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Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the end of term it is important that I bring to your attention a number of key developments since the outcome and publication of the Ofsted report.

Firstly, it was lovely to meet with many of you at the Ofsted parents meetings and have the opportunity to share with you my response to the Ofsted report and how as a school we are addressing the areas for development.

I am keen to stress, as already communicated to you, that the school rules are fit for purpose and have not changed. We expect that the young people arrive at school each day, on time, in the correct uniform and ready to learn. I have highlighted what the uniform expectations are already to you and they are also clearly defined on the school website. The vast majority of our students arrive in perfect uniform each day, they are a credit to themselves, to you and to us. However, we are still working with a small number of students who choose to wear jewellery items, incorrect footwear or wear our uniform incorrectly. I ask for your support with ensuring that your son / daughter is wearing the correct items for school. I must stress 'trainers' are not permitted school shoes. Together, we are working hard to ensure that Fazakerley High School has high standards and our expectations start with how our students present themselves each day.

Our curriculum was highlighted in the Ofsted report as not offering equality of opportunity for our key stage 3 students. There was an urgent need to address this, so that all students spend the same amount of curriculum time on their subjects, enabling them to make informed choices when they choose their option subjects. To this effect, the timetable has been rewritten and all students will follow a new timetable in January. Timetable changes will be minimal for years 9-11, yet there may be some small changes and in some instances form groups may be affected. I will be ensuring that all students receive their new timetable before they finish for Christmas.

Students must be in school everyday in order to be as successful as they can possibly be. The Ofsted inspection identified that for some students their poor attendance is having a significant impact on their achievement. We are working closely with the Local Authority to ensure that our systems and processes in school are tightened up in addressing attendance. Again, may I ask for your support in ensuring that you son/daughter is present in school everyday.

All students will be working toward a variety of end of term rewards for 'good' attendance between January and April, so there is an opportunity for all students to be able to take part in this, irrespective of what previous attendance at school may have been like.

Students will be further supported when they return in January by a designated member of my leadership team, who will be your son or daughters Performance and Pastoral Leader and responsible for their specific year group. In addition to their learning mentor and form tutor the Performance and Pastoral leader (PPL) will have a rounded understanding of the educational journey that your son or daughter is on. I will write to you before we finish for Christmas confirming who this will be.

In order to ensure that there is a smooth transition with some of these changes and appropriate staff training is put in place, we will be having an additional staff INSET in January. **Students will return from their Christmas break on Wednesday 8th January 2020.**

Many thanks

Miss Heather Duggan
Headteacher

