



Message from the Head of School

At Dixons Brooklands, we strive to create an environment where every student can achieve their full potential. Regular attendance is vital for academic achievement. Each day of learning builds on the previous one, and when a student misses school, they miss more than just the lessons. They miss opportunities to engage in discussions, collaborate with peers, and develop the habits that prepare them for future success. Studies consistently show that students with high attendance rates perform better academically, develop stronger social skills, and are more likely to succeed in their careers.



Mrs K Gardener
Head Of School

Time in the classroom is precious, and every moment matters. To protect this valuable learning time, we ask for your partnership in ensuring your child attends school regularly and punctually. Of course, we understand that illnesses and unavoidable circumstances may sometimes arise. In these instances, please communicate with us promptly so we can support your child in catching up on missed work.

Attendance and Our Values

- **Working Hard:** Regular attendance teaches the value of perseverance and dedication. It shows students that consistent effort leads to progress and achievement.
- **Having Integrity:** Attending school every day reflects a commitment to their responsibilities. It demonstrates accountability and honesty in fulfilling obligations.
- **Being Kind:** When students attend regularly, they contribute to a positive classroom environment. Their presence supports their peers, and together, they build a community where everyone thrives.

Together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed academically, socially, and personally. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a culture of excellence and belonging at Dixons Brooklands Academy.

Celebrating our Curriculum



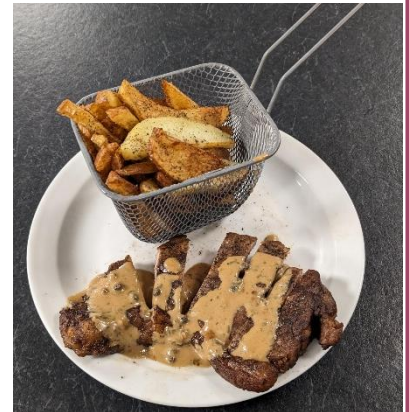
History:

On Wednesday morning 50 Y9 students met with Martin Stern, a Holocaust Survivor. He told us his story at the young age of 5 experiencing the height of the Holocaust. Students were then able to ask any questions they had. They then spent some time looking at historical sources of the period.

It was a brilliant event, and the students were extremely respectful and engaged with the testimony and workshop. We were very proud of them!

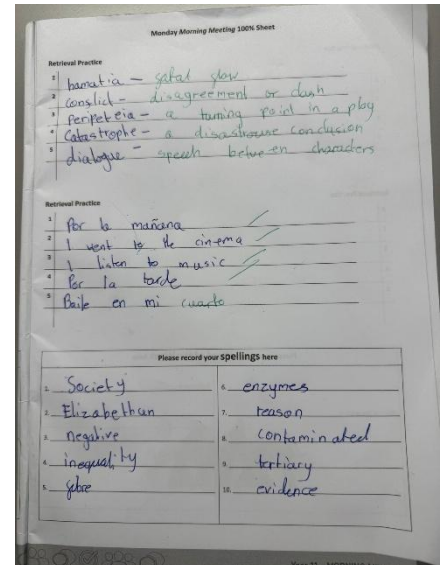
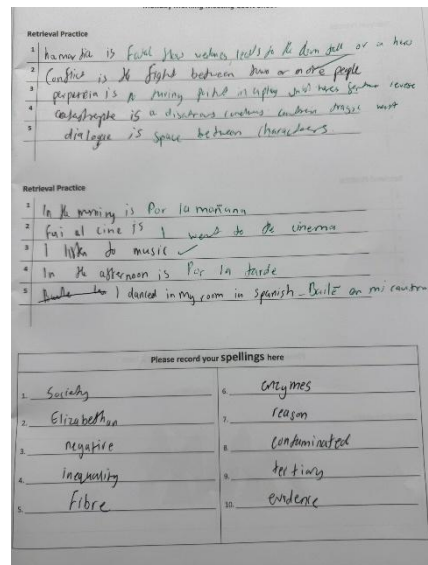
Food Tech:

Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students have been trialling their practical exam recipes this week. All students showed excellent food preparation and cooking skills but special mentions to Olivia P, Jada T, Riley G and Olivia J!



