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Dear families

A busy week draws to a close again and this week I wanted to share with you some of the highlights. Football fixtures have been played, student leadership meetings held, ski trips have been announced and, most important of all, lessons have been participated in across the academy. I am delighted that our lessons are more purposeful with learning modes, standardised routines and a great curriculum and, as evident in my own Year 7 History class, students are positively engaged and learning.

I also wanted to share with you an outstanding Ofsted report from our sister school Dixons Trinity Chapletown. The curriculum, which we have adopted here, is spoken about glowingly. The changes we are making here are based upon this school and other similar schools in Dixons Academies Trust. [Click here to view the report.](#)

Appreciations

As always, we start this letter by sharing the successes of our students who have been recognised for demonstrating our core values of determination, integrity and respect on a consistent basis. Well done to everybody listed below and I am sure you will join everyone in school in congratulating these students on their successes:

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

Lexonik Reading Programmes

Recent reading age tests have shown that for some of our students their reading age is not yet at their chronological age and therefore as a school we have invested a significant amount of money and resource in the nationally renowned Lexonik Reading Programmes. We have established a rolling cycle of support and you will be informed directly if your child requires this support and when it will run. I wanted to share the link below as it gives an excellent overview of the programme and advice and support for families when it comes to supporting reading which is the greatest key anyone can have when it comes to unlocking academic success:

<https://lexonik.co.uk/resources/parent-platform/>

My Sentence

We talk a lot about the shared mission of the academy here at Dixons Fazakerley and that we hope to ensure, when we look back on our time together, that every child succeeded at university, or a real alternative, thrived in a rewarding career and had a happy and purposeful life. However, we also talk to students about the importance of a personal mission, a legacy that we can be proud of and therefore 'My Sentence' is really important as it speaks of a core purpose for your child. We have been working on this in recent Morning Meetings so please do ask your child about their sentence and the impact they wish to have on the world – it is a really inspiring thing to hear students in Years 7 through to 11 articulating the difference they hope to make and I am really proud of our young people for their work on this.

Finally, I hope you and your loved ones enjoy a restful and enjoyable weekend and are safe and well. I am proud of the improvement journey we are undertaking together as the community of Dixons Fazakerley and please do let us know if you have any questions, suggestions or would like any clarifications by contacting the school office. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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