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Dear families

Another week has flown by at Dixons Fazakerley and we continue to take steps forwards to improve our provision. We were joined by leaders from our partner Academies in Leeds and Bradford this week to review our Morning Meetings and the feedback was excellent. Students and staff were a credit to the wider community with students positively engaged and focused on learning from minute one. It was pleasing to see our progress being recognised as I know the vast majority of students are working so hard to climb their mountain every day and they deserve the praise they rightfully received. Another wonderful experience this week was walking into our academy restaurant and seeing students playing chess during lunchtime which appears to be making a comeback amongst young people; a chess club is one of the many enrichments we are offering after October half term and I hope students take advantage of those.

### **Appreciations**

The best bit of any Friday letter sees the students below recognised for their determination, integrity and respectful approach to academy life. We rightfully expect a lot from students, staff and families and by meeting those high expectations the students below are making a real commitment to their future and our academy community. Well done to all listed below and thank you for doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do.

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

### **Learning Habits**

At Dixons Fazakerley we have six learning habits and if students develop these habits they will move onto their future destinations with the professional behaviours they require to be employable candidates for any rewarding career they wish to pursue. We want the best for your child and I know you do too and sometimes the best thing is a correction which allows them to reflect, take responsibility for a choice they have made and learn the important life lesson that choices have consequences. I must reiterate a correction will not be cancelled or changed because it is inconvenient for families and therefore please do not contact the school to demand / ask this; instead, please support us and your child by working with them to identify how best to ensure the same does not occur in the future. Please see the video below for further clarity and explanation:

<https://www.dixonsfa.com/why/learning-habits>

### **Uniform**

I need 100% of families to support our expectations around uniform. We have come a long way since the very inconsistent uniform I saw when I first started at Fazakerley, however, we have seen a drop in standards this week and I am requesting your support to ensure this is nipped in the bud. Every child in Years 10 and 11 is required to wear a matching plain blazer with Years 7-9 expected to wear the academy blazer. Every student needs an A4 sized black rucksack to support them in carrying their booklets, planners, PE kits and equipment and finally plain black shoes are similarly the expectation for all students. Please ensure your child is ready to learn by working with them on ensuring all of the above are in place. Finally, our equipment list includes a PE kit when students have physical education and as we have provided one for all families in Years 8-11 and supported families in Year 7 where necessary we will now be issuing a correction if a PE kit is not brought in for the relevant lessons.



## **LGBTQ+ Forum**

One of our core values is respect and the shared understanding that we value everyone. Students who are part of the LGBTQ+ community can experience discrimination and under representation both in school and in wider society. We are determined to address this as a collective and the impending launch of our LGBTQ+ forum will be about providing a safe space to discuss experiences, support and the celebration of our diverse student population. I look forward to the forum meeting and learning from all students how we can make real our complete commitment to equality and diversity at Dixons Fazakerley.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend and I look forward to a productive and focused final week of the half term.

Yours faithfully

**Chris Wilson**  
**Principal**  
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