

9 February 2023

Dear families

As a very busy half term draws to a close I want to start by saying a huge thank you to all of our families for continuing to support us as we develop and move forwards here at Dixons Fazakerley. We have seen additional revision sessions, tutoring and the launch of homework for a number of year groups and none of this would be possible without your support. Our students are enjoying more focused lessons, more rigorous teaching and a much calmer and kinder atmosphere in the academy; it means we have an excellent foundation for the second half of our academic year.

Keeping Safe

You can help your child to stay safe during the holidays by making sure they stay in contact with you and let you know where they are at all times. Monitor social media use and ensure your child only uses the platforms that they are allowed to access in line with age limits. Inappropriate use of social media causes the largest amount of safeguarding concerns for young people. Listen to your child and report any concerns raised using the contacts below.

Services:

- Emergencies – In an emergency call 999. If the incident is not an emergency call 101 for police or 111 for NHS help.
- Careline – 0151 233 3700 – Liverpool Careline child services manages all child social care enquiries and referrals. You can contact them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to report a safeguarding concern about a child.
- Childline – Freephone 0800 1111 - A reporting and counselling service for children and young people.
- CAMHS – The Liverpool CAHMS Partnership offers emotional and mental health support for children and young people in Liverpool. In the case of a mental health crisis call CAMHS Crisis Line – 0151 293 3577 or CAMHS Crisis Care Freephone: 0808 196 3550
- YPAS – 0151 707 1025 – Mental health and wellbeing support for children and young people. YPAS offer drop in sessions across Liverpool. Email: support@ypas.org.uk.
- Kooth – An anonymous site which helps children and young people feel safe and confident in exploring their concerns and seeking professional support. Sign up online for text support. <https://www.kooth.com>

Social Media

We have seen a spike recently in the number of serious behaviour incidents in the academy linked to the inappropriate use of social media outside of school. We expect all students to have their phones off and away in their bags during the school day and therefore this behaviour is mainly occurring during hours where children are at home. As a result, we need to work together to ensure all families are checking, restricting and policing the use of social media – keep your child safe by either taking them off social media or monitoring their usage daily is my advice. Please support all children at Dixons Fazakerley to succeed by reading and considering the guidance below:

[Social media and online safety | NSPCC Learning](#)



Year 11 Revision

It is crunch time for Year 11 and as such I am especially grateful to colleagues who are giving up their time during half term to offer revision sessions for our students ahead of the mock exams which take place as soon as we return. Following on from a very successful Year 11 revision evening this week I know we have given our families every possible resource to support revision at home and now it is up to you, as a family, to make the commitment to supporting your child with their flashcards and exam questions.

Family Evenings

We have our next family evenings coming up after the half term holiday so please add them to your diaries:

Class of 2026 (Year 8) Thursday 9 March 4-6pm

Class of 2027 (Year 7) Thursday 23 March 4-6pm

Finally, a huge thank you for all of your support and commitment to our mission this half term. I look forward to seeing all students back on Monday 20 February in full uniform and ready to learn. I wish you and your loved ones a restful holiday.

Yours faithfully

Chris Wilson
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