessions, Flower Arranging, Sand Art, Circus Skills, Disco, First Aid skills, Willow Sculptures, Archery, Mad Science, Cavins, Laser Tag, Soft Play Bus, Gaming Bus, Trampolines

Other Activities – *may vary due to Covid 19

PanCake Making, Water Play, Bouncy Castles, BBQ, Bike Tracks, Decorating Biscuits, Woods Walks, Den Building, Parachute Games, ICT Coding, Sand Pit Fun, Construction

We may be limited to places this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. If this is the case, then order of received forms will be used to allocate spaces

Week One –

Monday 26th – Friday 30th July 2021
£125

Week Two –

Monday 16th – Friday 20th August 2021
£125

Days available – £25

Times – 9.00 – 4.00

Payment method –

BACS or Childcare Vouchers

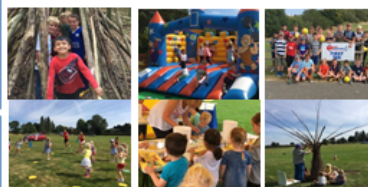
(Invoices will be sent after booking closing date – no payment required on booking form)

Booking is essential –

PLEASE BOOK HERE

Booking Closes - Tuesday 4th May 2021

COVID 19 – Full refunds will be given if a Government Lockdown is put in place



Further information regarding the weeks will be published at the end of term. All communication is to be through our email address - funplayscheme@gmail.com

Or via Class Dojo (Junior School Only)

Mrs Hayward

Mr Vernon

Miss Dicksee

Email - funplayscheme@gmail.com

Twitter - @funplayscheme

Diary Dates

10-11 June

Bronze D of E expedition

16 June

Activity Day—new
Year 7 students (2021/2)

22 June

Year 5/6 Science Day

23 June

Bronze D of E practice

24 June

Induction Day

25 June

Year 8 Kingswood Trip

28 June—2 July

Gold D of E Expedition

5/6 July

Bronze D of E expedition

7 July

Sports Day

9 July

Prize Giving 2pm

w/b 26 July

Dixie Playscheme

w/b 2/9 August

Activate Camps

w/b 16 August

Dixie Playscheme