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Dear families

As our Year 11 students embark on their GCSE / BTEC studies and quickly re-adapt to Academy routines, we thought it important to write to you to provide an overview of the support they will receive, of your role in this and to clarify our expectations as an academy.

In our daily Morning Meeting sessions, Mr Gallagher and I have already started preparing our Y11 students for the challenging road ahead; we have been careful to emphasise that the staff of Dixons Fazakerley Academy stand with them shoulder to shoulder in this journey.

As a parent / carer, you will have your own role to play. Here is how you can help:

- Ensure 100% attendance
- Ensure 100% punctuality to school
- Ensure that they take part in after school learning activities
- Ensure that they complete all homework and revision tasks set

**Key dates for your diary for Cycle 1:**

*GCSE Ready Event: Thursday 22 September 4-6pm*

This will be an opportunity for you to visit the Academy to hear presentations from our English, Maths and Science Subject Leaders on how to prepare for and succeed at GCSE. There will also be a session on how we learn effectively.

*Y11 mocks: Monday 14 November to Thursday 24 November*

From the first day of term, one of the key messages we have shared is that in order to be successful, a lot of hard work and determination is required – having good intentions alone is not good enough. We have also explained to our Y11 cohort how Dixons' students are amongst the most successful at GCSE / BTEC in the country and how one of the main reasons for this is that they follow the academy instruction routines very closely – everything we do has been conceived with the idea in mind to maximise every learning opportunity and to build self-discipline.

We thank you for the continued support you have shown to Dixons Fazakerley Academy and, of course, to your young person as they embark on this stage of their journey towards the top of the mountain: gaining a place in university or a real alternative. We look forward to working in greater partnership with you in the weeks to come.

Yours faithfully

**Mr A. Roberts**  
Vice Principal

