

12 July 2022

Dear families

My final letter of the academic year sees a very positive term at Dixons Fazakerley draw to a close. Our students have enjoyed the summer term with improved behaviour and focus in class, lots of extra-curricular activities and Golden Tickets galore in recognition of their efforts. I know we are all rightly proud of the way in which the young people of Dixons Fazakerley have grown this year and I look forward to seeing them after their well-earned summer rest.

### **Appreciations**

Our appreciations below recognise the determination, integrity and respect of those students who go above and beyond on a regular basis. A huge well done to all whom are listed below:

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

### **End of School Year**

Our school year draws to a close for students on Wednesday 13 July at 3.30pm. The school office will be open 8am – 3pm on Thursday 14 July and 8am – 2pm on Friday 15 July. After this time the school is closed for the summer and staff are on holiday. As a result if you need support in an emergency please contact the Police first and foremost and then if you think it is something we need to be aware of please email the inbox below which will be checked every week: [safeguarding@dixonsfa.com](mailto:safeguarding@dixonsfa.com).

### **Summer Support**

I appreciate that the summer can be a very challenging time and as we navigate a cost of living crisis I wanted to flag up some of the support available so please find links below regarding Free School Meals, children eating free or for reduced prices and links to local and national support hubs:

[Free school meals \(moneysavingexpert.com\)](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/free-school-meals)

[Where kids can eat free in the UK | Families Online](#)

[HAF \(Holiday Activities and Food\) Programme – Merseyside Play Action Council \(merseyplay.com\)](#)

[Help in a crisis - Liverpool City Council](#)

[Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)

### **September 2022**

We have a staggered start to our new school year with the new Year 7 and Year 11 returning on Thursday 1 September. Years 8,9 and 10 return on Friday 2 September. As always, the school gate closes at 8.30am and the expectation is that students are in full uniform and ready to learn. We have been very clear about uniform expectations as laid out in the letters on the link below and I would ask families to ensure no jewellery is worn (recent piercings is not a valid excuse) and that fake or painted nails do not remain on for the start of the new term.

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

### **Departing Staff**

As the year draws to a close we have a number of colleagues moving on to pastures new both within and outside of education. Mr Swift, Mr Ihenacho, Mrs Gousiou and Mr Anderton have all served our community with dedication and distinction for a number of years and we wish them all well as they move on to new opportunities.



I want to end this letter by paying tribute to everyone who has helped and supported our Academy to grow and flourish this year. Firstly, a huge thank you to all of you reading this letter – we rely on your support and hard work to ensure our children can thrive and it has been a pleasure getting to know families over this academic year.

Secondly, a huge thank you to staff who work tirelessly every single day to serve our community and without whom none of the successes of the last 12 months would have been possible. Finally, a huge thank you to the warm, kind and brilliant young people of Dixons Fazakerley – I love my job and that is because of the young people we serve and just how much they brighten each and every single day. I wish everyone a safe, restful and harmonious summer holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Yours faithfully

**Chris Wilson**  
**Principal**  
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