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Dear families

A busy week at Dixons Fazakerley draws to a close with a real focus on the co-curriculum this week in my update to you all. Our co-curriculum are the activities, enrichment and clubs that we seek to offer students beyond the formal curriculum.

### **World Book Day**

On Thursday 2 March, we celebrated World Book Day. There were activities across the day to help students develop a love of reading. During Morning Meeting, after sharing their own passion for reading, the Heads of Year announced the two book-related competitions (which will run until 23rd March). The first competition is for students to write a short story based on the title: "A memorable journey". The second competition is for students to design a book cover. The winning entries of each competition will receive a £20 Waterstones voucher. Following on from Morning Meeting, students had the pleasure of seeing their teachers dress up as popular book characters, ranging from Professor Snape to the entire cast of The Wizard of Oz. During their English lessons, students were exposed to literature from a diverse range of authors. Our pupils enjoyed the opportunity to read for pleasure and share their thoughts on some of the lesser-known literary texts. Hearing our students talk about their love of literature and how they plan to re-read some of their favourite books was perhaps the biggest success of the day. Overall, World Book Day was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for both staff and students, and we look forward to the next big celebration of the literary arts.

### **Edge Hill University Trip**

Year 9 and 10 students had a fabulous day at Edge Hill University this week. Whilst they were there they heard a number of different talks about what a typical university is like. This included an understanding of the fantastic opportunities there are to participate in a wide variety of sports and societies and also ways of reducing financial barriers of going to University. They also had a tour of the campus, saw what industry-standard recording studios are like and even had time to study some University level Maths lessons. Feedback stated our students were 'exemplary' and 'a credit to the school and their families'. Well done Team Fazakerley!

### **National Careers Week**

As I referenced last week, we are delighted to be celebrating National Careers Week (Monday 6 - Friday 10 March) with a variety of activities in and out of lessons as we encourage all students to think carefully about their future aspirations and what they need to do to get there. It always works best when you support events such as this by asking questions at home, discussing the activities students have done in school and sharing your own career experiences and what you learned from them.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

We have begun to take some important first steps as we improve our attendance and I thank everyone for your support with this. Can I please reiterate the important of punctuality as well – we have far too many students arriving late currently and as a result missing out on crucial learning in their Morning Meeting time or into period one. Punctuality is a habit all of us have to learn and that learning should be done ahead of students entering the world of employment whereby every child will be expected to adhere to starting times. Set an alarm, cajole sleepy heads and ensure your child is in school on time please – you are the defining factor in this and we need your support.



## **Class of 2028**

National offer day saw Dixons Fazakerley go over PAN to accommodate the number of children joining us in September 2023. We are delighted to welcome so many new (and old) families to Dixons Fazakerley and if your child is joining us then thank you for putting your trust in us to ensure they receive an excellent education. Further information is on its way in a separate letter we have posted home.

A final note is to remind everyone that students are not in school next Friday, 10 March, as we have our data and planning day. I wish you and your child a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone promptly on Monday morning at 8.30am.

Yours faithfully

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