Morning Meeting:

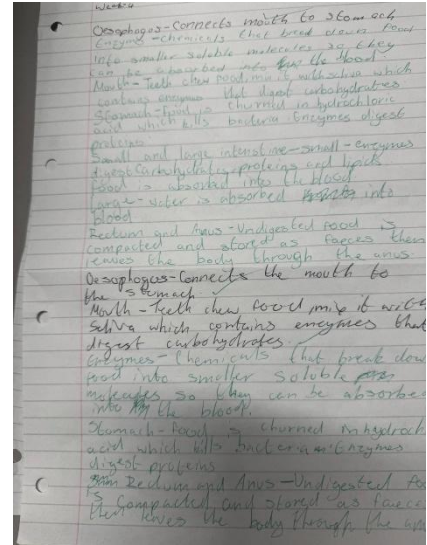
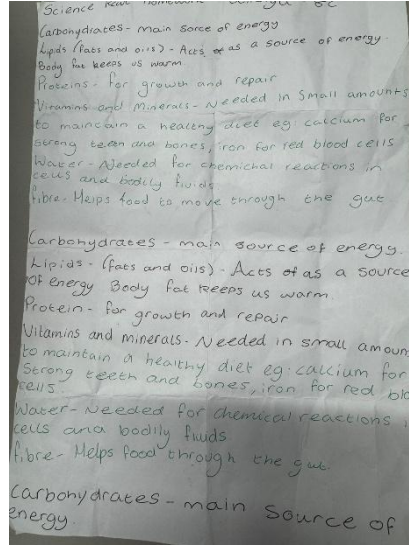
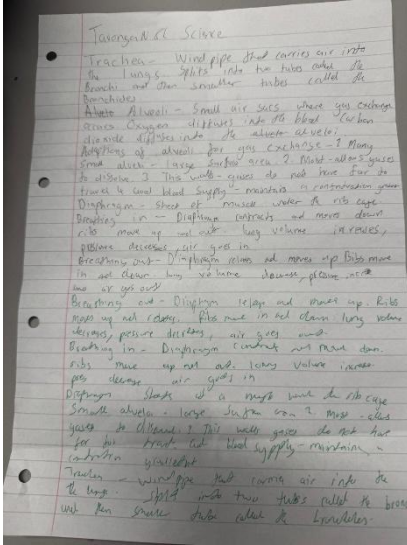
Some excellent examples of morning meeting work. Students know the importance of “interrupting the forgetting curve” during morning meeting we get the opportunity to revisit previous learning to help us remember it- don’t forget “practice makes permanent”



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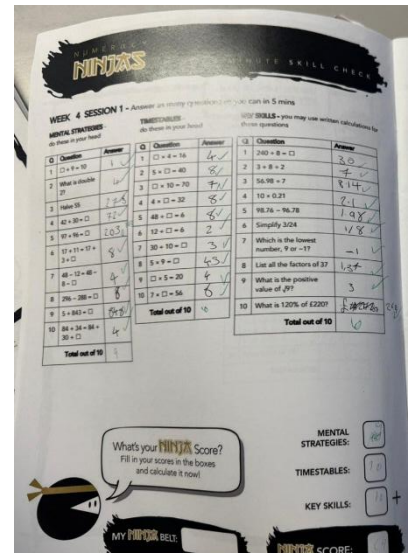
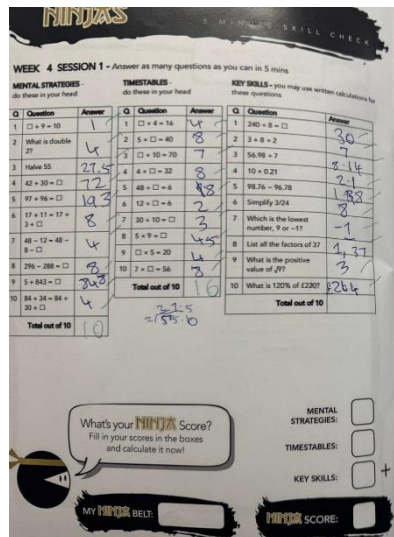
Read, Cover, Write, Check (RCWC):

Some excellent examples from year 8 of the RCWC homework. Well done for showing our value of working hard!



Numeracy Ninjas:

Numeracy Ninjas is a numeracy programme for schools which supports learners in developing high levels of fluency with important numeracy skills that are prerequisites for success in the study of 11 – 16 mathematics.



Sport at the Academy



Y7/Y8 Netball V William Hulme:

On Thursday our Y7 and Y8 netball team played their final league game of the season against local rival William Hulme High School. The girls played the best game of the year with the girls leading until the final quarter, with the game finishing a close 6-4 to William Hulme. Player of the match went to Elise Roberts, with a special mention to Y7 Jessica Ford who played the best game of the year, and Alisha Bedford who scored all 4 goals. The girls have one last event for the Netball season, when they head to Whalley Range for a 7-team tournament in March.

KinBall staff course.

