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Dear families

Another positive week here at Dixons Fazakerley with students embracing the opportunities offered with a real sense of determination and integrity. We continue to see improvements in our culture and the focus in classrooms has been excellent this week including in today's tropical heat. Our students continue to rise to the high expectations we all hold for them and I am proud of the work they and our families are doing to support our improvement journey.

### **Appreciations**

As always, we start with our weekly appreciations which recognise those students who have gone above and beyond this week in demonstrating our core values of determination, integrity and respect. Please see the link below to access our weekly appreciations:

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

### **Safeguarding**

At Dixons Fazakerley we support all of our students by talking openly about harmful behaviours students across the nation sometimes demonstrate and are exposed to; we do this so that your child can make appropriate, respectful and safe choices. As a result, with the weather warming this week, I wanted to remind all families to discuss the danger of students swimming and jumping into open water with your child. Sadly, as a country we can see an increase in tragedies related to open water at this time and I hope we can all work together to lower that risk for our children.

### **Pride Month 2022**

We talked to students this week about Pride month and why it is such an important time in the annual calendar for all members of a respectful and inclusive society. Pride month, as I am sure many of you are already aware is an opportunity to celebrate the contribution members of the LGBTQ+ community have made to the world. It is also an event that allows everyone to call out and challenge homophobic and transphobic behaviour, actions and legislation. Finally, Pride month is empowering as it enables the LGBTQ+ community and their supporters to make a clear declaration of intent that they will continue to demand equality moving forwards and will not be cowed by intimidation and discrimination. I am proud to support Pride month and I hope you are too.

### **Extra-Curricular Success**

Students from the class of 2026 and 2025 competed in the city wide athletics championships this week. We had a number of podium finishes with some brilliant performances on the track and in the field. The standard of competition was outstanding, and our boys showed fantastic determination and respect throughout the whole day. Furthermore our Debate Mate team enjoyed a brilliant day at the National Debate Mate finals with students scoring collective and individual plaudits for their persuasive and compelling arguments. Finally, a growing number of students are increasingly taking part in our board games clubs before school and at lunchtime with a variety of games being played and enjoyed by students from all year groups. It always brings such pleasure to see students enjoying their extra-curricular clubs in this way after two years of having these opportunities limited by the pandemic.

As always, I wish everyone a restful and safe weekend and looking forward to welcoming students on Monday for a prompt 8.30am start.

Yours faithfully

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