

1 April 2022

Dear families

I am delighted to write at the end of a very purposeful and positive week here at Dixons Fazakerley. I was really pleased to see so many families attending the Class of 2026 family evening last night and as always your support for your child's education really does make such a difference to the work we are all doing. Our students continue to climb their mountain to university or a real alternative with a renewed focus on what destinations they might want to access following recent work in lessons around careers.

On a separate note, as you will be aware, Dixons Fazakerley closes on Friday 8 April at 3pm for the Easter holidays. We reopen for students on Tuesday 26 April 2022 with an INSET day on Monday 25 April. I am sure all of our families and students are looking forward to a productive final week of the term and a restful break after that.

Appreciations

As always, we begin by recognising and celebrating our students who consistently demonstrate determination, integrity and respect. Please see our website: <https://www.dixonsfa.com/about/appreciations>

I would strongly encourage everyone to ask their child about the Golden Tickets our students are accumulating throughout the day. It is so pleasing that students are celebrating their achievements and recognition.

Executive Team Visit

We had the Dixons Academies Trust Executive Team visit this week and the feedback was very positive regarding the progress being made to give you and your child the school you deserve. However, more importantly the most generous feedback of all was that of our students who told visitors, *'the school has transformed', 'I am really proud of our school and how we are doing things differently now'*. And a really lovely one from a student who said *'we are a warm strict school now where students are really cared about but have to do what is expected so that everyone can learn'*. A wonderful testament to the hard work of staff, students and families in building a school we can all be proud of.

Extra-Curricular Activities

A wonderful week of extra curricular activities saw our students win through to the final of the Urban Debate League in London, embark upon rowing on the open water and attend a Maths conference in Bradford with students from across Dixons Academies Trust. We continue to build our offer and I look forward to furthering this in the coming months – a big well done to all of the students who represented Dixons Fazakerley so well this week.

Personal Development Studies

A quick update regarding our Personal Development Studies scheme of learning which sees students in Year 7 studying individual rights and democracy and with Years 8-11 looking at the ever relevant topics of consent, healthy relationships and keeping themselves as safe as possible online. Please take the time to discuss this with your child and reflect upon their learning.

As always, I wish you a safe and restful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back and ready to learn on Monday.

Yours faithfully

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