On Tuesday we welcomed PE staff from all over the borough as we hosted the Kinball coaching course. A sport created to create inclusivity across the exciting three team team sport. The game, that used a giant ball is an invasion game that involves, speed, coordination and teamwork. The course which 4 of our PE staff also attended is going to be introduced into PE lessons over the coming terms, which will no doubt bring further joy to PE lessons across the school!



2025 Dixons Brooklands Ski Trip to Bardonecchia Italy:

On Sunday, 39 students and 5 staff members from Dixons Brooklands Academy will embark on an exciting adventure to Bardonecchia, Italy, for the much-anticipated 2025 Ski Trip. This trip marks an incredible opportunity for the students to immerse themselves in both the thrill and challenge of skiing, as they take on the picturesque slopes of Bardonecchia, known for its breathtaking alpine landscapes.

Over the course of six action-packed days, the students will not only have the chance to improve their skiing skills but will also need to rely on resilience and determination to navigate the slopes.

Beyond the physical aspects of skiing, the trip will also encourage teamwork. The shared experiences on the slopes and off will help students create lasting friendships, with many bonding moments over shared triumphs and inevitable falls.

This ski trip promises to be an unforgettable adventure, blending skill development with personal growth, and will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the students both on and off the slopes.

Attendance

A total of 588 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 - 149 students 100%
- Year 8 – 155 students 100%
- Year 9 – 128 students 100%
- Year 10 – 97 students 100%
- Year 11 – 99 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

Spanish Cookery Club:

The first year 8 Spanish Cookery Club session ran this week. All students worked hard to produce an excellent Paella. Photo below from Mercy R.



Ski Lessons:

On Tuesday and Thursday this week, as our students get set to head on the 2025 Dixons Brooklands Academy ski trip, some of the students were finishing off some of their ski lessons, at the local indoor ski slope, the Chill Factore.



Parent notices

DBK Parents Group Launch:

Our first DBK Parents' Group meeting was held on Tuesday so we could discuss any concerns we had regarding the school and how we could all work together to support our children. We plan to meet once a month with Ms Boden to address any suggestions we have to help us achieve a universal goal, which is to ensure our children are having a positive experience at school while getting the education they need to be successful going forwards.

Points were raised by the parents, and these were discussed in a respectful, supportive and safe space. We also gave some positive feedback regarding things we believe are working well. This is a really positive step for us all, it's an opportunity to share our feedback and have it listened to and acted upon by the school.

If you would like to join the meetings, please email cboden@dixonsbk.com

'We as parents and the school want the students (our children) to feel happy going to school and it's really encouraging that this has been set up to help us. It's your opportunity to raise any concerns you might have and offer up suggestions on how we can improve our children's school experience.'

Emma, Year 8 Parent



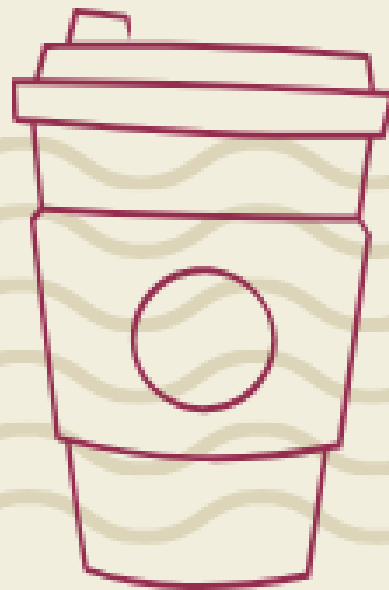
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 **TRAFFORD & STOCKPORT COLLEGE GROUP**

APPRENTICESHIP WEBINAR

 **Wednesday 12 February**  **6pm-6:30pm**

Join our Apprenticeship Webinar and discover how you can earn, learn, and grow with us!



COMMUNITY HUB

CREATING A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE
SPACE WHERE PARENTS CAN TALK,
HAVE A HOT DRINK AND CONNECT
WITH OTHERS

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
11.30-12.30PM

We will offer a varied programme, including sessions with representatives from Early Help, Crossacres Family Hub and Thrive In Education who will join us to offer specialist support.

Dixons Brooklands Academy





MENU

Week Commencing 24th January 2025

Monday	Donner meat with spiced rice, mint sauce	Vegetable wrap with side salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Tuesday	Beef pasta bake with garlic bread	Cheese and potato homemade pasties	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Wednesday	Chinese chicken with stir fry vegetable and egg noodles	Vegetable stir fry with egg noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Thursday	Butter chicken curry with rice and naan bread	Cheese and tomato turnovers with green salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Friday	Chicken and vegetable pie with gravy and steamed broccoli	Vegetable curry with rice and naan bread	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.*