

January 2025

Dear families

Return to School – Monday 13 January

Firstly, thank you so much for your patience and understanding this week during the unprecedented weather conditions we have suffered in Bradford. I understand that school closures place further pressures on family life, particularly after we have just had a two-week holiday. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. It has proved tremendously difficult to make the school site and surrounding areas safe during such cold conditions. Our first priority is always the safety and wellbeing of our students; our staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure we could open to students as quickly as possible.

I would like to also take this opportunity to remind families where you can find the information regarding school closures if you are ever unsure during unexpected or severe weather:

<https://www.dixonsta.com/>

Our website will have a red banner with any announcements, and we will also put links to home learning for your child here.

<https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/content/emergencies/emergency-school-closures>

The Bradford Local Authority website for school closure announcements

We also always send updates via MCAS. Please ensure you have the app downloaded, and that you have manually turned the 'push' notifications on in your settings. If you require assistance with this, please contact the academy in the usual way.

We are confident that due to rising temperatures, we will be fully open for all students at the usual time on Monday. All students are expected to be in school before 8:00 ready for hands up at 8:12. Attendance will be tracked and monitored from Monday in the usual way. Attendance for all year groups is imperative to ensure that students continue to climb their mountains and prepare for their upcoming cycle 2 assessments. All students should be fully equipped and in full school uniform.

If you have any questions, or need any further support, please email info@dixonsta.com

Yours faithfully

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