



Message from the Head of School

This week we had an Ofsted inspection. I would like to thank our students for their professional approach and our staff for their ongoing commitment and energy. Ofsted typically publish reports a few weeks after the inspection and we will share the outcome with our school community by letter.



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

Events and visitors this week

We are excited to announce an upcoming session of *Aspire to Be*, where we'll be welcoming external visitors to the academy to share insights into their careers and answer any questions students may have about their jobs and how they got into them.

- ❖ On Friday 6th, we'll be hosting an *Aspire to Be: Air Hostess* session, featuring a guest from EasyJet. This is a fantastic opportunity for students interested in aviation or customer service to learn more about what it takes to pursue a career as an air hostess, including the skills, training, and experiences that led to their success.

who do you
ASPIRE
to be?

Celebrating our Curriculum

Art:

Here are some photos showcasing the fantastic work created by our Year 9 and 10 students. The clay birds, which were fired in the kiln last week, have now been painted and look stunning.



Art:

Year 10 students have also made great progress on their food project, with some excellent design ideas already taking shape.



Design & Technology:

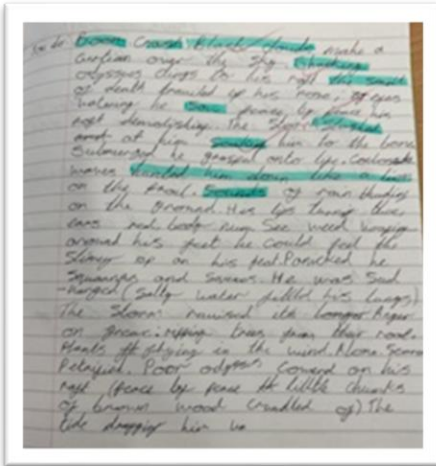
Year 8 students working on their Cubi Series sculpture project during break.

Isabelle R and Elise P

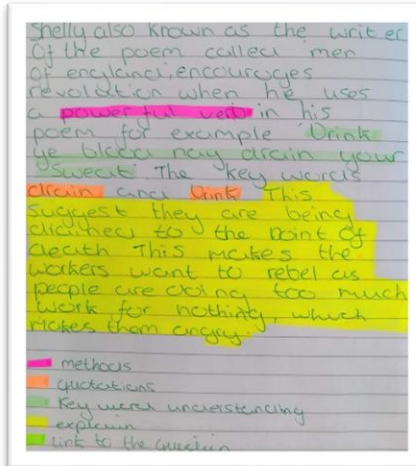
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English:

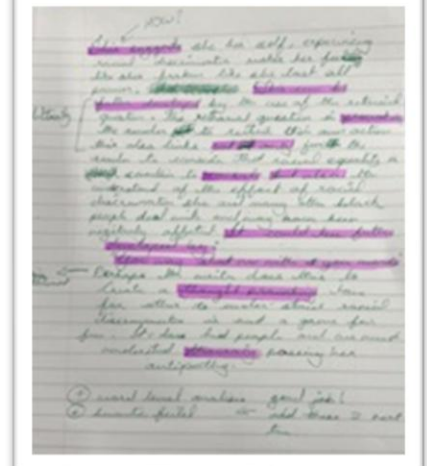
Here are some pictures of amazing work being completed in English working on creative descriptive writing in years 7 and 8 and poetry analysis in year 9 gearing them up for their GCSE work next year. We are so proud of the hard work and effort we see day in day out across our lessons and are delighted to see that pupils are becoming talented young writers and linguists.



Lacia D, Yr 7



Finley H, Yr 8



Sharise E, Yr 9

Science:

Year 8 have been conducting science experiments to investigate how stretchy different types of sweet are. Here are some photos of Mrs MacGruer's science class testing rainbow laces.



Elaine E



Mia S



Murad A, Saksham D and Nirav S

Attendance

This week, 229 students had perfect attendance, showing great commitment to their studies. Their punctuality and effort are impressive, reflecting a positive attitude toward learning and a strong willingness to stay involved in their education.

Number of students with 100% attendance in each year group:

- Year 7 - 71
- Year 8 - 47
- Year 9 - 38
- Year 10 - 34
- Year 11 – 39

100% attenders for the year to date - 228 in total

- Year 7 - 77
- Year 8 - 46
- Year 9 - 38
- Year 10 - 34
- Year 11 – 38



Most improved Advisor Groups compared to last week are:

- 7Y
- 8C
- 9A
- 10X
- 11X

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.

Sport at the Academy

Y7/Y8 Netball:

This week, our Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Netball team played against MEA and Whalley Range in the Manchester PE Association League. They've gone up against some tough, experienced teams so far this season, but the resilience and progress they've shown has been amazing. We're excited to see how far this team can go! Our Players of the Match were Year 7's Orla and Jessica F.



Y9 Boys Football:

The Y9 boys football team travelled to Wright Robinson High School, to play their boys Football team. They played with great skills and confidence winning 4-0.



BTEC Practical delivery:

Over the last two weeks our wonderful Y11 BTEC Tech Sport students have been delivering their Football and Netball sessions to our KS3 PE students. They have all delivered their lessons with great confidence, demonstrating many key characteristics of a sports leader, as well as overcoming any fears they had.



Careers

Please find below the information regarding the application process for Xaverian College, including the deadline and required documents. If you need any advice on career options or further guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out.



