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Dear families

Thank you for your support in ensuring students at Dixons Fazakerley have enjoyed a positive and purposeful start back this week. I have been pleased with the standards of uniform and equipment and your help in ensuring those foundations are in place is very much appreciated.

Our focus for the coming week is our core value of determination; we never give up. No matter how challenging things get we keep on climbing. Please talk to your child about how they might demonstrate this at home and in school next week.

### **Appreciations**

As always, we begin with a recognition of those students whom have gone above and beyond in demonstrating our core values of determination, integrity and respect. Please our weekly appreciations below and do take the time to celebrate these with your child and to discuss how they might be on the list below next week:

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

### **Attendance**

Our number one priority this half term is improving our attendance. We want to work with families to ensure every student is in school every single day. A crucial factor here is the message you give your child around the expectation they are in school all day every day including on those days where they may not feel as motivated as others. Education is an entitlement and an expectation and therefore our current attendance figures are simply not good enough; please support us by communicating with us regarding any barriers your child may face and by making sure your child is in school every day despite the challenges we all may face.

### **Debate Mate**

A brilliant week for the Debate Mate team at Dixons Fazakerley who won the regional competition with a series of successful debates that saw them compete against schools from across the city. Our students demonstrated their academic abilities by constructing well reasoned and evidenced arguments whilst also showing their passion through articulate and succinct performances. We are so proud of the students who took part and the fact they were from across all year groups in the Academy is particularly pleasing. I am really looking forward to our students showcasing their talents at the national finals in the coming months.

### **Mentors in Violence Prevention**

A group of our Year 10 Students were involved this week in producing a promotional film for this great initiative. Mentors in Violence Prevention trains older students to mentor peers in Years 7 and 8 in regard to how to resolve conflict, build positive relationships and work within our community to reduce and avoid violence. Our students have made such an impression during their work on this that we have been asked to work with an external media company to promote this programme at a national level. Another example of our students shining when given the chance to do so and further reinforcement that we work with truly brilliant students each and every day.

I hope you feel as proud as I do of the students of Dixons Fazakerley whom have repeatedly shown their talents, determination and wider contribution to the local community this week. As always, I will end by wishing you a restful and safe weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday following the bank holiday Monday.

Yours faithfully

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