

18 November 2022

Dear families

It has been a wonderful week here at Dixons Fazakerley Academy, and we have really focused on 'finding the joy' with our students and celebrating some lovely events.

### **Year 7 Meet and Greet**

Thank you to all Year 7 families who came out to visit us on Wednesday evening as part of our Year 7 Meet and Greet evening. I really enjoyed explaining some of the nice trips, visits and events we had celebrated recently and meeting so many families with their children. There was a great opportunity afterwards to have a tour of the building or meet advisors and see how your children are settling in.

### **University of Liverpool Trip and Liverpool Docks Regeneration Program**

We have had two wonderful trips and visits this week. For the first time ever all of our Year 7 students have visited the University of Liverpool and experienced a taster day of academic sessions, had a tour of the campus and got to ask lots of questions about university life. At Dixons Fazakerley, our mission is to ensure that each student succeeds at university or a real alternative, and visiting the University of Liverpool helps to connect us to that goal early on.

In addition to this, Dixons Fazakerley Academy has been invited to be a part of the Liverpool Dock's Regeneration Program. The City of Liverpool are spending tens of millions of pounds regenerating the docks, and have acquired an award winning architect to lead the project. Students in Year 9 and Year 10 visited the Maritime Museum on Wednesday to meet the architect and team behind the project, hear all about the history of the docks and share some of their views. This project will continue over the course of the year and is an event our students will remember forever.

### **Anti-Bullying Week and Reach Out Campaign**

This week we have all been promoting and celebrating Anti-Bullying Week, this year's theme is Reach Out. As part of this, we have introduced our first ever 'pop-up' event and asked our children to "Reach Out with Kindness" to one another. During break and lunch on Wednesday, children visited our pop-up stand in the main mall and wrote messages of kindness to one another. We have placed some wonderful photographs on our twitter feed [@dixonsfa](https://twitter.com/dixonsfa), if you would like to see these. All across the academy, further events have underpinned our work in this area, and children have taken part in assemblies and messages during Morning Meeting. Teachers have been promoting the event in their classrooms and students have been completing activities based on Anti-Bullying throughout the week. We have been incredibly proud of how well our students have responded to this national event, and understand that at DFA, bullying is never tolerated.

### **Data and Planning Day**

As a reminder, we have a Data and Planning Day on Friday 25 November and students will not be in the academy on this day. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the academy on Monday 28 November.

I wish you and your family a peaceful and restorative weekend break, and I look forward to welcoming all of our students back at 8:30am on Monday morning.

Yours faithfully

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