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Dear families

As we end another busy week I want to thank everyone for their support during testing times with significant student absence and increased staff absence ensuring we have all had to pull together to make this week the success it has been. I am very proud of the way in which students and colleagues have worked hard to ensure that together we have been able to ensure children are learning and teachers are teaching.

### **Appreciations and Positive Learning Comments**

We have so many students who get it right every day and they demonstrate determination, integrity and respect each and every day and it's lovely to be able to celebrate them every week. Please see this week's appreciations here: <https://www.dixonsfa.com/about/appreciations>

Furthermore, in lessons we encourage staff to recognise the contributions your child makes in class and where they consistently embody hard work, doing the right thing and valuing others we ask staff to put positive learning comments in your child's planner. Please check your child's planner and discuss positive learning comments with them.

### **Anti-Bullying Campaign**

This week we have launched our anti-bullying campaign called #OneKindWord. This campaign has been led by our student leaders who have delivered assemblies to every year group. As a school we seek to eradicate all types of bullying and ensure that every young person joins a joyful and respectful school culture each and every day.

Next week we look forward to drop-in sessions available for all students who have witnessed or experienced bullying. They will gain the certainty that issues will be dealt with promptly in a supportive manner. We would like to ask families to support our campaign by encouraging their child to be polite and courteous at all times and to say #OneKindWord to at least one person each and every day. Together we can make a school for everyone.

### **Year 11 Masterclasses**

In preparation for their upcoming mock examinations which start on Monday 31 January, our Year 11 students have demonstrated real determination this week by engaging in live English, Maths and Science Masterclasses delivered centrally by the Trust. From 6.00pm to 6.45pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Dixons subject experts have put our students through their paces by delivering key knowledge which will prove very useful in next week's examinations. Out of all the secondary academies in the Trust, Dixons Fazakerley students topped the charts in terms of attendance. We are really proud of their commitment and it is great to see so many students choosing to make the most of the support we are offering. We wish every Year 11 student well with their upcoming mock exams.

<https://www.dixonsfa.com/about/conquering-the-summit>

### **Year 9 options**

Year 9 students reached an important milestone in their climb up the mountain to university or a real alternative this week as they began to select their options for study in Years 10 and 11. Mr Roberts delivered a launch assembly on Thursday and was delighted by the maturity shown and thoughtful questions asked. All of the options materials have been uploaded to our Academy website and students will be making their choices by Monday 7 February. A big thank you to the families who were able to make it to our SLT drop-in session on Thursday evening where they got the opportunity to talk to an independent careers advisor. It was a pleasure to see your support and enthusiasm for the next stage of the journey. If you have any questions at all regarding options please email Mr Roberts, Deputy Headteacher, at [robertsa@fazakerleyhigh.org](mailto:robertsa@fazakerleyhigh.org) and he will be happy to assist.

<https://www.dixonsfa.com/about/year-9-options-evening>



## **Learning Habits**

We have made real progress in introducing the basic learning habits you would expect to see in most schools including the expectation that your child is equipped for school, in the correct uniform, punctual to school and lessons and remains on task throughout their learning. A calmer, more productive and happier school is the result with a recent visitor to the school commenting on the transformation in terms of focus and behaviour. However, we do want to improve behaviour on corridors during transitions between lessons and at break and lunchtime so we have worked with our students to ensure they have clarity on how to calmly and sensibly move from one part of the building to the other. We expect walking not running, talking in quiet partners not shouting and for students to avoid any areas which are out of bounds. Please talk to your child and remind them that from next week corrections will be issued for poor behaviour on corridors or for being out of bounds. We have done assemblies with students regarding this and have practised how we should transition so I believe everyone is capable of doing the right thing and getting it right first time, every time.

As always, thank you for your support and please do get in touch if there is anything you would like to discuss or that we can help with. I wish you and your loved ones a safe and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

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