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Dear families

A very positive first week back at Dixons Fazakerley draws to a close and I want to start by thanking everyone for ensuring students were equipped, in the correct uniform and ready to learn when they returned after the half term. We were also delighted to learn we will be receiving a full year group of students in September 2022 and calls continue to come in every day asking if we have spaces so our waiting list is growing too. A significant improvement on our position in previous years and a real step forward for our school and community.

However, before I talk more about life within the Academy I want to touch upon the plight of those affected by the invasion of Ukraine by Vladimir Putin. All of us at Dixons Fazakerley hold the people who are suffering in this conflict in our thoughts and prayers and if you or your child are affected by this please let us know. We have discussed the situation in Morning Meeting and in lessons, however, the link below takes you to some relevant and appropriate resources to help you discuss this matter with your child:

[Home - CBBC Newsround](#)

Appreciations

As always, our students have done us proud this week with the appreciations which are given to students who have gone above and beyond to make a positive contribution to our Academy. Unfortunately due to some technical issues we are having today as we update our computer system the appreciations are not on the website yet. Please keep an eye on the link below as we hope to have them uploaded early next week.

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

Cycle 2 assessment results

Year 11 receive their mock results today and a mixture of joy and trepidation will be their response I am sure. Following these results, it is essential that every child builds upon these results by taking advantage of all the support we are offering in the form of enrichment and masterclasses. All other cycle 2 assessment results will come out in the next few weeks and I look forward to families receiving the latest update on their child's progress.

Year 8 Parents' Evening and Humanities Option

Year 8 Parents Evening takes place in the academy on Thursday 10 March from 4pm – 6pm so please do book appointments using your School Cloud account.

<https://fazakerley.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We will also be asking Year 8 students to choose which Humanities subject they would like to have additional input on during Year 9, namely, History or Geography with every student guaranteed one lesson of each but with an additional lesson every week in the subject they choose.



Priorities for the half term

Our priorities for this half term continue to include building that focused, academic culture that your child deserves with a real focus on ensuring not a minute of learning is lost to poor behaviour or slow transitions. Furthermore, we continue to improve our curriculum and teaching routines with a big focus on using teacher modelling to support all students in their learning. Finally, our improved approach to supporting students with additional needs means that interventions are up and running for students across all year groups and we will be continuing to improve our approach here. We are only able to keep improving our school because of your support which is deeply appreciated and valued so thank you and I wish everyone a safe and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Chris Wilson
Principal

