



Message from the Head of School



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

As we come to the end of a challenging week, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your ongoing support. The weather has certainly tested us, but it has been heartening to see everyone pull together during these difficult circumstances.

A special thanks goes to our incredible site staff, who have worked tirelessly and at all hours to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in our school community. Their dedication and hard work have been truly remarkable, and we are so grateful for their efforts.

Looking ahead, we're pleased to let you know that it will be back to business as usual next week. To help us ensure a smooth transition, please make sure that your child is in the correct uniform and fully prepared for learning.

Year 11 Parent's Evening update:

Due to the weather; the Year 11 Parents' Evening was cancelled. The event has now been rescheduled for Thursday, 23rd January. If you have already booked your appointments, these will automatically roll over to the new date. If you haven't yet booked, please do so at your earliest convenience. We look forward to seeing you then.

Should you have any issues trying to login, please email info@dixonsbk.com

Celebrating our Curriculum

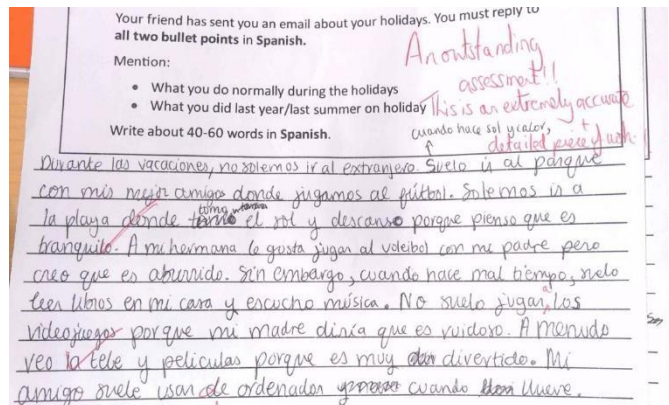


Food Tech: Hallie D, Year 10

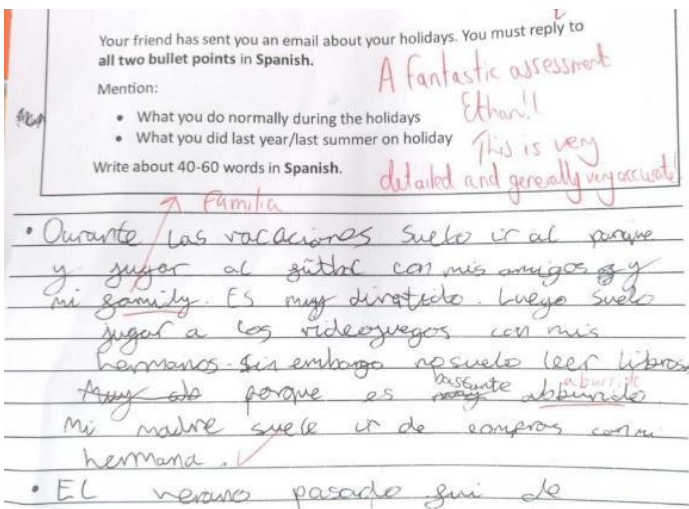
Hallie demonstrated remarkable skill in making the profiteroles, preparing the choux pastry, whipped cream, and ganache entirely from scratch. She carefully assembled the dessert to a professional standard, highlighting her expertise and attention to detail.

Spanish:

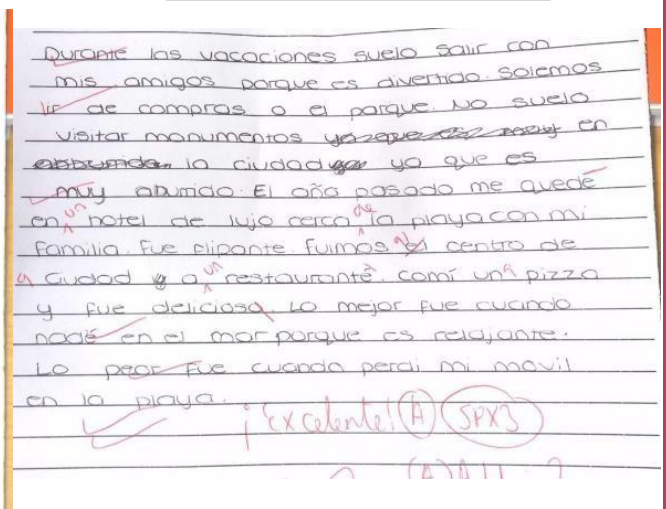
Well done to Ethan M, Alana MB and Birva D for completing outstanding written Spanish assessments before the Christmas break. Their work is already at GCSE standard! Well done! We are very proud of you all!



Birva D, Year 9



Ethan M, Year 9

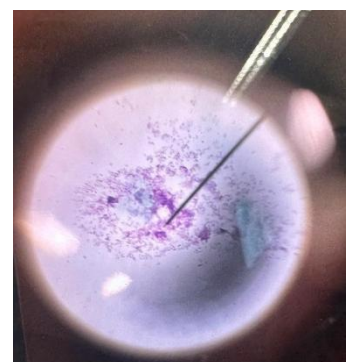
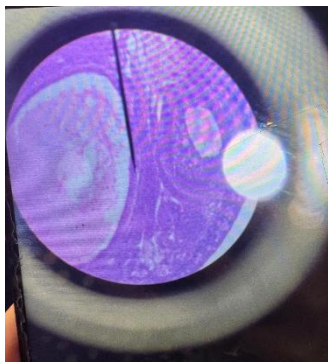
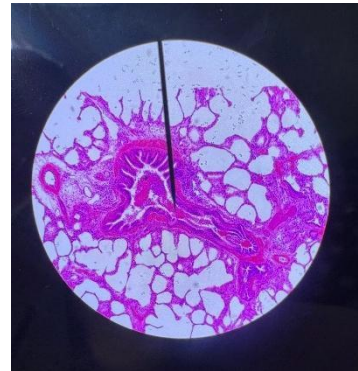


Daisy T, Year 9



All things Science...

