

1 October 2021

Dear families

As you know our priority in recent weeks has been crafting an academic and focused culture, which ensures a calm learning environment where teachers are teaching and students are learning. Our routines, mantras and structures are all designed to support students to get it right first time, every time. Last night at our Class of 2027 Open Evening it was wonderful to see so many student ambassadors talking about the changes they have seen and the positive start to the year. I want to start this week's letter by saying a huge thank you to every student, colleague and family who supported it. I was really proud to see the support and engagement of our local community and I hope to see that relationship go from strength to strength in the coming years.

### **Appreciations**

As always, Friday has been full of appreciations for our students who have once again shown themselves to be outstanding individuals of character this week. We expect and explicitly teach and demonstrate manners, politeness and genuine mutual respect and this ethos sits at the heart of recognising the students below who have demonstrated integrity this week:

<https://www.dixonsfa.com/about/appreciations>

### **Class of 2022**

A special mention for our Class of 2022 (Year 11) students who are quickly approaching their first set of mocks and are showing determination every day in lessons, Morning Meeting and at after school classes. We have just received information about the adaptations that will be made to the GCSE examinations next summer; a longer explanation of these will be sent home to families of students in this year group early next week. Thank you to all families who attended the 'Conquering the Summit' evening and please find a link to the relevant resources below:

<https://www.dixonsfa.com/about/conquering-the-summit>

### **Assessments**

Years 7 – 10 will be undertaking assessments across their subjects in the next two weeks and these will focus on assessing the core knowledge and the application of our Knowledge Navigators, which are part of our approach to homework.

### **Class of 2026 Meet and Greet**

Families of our class of 2026 (Year 7) will have the opportunity to meet with Senior Leaders on Wednesday 6 October 5.00 – 6.30pm. We are hoping this will give families an opportunity to see the school and to hear about the work we are doing here at Dixons Fazakerley each and every day. We look forward to seeing you then.

### **COVID Vaccinations**

Thank you to parents who have completed the NHS form to confirm consent or not. We know that these vaccinations will be starting imminently across the city and we expect the students where family have given consent will likely be vaccinated in the coming days.



## **Corrections**

We have seen a significant improvement in the learning behaviours of many students as they have got used to doing the right thing and avoiding a same day correction. We have seen relatively few corrections for disturbing Morning Meeting and for inappropriate behaviour in Line Up. However, I do need to ask for your support around equipment and punctuality to school. We need students to have their equipment or to get it from the equipment store at the beginning of the day. We also need and expect every student to attend school on time; it may mean journeys need to be started earlier, alarms set a little earlier or if there is another barrier we can offer support with then please do let us know and we will do what we can to help your child be successful every day. We can only tackle punctuality and attendance by working together so please do give us your support and work with us to ensure every child is in school learning at 8.31am.

Another busy week at Dixons Fazakerley with lots of happy, focused and engaged young people and I, as always, want to thank you for your support. Every school is only as strong as the three way partnership between staff, students and families and, whilst there remains far to travel, I do feel this partnership is strengthening and is for the benefit of every student we serve. I will end by wishing you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully

**Chris Wilson**  
**Principal**  
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