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Dear families,

Another week passes here at Dixons Fazakerley and it has been a really busy one with Year 11 mock exams, trips, external visitors and reading interventions featuring heavily in the last seven days. Year 11 students have shown maturity and determination in their mock exams and have been a credit to the academy with our external invigilators commenting on their hard work, politeness and warmth. In a similar vein we were fortunate enough to be joined by visitors from Ofsted and the DfE this week who toured the school and met students as part of an informal visit; once again, Dixons Fazakerley shone brightly with our visitors commenting on the 'calm and focused lessons', 'warm relationships between staff and students' and 'the difference since I was last in this school a few years ago'. We continue to improve as a school and your support is vital in doing that so thank you – as you are aware one of our mantras is to get better every day and it is pleasing for visitors to recognise the collective work we have all done in regards to improving our school.

Family Evening

Class of 2024 (Y10) have a family evening on Thursday 23rd November 4-6pm so please ensure you make your appointments via the family app. As a thank you for committing to attending and investing time in your child's education we will enter all attending families into a draw for 5 Asda Vouchers which will be a nice treat in the run up to the festive period.

Attendance

At Dixons Fazakerley, we talk frequently about the importance of good attendance. Our students habitually hear the refrain: great attendance leads to great outcomes which can lead to a happy life. With this in mind, on Thursday 30th November, in Morning Meeting, we will be giving out five £50 Liverpool One vouchers in a prize draw. Eligible students will have 100% attendance from Monday 6th November and no U codes – students will have arrived every day before the register closes. Moreover, look out for our 12 Days of Christmas attendance initiative which runs from Thursday 7th December. Fantastic prizes to be won and to enter: attend every day!

Community Engagement

As previously communicated: we recently launched our Community Hub which takes place every other Friday morning from 9-10.30am. So far, we have had representation from the ADHD Foundation and the Inclusive Hub. The purpose of our Hub is not only to build stronger links with the local community but also to provide a service. On Friday 8th December, we will have representation from the Fazakerley Federation - a fantastic local organisation working to support and improve living standards and outcomes for the local community. Please feel free to drop by for a coffee, a biscuit and a chat.

Character Education

The MAP is our approach to character education at Dixons Fazakerley. Our students are set a series of challenges to help them grow stronger in body and mind. There are over 65 different challenges, everything from leading a team warm-up activity to saying hello in five different languages or cooking a meal for their family - an excellent idea I am sure you will agree! This weekend students will be taking their MAP Booklets home. Please help them to accomplish as many of the challenges as possible because the more they complete, the more recognition and rewards they receive!

University Visits

At Dixons Fazakerley we want every student to experience what a university looks like because we know that university can really open doors to great life choices. This week our Year 10 students all visited the University of Chester. They learnt more about university life, experienced a campus tour and learnt about all the different courses that people can study at university, everything from astronomy to zoology! This coming week our Year 7 students are off to the University of Liverpool where they will attend an interactive 'Science is Cool' session - we are all very



excited! These experiences last long in the memory and help our students to realise that university is a really accessible pathway for them.

As always, thank you for your support and I hope that you feel your child is happy and healthy here at Dixons Fazakerley. If there are every any concerns please do contact us in school via telephone or email or attend the Drop In service we provide on a Friday so we can address those quickly for you. Wishing everyone a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Chris Wilson
Principal

