

20 October 2023

Dear families

The end of an incredibly busy half term at Dixons Fazakerley which sees us celebrating the significant improvements visible at DFA this year. We were fortunate to be joined by a local Principal this week who described our students as 'delightful' and recognised that the 'school has clearly improved' and is 'so much calmer and more purposeful' than when they visited a few years ago. I am so proud to be the Principal of Dixons Fazakerley and it is right that our students and staff should be recognised for their hard work and achievements.

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Today we will be presenting five students with £50 Liverpool One vouchers for 100% attendance over the last two weeks. This term, more students have been attending more frequently and have been on time to school than ever. We salute these students for their determination to climb their mountain to university or a real alternative. Being in school every day means more learning and, of course, fewer lessons missed. Next term, we go for 100% - great attendance means great outcomes which lead to a better life. Thank you for your support.

Extra-Curricular Success

It has been another amazing week for our students on the extra-curricular front with more students taking part in activities than ever before! On Tuesday, all Year 11 students visited the UK University and Apprenticeships Fair at Anfield Stadium. This was a great opportunity to learn more about what life is like at university and what courses are available. Year 8 boys played a scintillating football fixture against Archbishop Beck and won 5-3! Teachers from both schools commented on how the game was played in good spirits with genuine mutual respect shown throughout. On Wednesday Year 7 and 8 girls took part in a city wide football tournament. They showed real grit and determination when playing a series of fixtures, well done to all! On Friday our anti-racism ambassadors attended an event at the University of Liverpool and the Museum of Slavery, an event really important during the course of Black History Month. Well done to all students who have taken part and we look forward to even more opportunities after half term!

Student Edurio Survey

Our student Edurio online survey closed this week and I will report back findings and subsequent actions after the half term holiday.

Staying Safe

Looking after our wellbeing and that of our children is always a priority. There are many factors that can impact on a child's wellbeing and mental health, the change of season can affect our mood particularly as we go into the winter months. It is important to encourage our children to stay active and spend time outdoors getting some fresh air, exercise and daylight as this has a positive impact on our wellbeing and mental health, however sometimes our children may need additional support. Listen to your child and if you feel they need help you can report any concerns raised using the contacts below. Children can also self-refer:

Services:

Kooth – An anonymous site which helps children and young people feel safe and confident in exploring their concerns and seeking professional support. Sign up online for text support.

<https://www.Kooth.com>

Childline - A reporting and counselling service for children and young people. It is a Freephone line. Call: 0800 1111



YPAS – Mental health and wellbeing support for children and young people. YPAS offer drop in sessions across Liverpool. Call 0151 707 1025 for further information. Email: support@ypas.org.uk

CAMHS - The Liverpool CAMHS Partnership offers emotional and mental health support for children and young people in Liverpool. In the case of a mental health crisis call CAMHS Crisis Line – 0151 293 3577 or CAMHS Crisis Care Freephone: 0808 196 3550

Careline – Liverpool Careline child services manages all child social care enquiries and referrals. You can contact them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to report a safeguarding concern about a child.
Call: 0151 233 3700

In case of an emergency always call 999 and ask for the relevant service.

As of 20 October at 300pm the Academy will be closed for two weeks but we look forward to welcoming students back promptly on Monday 6 November. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing all families a restful half term holiday.

Yours faithfully

Mr Wilson
Principal
Dixons Fazakerley Academy

