

30 September 2022

Dear families

We come to the end of a very busy week at Dixons Fazakerley with lots of visitors observing our hard working and committed students continuing to flourish. It is so positive to see visitors witness what we are building at DFA and leave with the knowledge of what we know to be true which is that our children are brilliant and have so much to offer the world. I know you will agree and encourage you to ask about all of the Golden Tickets and Appreciations students have received this week.

Attendance

We are an improving school with significant steps having been made to teaching and culture; we now have a calm and focused school where children can learn and teachers can teach. However, we have a significant challenge we must work together to overcome and that is school attendance. Students who attend less than 97% of days in school miss out on the grades they need to be successful in life; I need every family to support us in ensuring every student is in school every single day. If anything at all is getting in the way of that then please let us know – don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve – make sure they are in school.

Extra-Curricular Programme

Our programme of extra-curricular activities is up and running and I would encourage all families to look at the offer on our website: <https://www.dixonsfa.com/about/extra-curricular-electives>

We hope to see every student take advantage of our offer so that they can experience an enriching activity beyond our formal curriculum; please do discuss this with your child. I am particularly excited by the board game club and the World cinema club although I know for many of our students the return of extra-curricular music lessons and Friday's badminton club has been very well received.

Open Evening

On Wednesday this week we enjoyed a really positive Open Evening with families enjoying a tour and several mini lessons. It was wonderful to get really positive feedback about the evening and colleagues but the most brilliant feedback was reserved for our fantastic student ambassadors who were warm, knowledgeable and praised for their professional and confident approach. Thank you to all of our students who took part and if you are considering where to choose for your child next September then please let us know.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Our Year 11 students have continued to receive their revision goody bags this week with all students receiving their English, Maths and Science revision guides ahead of the mock exam period starting after half term. We are also launching Year 11 homework on Monday with students using Carousel and Sparx online learning to complete revision activities and associated quizzes. We look forward to seeing Year 11 thrive as they continue to grow and develop in the final year of their studies at DFA.

As always, I wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone ahead of our 8.30am start on Monday morning.

Yours faithfully

Chris Wilson
Principal
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