

22 October 2021

Dear families

A very busy half term draws to a close with school closing today and re-opening on Monday 1 November at 8.00am. I hope you and your child are able to reflect on the last eight weeks with a sense of satisfaction and pride at what has been achieved here at Dixons Fazakerley in recent weeks. We have a school now where the majority of students arrive promptly, are in the correct uniform, with the correct equipment, focused in lessons and completing meaningful homework. As always, I recognise we have far to go but it is pleasing to see the embedding of the green shoots which first emerged in early September. We have only taken these steps because parents and carers have supported our drive to improve and I wanted to say a heartfelt thank you for your commitment and time in working with us to help raise standards at Dixons Fazakerley.

### **Safeguarding**

We recognise that holidays can be as difficult as they can be restful depending on your child's and family circumstances. We have put together the first Safeguarding Newsletter of the half term with subsequent ones to follow every half term; our focus in this edition with a holiday coming up is on the mental health and wellbeing of students and what is available for students beyond our services in school. I hope you find the information useful and please find the newsletter at the link below:

<https://www.dixonsfa.com/why/safeguarding>

### **Appreciations**

A fantastic way to end the week and the half term is by recognising the students who continue to demonstrate our core values of determination, integrity and respect. Our students are brilliant and we have so many who choose to do the right thing because it is the right thing to do all day every day. I am also proud of the fact this list contains students who may have had an inconsistent start to the term but are now getting it right time after time. Please see the full list of appreciations below:

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

### **Preparation for next half term**

Starting a new half term is always a crucial moment for students as it sets the tone of what is to come and I would ask that you support your child by ensuring they have 100% perfect uniform (including no jewellery or fake nails). We also expect every student to have their PE kit ready for PE lessons and of course they should be carrying this in their plain black A4 sized rucksack.

Finally, another week of fixtures and extra-curricular has seen students competing in football fixtures, enjoying rugby league and taking part in rowing on the river Mersey. We are very fortunate to have the facilities both at school and so close to school to be able to do this and we are looking to build upon this in the future. I wish you and your loved ones a safe and restful half term holiday.

Yours faithfully

**Chris Wilson**  
**Principal**  
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