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Dear families

It is brilliant to be writing to you as students have returned to school from the summer holiday – it has been so lovely to welcome students back and I really want to thank you for all of your support in ensuring such a positive start. As we enter my third year as Principal at Dixons Fazakerley I can see just how far we have come and the great start students have made this year is testament to all of our hard work.

Uniform looks really good, lessons are focused and students are polite, kind and warm as always so please encourage your child to keep this up!

### **Praise and Recognition**

One of the things you asked for as families were more updates regarding the positive praise we give in school and we have starting sending texts this week regarding your child's Golden Tickets and Appreciations alongside increasingly regular reward certificates and positive phone calls home.

### **Uniform**

Students in all year groups look great in their new uniforms; a fantastic effort from everyone as well in ensuring all year groups know how to tie their ties to an appropriate length. It has been refreshingly positive to see students all wearing the Dixons Fazakerley school bag and it has removed a real source of conflict from the beginning of term so thank you again for your support.

### **SEND Update**

A quick note to remind all families that Ms McKee is our Acting SENCO currently and for the foreseeable future; if you have any questions or queries please email Ms McKee at [kmckee@dixonsat.com](mailto:kmckee@dixonsat.com)

We will be hosting family meetings and Drop Ins in the coming weeks where you will get to meet Ms McKee if you have not already.

### **Attendance**

If students are in school at Dixons Fazakerley they get really positive GCSE results and this was born out again in the summer – children who attend get the grades they need for their next steps. Your child's success rests on you ensuring they get to school each and every day and on time. We have seen some positive steps in recent months in this area but it remains our biggest improvement area as a school so let's all pull together to ensure every child is in every single day.

### **New Staff**

Finally, a quick note to welcome our new colleagues to Dixons Fazakerley who have joined our mission to ensure your child succeeds at university or a real alternative. We have new colleagues in our Mountain Rescue provision, across our teaching body and in key leadership positions – I am proud of the team of colleagues we have assembled and they are already having a positive impact. I know you will welcome them to DFA and I look forward to you meeting them in the coming months.

As always, I wish all families a restful and safe weekend.

Yours faithfully

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