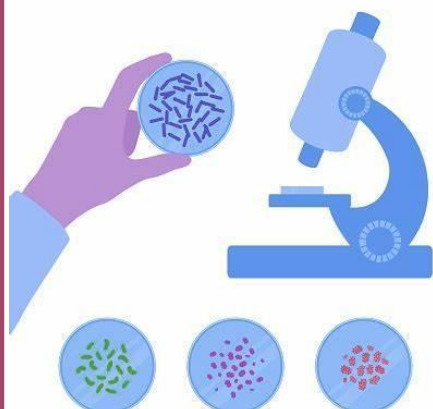
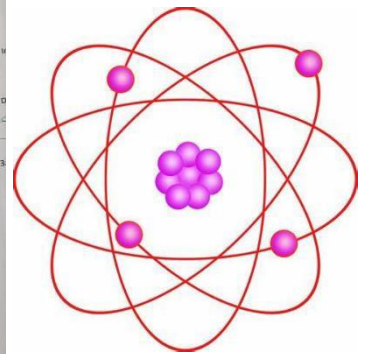
Students have been examining cells under a microscope and identifying important organelles such as the cell wall, cell membrane, and nucleus. Can your child recognise these key parts of living organisms?



Task	Solid	Liquid	Gas
What do you know about the forces between the particles?	Strong	weak	very weak
Are the particles randomly or regularly arranged?	regularly	randomly	randomly
Are the particles close together or far apart?	close	close	far
How are the particles moving?	vibrating	flow	all directions straight line range of speeds
Does it have a fixed shape?	yes	no	no
Does it have a fixed volume?	yes	yes	no
Can it flow?	no	yes	yes
Can it be compressed?	no	no	yes

Year 9 students have been thoroughly exploring particle theory, examining how particles behave in different states of matter, and applying this knowledge as part of their preparation for the upcoming GCSE exams.

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How are the particles moving?	vibrate in fixed position	flow over and around each other	all directions in straight line at a range of speeds
Does it have a fixed shape?	yes	no	no
Does it have a fixed volume?	yes	yes	no
Can it flow?	no	yes	yes
Can it be compressed?	no	no	yes



Attendance

A total of 174 students from Years 7 to 11 achieved 100% attendance, demonstrating a strong commitment to their education. This accomplishment highlights the dedication of these students to maintaining perfect attendance throughout the school year.

- Year 7 - 59 students 100%
- Year 8 – 38 students 100%
- Year 9 – 26 students 100%
- Year 10 – 29 students 100%
- Year 11 – 22 students 100%



Student Absence: Reminder

School attendance is the most crucial prerequisite for quality education; students cannot learn if they are not in school. We know that attendance to school is linked to high quality GCSE results which our students require to achieve their maximum potential.

The following are not reasons to be absent:

- common cold
- headache
- feeling sick
- stomach pains or general pains
- Cough
- asthma
- hayfever

Students with any of these symptoms should be well enough to be in lesson. Parents/ carers are advised to give their child paracetamol or equivalent in the morning for headache/stomach pains before sending them to school. If your child requires medication during the school day, this can be brought into school for attention of our school nurse, Samantha Divers. The school nurse will oversee students taking their medication.

Students should not be leaving school during the day because of their period. We can discreetly support students experiencing any issues.

Celebrating Student Achievements

Sparx Maths:

Well done to Year 7 for completing the most homework this week!

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Fatuma K	Shafia S	Birva D	Ruby C	Zack A
2nd Place	Adam I	Jessica M	Ellie D-L	Ivan R	Declan C
3rd Place	Danni Mustafa	Nava R	Scarlett McM-H	Dorsa S	Bethany B

DBK Partners:

All at DBK are proud of our community and are committed to working with our students, our families and the wider community. Right now, a priority for us to strengthen our relationships with all partners. We would like to set up a DBK Partners Group with parents, community leaders and local organisations who are keen to be involved in working within the community to improve the opportunities for our young people. If you are interested in joining us, or would like to know more, please contact Chrissie Boden – cboden@dixonsbk.com

PARENTS' AND CARERS' WEBINAR
The Teenage Brain

1 - 2:30pm - 24th January - online.
 Book here: [Teenage Brain Webinar](#)

Find out about these topics and more:

- An important time for brain development
- Social experiences
- Mental health and resilience
- Sleep
- Learning and adapting
- Stress response

All Manchester parents and carers are welcome.

www.manchesterhealthyschools.nhs.uk/events/the-teenage-brain-parents-and-carers-webinar



MENU

Week Commencing 13th January 2025

Monday	Chicken steak and hash brown baguette with fresh salsa or chicken enchilada	Vegetarian stack with fresh salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Tuesday	Donner meat with seasoned noodles	Cheese and potato homemade pasties	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Wednesday	Roast turkey with Yorkshire pudding, new potato and vegetable selection	Roast vegetable noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Thursday	Chicken tikka masala with rice and naan bread	Egg, sweet potato and spinach hash	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Friday	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread	Cheese and tomato turnovers with green salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans

Every day the salad bar plus a variety of sandwiches and baguettes are available, as well as a choice of cold or hot desserts.

We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergen. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment where some of our ingredients from suppliers or products may have been produced in an environment with other allergens.

Please double-check with a member of staff.