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Dear families,

At Dixons Fazakerley Academy, everything we do is driven by one goal: helping your child succeed—both now and in the future. That means securing strong GCSE results, progressing to sixth form, and ultimately stepping confidently into university, an apprenticeship, or a real alternative that leads to a happy, fulfilling life.

One of the most powerful tools to support this journey is homework. Our homework isn't just extra work—it's carefully designed using the best educational research to help knowledge stick. When students complete it properly and consistently, they strengthen their memory, deepen their understanding, and build the confidence to apply what they've learned in exams and beyond. By supporting your child to develop strong homework habits now, you're helping lay the foundation for a successful future.

As we begin our new term, we are relaunching our homework programme across the academy to ensure every student develops the habits that lead to academic success. Homework is a vital part of our mission to help your child achieve excellent results, open doors to university or a high-quality alternative, and ultimately lead a happy and fulfilled life.

During their re-induction week, students have received an introduction, explanations, have practised Look Cover Write Check (LCWC) and received a 100% booklet (this is what they will use for LCWC). This is our main form of homework, across the academy. Full instructions and an example of the standard we expect are included in the attached document. You'll also find this guidance—along with 100% knowledge sheets and homework deadline timetables—on our academy website.

To support your child's success, we ask for your help in making sure they are using the 'look, cover, write, check' method correctly when completing homework. This simple but powerful technique helps secure long-term knowledge—and your role is crucial in making sure it's done properly.

The most important part of the process is the covering. You should see your child covering up the material and attempting to recall it out loud from memory before writing it down. This is what makes the knowledge stick. If they are just copying, the benefit is lost. You don't need to know the content yourself—just keep an eye on how they're working. You could even support by covering the material for them and prompting them to recall it aloud. With your help, we can ensure every student builds strong habits now that will serve them well in exams—and in life.

Homework will be set during Morning Meeting and must be handed in on specific deadline days (outlined on the homework timetable). Students will submit their completed 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' (LCWC) work, in their homework books, to their advisor during Morning Meeting.

Week beginning **8th September 2025**, will serve as '**practice week**', for all students. This will consist of further explanations, modelling, lots of reminders and support for students. From **Monday 15th September, Year 11** students missing a LCWC homework deadline will be issued with a 20 minute correction. **Years 7-10** will have a further 'practice week' - corrections for missing a LCWC homework deadline, for these year groups, will begin on **Monday 22nd September**. This is to help reinforce the importance of routine and responsibility.

If your child needs extra support—or simply a quiet space to complete their homework—they are welcome to use the library or attend our after-school homework club (Mountain Rescue Classroom – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until 4pm and Friday until 3.15pm). With clear routines, strong support, and your encouragement at home, we're confident students will develop the habits they need to succeed.

Students will also continue to complete their maths homework using the Sparx online platform. Log-in details remain the same and all Sparx homework is due every Friday. This will be introduced to Year 7 in the coming weeks and further communication, regarding completion expectations and consequences for a missed Sparx deadline, will reach you later in the half term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it makes a real difference, and together we can ensure your child builds the habits, confidence and knowledge needed to thrive in Year 11 and beyond.

Yours faithfully,
Ms H Zeqaj
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