

14 January 2022

Dear families

A really positive week here at Dixons Fazakerley draws to a close with lots going on for our students and whole school community. Students have been really positive this week and have embraced our Learning Habits and new focus on calm corridors and quick transitions. As always, our students rise to the expectations we hold for them and continue to work with us to help improve our Academy and it is clear that the consistency of expectations and routines is reassuring for our students as they have returned following the holidays and Covid-19 disruption.

Appreciations

A great effort from the students below who have demonstrated our core values of determination, respect and integrity throughout the week:

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

Calm Corridors and Quick Transitions

At Dixons Fazakerley we are clarifying our expectations around corridor behaviour and transitions between lessons. We know that our students feel happy and safe in an orderly environment where respect is modelled, relationships are enhanced and learning time is maximised.

When driving on roads we have rules. Similarly, on corridors we have rules. We expect students to walk on the left, in single file and track the front. This will allow all students to benefit from calm corridors and quiet transitions. A chaotic atmosphere is something no one wants. We make these expectations crystal clear during assemblies and throughout the academy day. Students will receive a correction if their behaviour is in direct contravention of these expectations.

If students are found out of bounds, which is an area of the school students are not allowed in, they will be issued with a correction.

<https://www.dixonsfa.com/why/corridors-and-transitions>

Student Leadership Team

At Dixons Fazakerley we are extremely proud to present our first Student Leadership Team. This comprises Head Students; Deputy Head Students and Student Leaders for the respective year groups. Our Student Leadership Team will begin their work by launching our first Anti-Bullying Campaign.

Alongside their many duties, they will:

- Act as role models for younger students
- Provide tours for the growing number of people visiting our academy
- Interview prospective candidates who want to work at our amazing school
- Deliver assemblies to year groups in line with our school priorities - anti-bullying and celebrating diversity
- Organise drop in sessions for students who might be struggling with their mental or physical wellbeing

Their names are as follows:

Head Students: **Callum A and Esther A**

Deputy Head Students: **Emma H and Diana R**

Student Leader (Year 7): **Esther E and Joe E-L**, Student Leader (Year 8): **Wisdom J and Leah P**

Student Leader (Year 9): **James W and Louie D**, Student Leader (Year 10): **Karam E-L and Mahmoud I**

We look forward to capturing more student views in the near future so that we can truly make a difference to the life chances of our young people.



Citizens UK

As the second highest performing Academy Trust in the UK, we know that education is the biggest driver of social mobility in families and communities, we are working hard to improve that for our students in a model that we know works. We also know that there are external factors that influence the lives of our families and communities that need addressing so we have joined Citizens UK as a founder member in Liverpool. This will enable us to fight for the rights of our students, parents and carers and influence policy makers to make permanent changes.

I attended the first meeting last term and between now and the next meeting in January, I really need to find out what matters to you, in our community. This has a closing date of 30 January 2022.

If you want your voice to be heard, please complete the MS Form by clicking here.

<https://forms.office.com/r/nFyU2WgGfB>

Thank you, again, for your support and commitment to helping us improve and develop as an Academy. It is really positive to see the number of applications we have received for transfers to Dixons Fazakerley with numbers of students on roll now significantly higher than at the start of the year. Whilst we have much to do it is great to hear prospective families and students talk about wanting to join our Academy. I look forward to seeing all students continue to climb their mountain to university or a real alternative next week but ahead of that I wish you and your loved ones a safe and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Chris Wilson
Principal
Dixons Fazakerley Academy