

23 September 2022

Dear families

Firstly, let me welcome everyone to the new academic year; I was planning to write to you, as always, on previous Fridays but our communications during the period of national mourning were respectfully limited. However, I am delighted to say we have enjoyed a positive start to the year here at Dixons Fazakerley with the vast majority of students returning in perfect uniform and ready to learn. I have been especially impressed by the focus in classrooms early in the year as students continue to climb the mountain to university or a real alternative; it has been a start to term filled with our core values of determination, integrity and respect.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

All students this week have received a letter outlining the after school clubs we will be running this term; we have a huge range of sporting and social clubs with book clubs, rugby, dance and world cinema a small sample of what is available. We strongly encourage every student to do at least one extra-curricular club a week to broaden their experiences and to meet new friends. Thank you for supporting your child to take advantage of these.

<https://www.dixonsfa.com/about/extra-curricular-electives>

### **Appreciations and Golden Tickets**

At Dixons Fazakerley, we believe in rewarding students through appreciation and recognition which is proven to support the building of internal motivation which underpins life-long success. We use two mechanisms in particular to recognise the great work of our students and they are weekly Appreciations and our Golden Tickets. Appreciations are weekly and they come through on the Bromcom App to all families and are celebrated in our Friday morning meetings. Our Golden Tickets are awarded to one student every lesson for going above and beyond and we would encourage all families to be asking about them and encouraging students to try and secure as many as possible.

### **Class of 2023 – Conquering the Summit Evening**

A brilliant evening yesterday with Year 11 students and families attending an evening about how students can begin their revision journey now to help prepare fully for their GCSE exams in the coming summer term. Revisions guides and revision materials were provided and families offered wonderful feedback including 'we cannot thank you enough for everything' and 'tonight was so helpful in so many ways'. As a school community it is this genuine partnership between school and home that underpins all we do and it was a very positive first family event this year so thank you to all who came.

### **Upcoming Events**

We have our Year 6 Open Evening on Wednesday 28 September 4-6pm and we look forward to welcoming prospective families to hear all about Dixons Fazakerley and how we seek to help every child succeed at university, thrive in a rewarding career and have a happy and purposeful life. If you know anyone who is considering which secondary school is for them moving forwards please let us know.

We also have our Year 7 Meet and Greet event on 6 October 4-6pm where there is an opportunity for families to meet with the Senior Leadership Team to discuss the academy in general and any queries you may have.

I wish every family a restful weekend and look forward to seeing students arriving on Monday before 8.30am ready to learn and ready for a successful week ahead.

Yours faithfully

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