

13 May 2022

Dear families

I hope that you are well and enjoying the beginnings of summer as the days grow longer and a little warmer. I am conscious, however, that the challenges of the cost of living are biting especially hard for many families currently and if this impacting you and your child then please talk to us about the situation and we can help or signpost to help as appropriate. We are a community and pride ourselves on working collectively to address the challenges we may face.

Appreciations

As always, we begin with a link to the appreciations our wonderful students have received this week. If your child has been recognised below it will be as a result of demonstrating determination, integrity and respect that goes above and beyond the already high expectations we have for our children. It is always a pleasure to share student successes: <https://www.dixonsfa.com/about/appreciations>

Year 11 Exams and Prom

It is that crucial time period for Year 11 now with exams having started and more coming thick and fast as the days go by. We are hosting revision spaces and sessions before exams and these start from 7.30 am for 9.00 am exams so please encourage your child to take advantage of these. I must reiterate how important it is that Prom payments are made by next Friday 20 May 2022. If we do not receive more payments we will have to take the decision to cancel this year's Prom and that would be disappointing for all I know.

Supporting Reading at Dixons Fazakerley

One of our key priorities as a school has been to address the very low reading ages some of our students have in comparison to their actual age. As you will be aware I have frequently stated that the biggest impact a family can have on their child, after a loving home, is to read to and with them. In school, to support this work we have invested heavily in our Lexonik Leap and Advance programmes and the first round of testing suggests this is having a hugely positive impact on the reading abilities of students whom have undertaken it. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and families who have made this possible.

Catbells

Our first expedition is planned for the final half term of the year with students having the opportunity to literally climb a mountain in the form of Catbells. We have distributed permission slips to Years 7 – 10 and uptake has been excellent with numbers to be finalised next week. If you do want your child to attend then please return the letter below if you have not already done so. I am really looking forward to seeing our students demonstrate the grit and determination they possess in conquering a very real mountain; it should be a wonderful experience.

Finally, as always, I wish you a restful weekend and thank you for your ongoing support in helping Dixons Fazakerley improve and grow as one unified community. As a visitor to our Academy stated yesterday, 'It is a pleasure to walk round a school where I would be happy to send my own children.' Of course, much to do and hard work lies ahead but it was lovely to hear that from a visitor.

Yours faithfully

Chris Wilson
Principal
Dixons Fazakerley Academy



9 May 2022

Dear families

We are incredibly excited to announce Dixons Fazakerley Academy's first expedition to the Lake District, taking place this summer.

All Dixons schools have the same mission: to help all students climb their mountain to university or a real alternative. We believe it is the right of every child to experience climbing an actual mountain, so that our vision can become a relatable goal for our students.

Our chosen mountain is Catbells, an iconic fell near Keswick in the Lake District. The expedition will take place for all students. This recognises our 100% culture and belief that no child should be left behind. Catbells provides panoramic views of Derwentwater and the surrounding fells, showing students just what is possible through hard work, grit, determination and mutual support.

Expedition Dates

Year 10: Tuesday 28 June

Year 9: Wednesday 29 June

Year 8: Tuesday 5 July

Year 7: Wednesday 6 July

We would appreciate parental contributions to make the expedition possible. The amount is £10 to be paid via ParentPay.

Please complete the permission slip below to guarantee your child a place on the expedition. Further information about the itinerary, kit list and expectations will follow in future letters.

Yours faithfully

Mr B Ashcroft
Assistant Principal
Dixons Fazakerley Academy



I give permission for _____ Form: _____ to attend the Catbells
Lake District Expedition this summer.

Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

