

1 July 2022

Dear families

A brilliant week at Dixons Fazakerley with students actually climbing mountains, positive feedback from visitors and the Year 11 Prom. The joyful events of this week are now possible due to the routines, structure and high expectations we continue to embed and it's been really pleasing to see the students recognise how far they have come this year on their personal and academic journey.

### **Climbing mountains**

At Dixons Fazakerley we often talk about climbing the mountain to university or a real alternative and our students show their determination to do this every day. Related to our mission we have arranged for all students to have the opportunity to climb a mountain (some may say, more of a large hill) this week and next. We have taken the classes of 2023 and 2024 on their expeditions so far and they were a credit to the Academy, our community and to you as their families. It was inspiring to see students overcome the challenges faced along the way including some strong showers on one trip and it was heart-warming to see smiles, good humour and real determination throughout both expeditions. Your child is capable of so much, as you will be aware and these expeditions have proven just that; it has been a privilege. We are Dixons Fazakerley and we climb mountains.

### **Positive feedback**

We had visitors to our school this week who were interested in the progress we have made over the course of the year and I am delighted to say that feedback was very complimentary. Our visitors recognised the warmth, respect and hard work of our students and commented on the calm and purposeful atmosphere in school in both the morning and afternoon lessons they visited. It has been a year of such change but when visitors from other schools come in and recognise the difference it reminds us all to be proud of the developments you and your child have helped to embed this year. We have much more to do and we continue to act on your feedback to refine our work, communication and make sure this is a school the whole community can be rightly proud of.

### **Year 11 Prom**

A lovely event to end the year with Year 11 who enjoyed a joyous celebration of their time at Fazakerley with an end of year prom. It was a really positive event with special memories created for a great year group as they embark on their next steps. Thank you to all of the staff, students and families who made the prom such a success.

### **End of year arrangements**

A reminder that students break up at 3.30pm on Wednesday 13 July. The school office will remain open on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 July 8am – 3pm but will then close for the summer holidays.

Whilst I recognise many will be looking forward to the summer break we have two important weeks left to ensure students continue to learn and continue to grow. I wish everyone a restful weekend and look forward to seeing all students on Monday at 8.30am.

Yours faithfully

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