**Xaverian
College**

How to submit a successful Xaverian application

Applying to Xaverian is quick and easy, but there are a few key things you need to be aware of. Firstly, we have a paper application form, which you can pick up from your school, or download/print from our website. You need to fill this in as neatly as possible so we can read your information accurately. All sections of the form are important, and a successful application should have the following features:

Your predicted grades:

Your grades are the most important element of your application. If you are undertaking mock exams at the moment, make sure you work hard to achieve the highest grades possible for you to ensure your application is accepted and you are invited to the next stage of the process. Your school will fill-in your predicted grades on your application form.

Your personal statement:

It is useful for us to know all about you, what your interests are, what clubs and societies you are a member of, what work experience you have undertaken, what your personal qualities are, what you have gained by being at high school and why you are applying to Xaverian, etc. You should attach your personal statement to the application form with your name and school name written at the top.

Your school reference:

Which includes your attendance, punctuality, conduct and effort and other information we need that supports your application.

Lastly, make sure you submit your application form on time to be considered for a place. Our deadline is Friday 17th January 2025, however in most cases your school will have an earlier deadline, so they have time to complete your reference. We will send you an acknowledgement of receipt email once we have received your application form. If you need help completing your application form, speak to your Head of Year 11, or contact our Admissions team, we're happy to help!



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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	Aldrin H-S	Imogen A	Aistis V	Ellie-Mae K	Petra-Maria S
2nd Place	Lexi-Mae Q	Leo D-S	Alana-Mae B	Sophie M	Thomas S
3rd Place	Lilly M	Isabelle R	Lily P	Oliwa R	Bethany B

Top 3 overall students!

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Jack D	Ewa K	Leila V	Alan Samuel S-E	Bethany B
2nd Place	Charlie W	Ananya V	Aarna M	Ivan R	Abel C
3rd Place	Amelia D	Jessica M	Aistis V	Maisie A	Zack A



Ski Trip 2025:

On Wednesday our students took part in their final ski lesson of their 3 week course. They have had 6 hours of tuition from expert ski instructors at the Chill Factor. The students have progressed from beginner to intermediate skiers. All students progressed from the training (smaller) slope, to the big slope. They are all able to use the ski drag lift to get them up the large slope to the halfway point. The improvements made over the last three weeks are huge. Students have developed their confidence and skills on the slopes. They are now more than ready to hit the slopes of Bardonechia. The ski trip will be taking place from the 26th January to the 1st February 2025. We can't wait for these students to great unforgettable memories.





DIXONS
BROOKLANDS
ACADEMY

Christmas CONCERT

Thursday 12th December 2024

7:00pm start

Doors open at 6:30pm

£1 per person

Tickets can be bought
through ParentPay

Community

Crossacres Family Hub



What we offer

0-19 years (25 years SEND)

We work in our local community supporting families with children aged 0 – 19 years (25 years SEND) and expectant parents.

We offer information, advice, guidance and support to families to access services that are in the Family Hub, and services in our local area to support their children to develop and thrive.



- Information about groups and activities for families with children aged 0 – 19 years (25 years SEND).
- Information and guidance for families.
- Information and advice around family health antenatal, weaning, immunisations, breastfeeding, toilet training, and healthy eating
- Assisting in nursery, primary school and secondary school applications.
- Supporting parents who are new to the area (Wythenshawe).
- Providing information about courses available in the Family Hub and the local area.
- Information about adult learning opportunities.
- Information about volunteering, peer support and work experience opportunities.
- Support with accessing information and guidance to help with managing children’s behaviour (e.g. parenting programmes etc.).
- Information and advice around family health, mental health, wellbeing activities/services and financial support/budgeting skills.
- Child safety information and referral for free home safety equipment (subject to eligibility).
- Support for families to get essential household items, including white goods, clothing, baby equipment (subject to eligibility).
- Information about after school clubs and holiday schemes.

Referrals to other agencies for additional support such as

- Adult Education
- Housing
- Counselling
- Welfare advice
- Support and assistance to fill in forms



IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OR SUPPORT PLEASE DROP INTO THE FAMILY HUB OR TELEPHONE 0161 529 0080

Brooklands Library

We are lucky enough to have Brooklands Public Library on our doorstep, so here is an overview of some of the amazing events and activities they have on offer:

Weekly:

Drop-In for Basic ICT Support: Wednesdays, 2.00-4.00pm

Lego Club: Saturdays, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Tiny Tots and Toddler Time: On Mondays during term time only, 11.00am - 12.00pm, for families with a child under 5. Join in for stories, songs, rhymes and crafts.

Opening Hours

Monday	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
Tuesday	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 8.00pm
Thursday	Closed	
Friday	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
Sunday	Closed	



Week Commencing 2nd December 2024

Monday	Sausage and mash with gravy, garden peas and Yorkshire pudding	Roast vegetable sweet chilli noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Tuesday	Maple and sweet chilli chicken with rice and fresh salad on kobez bread	Vegetable samosa with sweet chilli noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Wednesday	Chicken tikka curry with rice and naan bread	Cheese and tomato turnovers	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Thursday	Pasta bolognaise with garlic bread	Homemade cheese and onion pies	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Friday	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread	Cheese and tomato French bread with salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & 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, unfortunately, 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.