



Message from the Head of School

We have had a fantastic and eventful week at school! Our students have been engaged in a range of exciting activities, including challenging Maths competitions that showcased their problem-solving skills. Another highlight of the week has been the ballot for naming the houses in our new house system. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and creativity of our students as they contribute to this exciting new initiative.



Mrs K Gardener
Head Of School

Meanwhile, our students on the ski trip have been making the most of their adventure, enjoying thrilling slopes and unforgettable experiences. We have loved hearing all about their activities and can't wait to welcome them back.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another great week ahead!

Year 9 Parents / Options Evening: Thursday 6th February:

This face-to-face evening will be combined with a GCSE options event on the same night. This will give you the opportunity to discuss the attainment and progress of your child along with giving you invaluable information about the different subject pathways and choices available in Years 10 and 11. There will also be an information talk which will guide you through the options process. This will take place at 4.00pm and repeated at 5.00pm In addition, you will have the opportunity to learn about subjects only offered at KS4 and speak to staff delivering these subjects. Should you need any assistance with booking, please email

info@dixonsbk.com

Celebrating our Curriculum



Year 11 Hospitality and Catering - Outstanding Recipe Trials:

We've seen some fantastic recipe trials from our Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students recently. Special recognition goes to Thang N and Keeva R for their exceptional and professional presentation of their dishes.

Well done to all students for their hard work and creativity!

Topic rewind - Actividades en el pasado (tempo pasado) Traduce las frases Translate the sentences		
Español	Inglés	Corregir
Ayer fui al cine con mis amigos	yesterday I went cinema with my friends.	✓
Ayer salí con mis amigos	yesterday I went out with my friends.	✓
Por la mañana hice mis deberes	In the morning I did my homework	✓
Ayer baile en mi cuarto	Yesterday I danced in my room	✓
Ayer en gimnasia <i>nice</i>	Yesterday I did gymnastics	✓
Por la mañana hablé por la Skype	In the morning I spoke on Skype	✗

Spanish:

Alisiya P, Year 8 -

Thorough green pen correction! Well done!

Charlie R, Year 7 did some excellent translations for Mrs Little!

Anais M, Year 8 has recently started Dixons Brooklands and is really trying hard in Spanish, look at this amazing piece of work!

Traducir Traduce las frases al español. Translate the phrases into Spanish.	
1. Every weekend, I play the guitar because it is cool.	Cada fin ^{de semana} to togo la guitarra
2. On Sundays, I take photos because it is relaxing.	Cada domingo saco fotos porque es relajante
3. From time to time, I sing karaoke with my friends.	De vez en cuando canto Karaoke con mis amigos
4. I never ride my bike.	

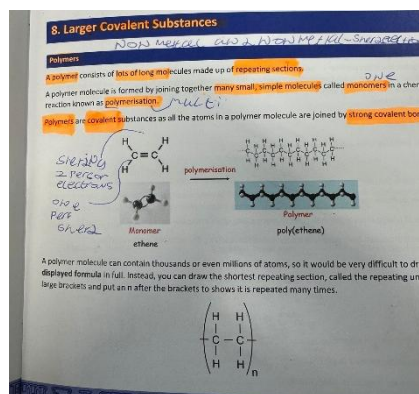
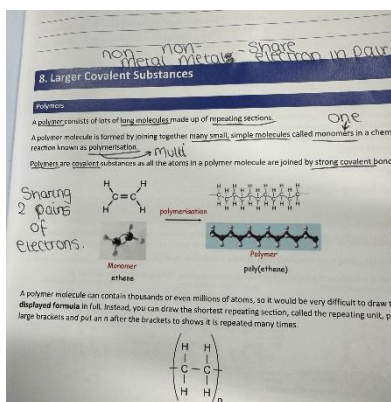
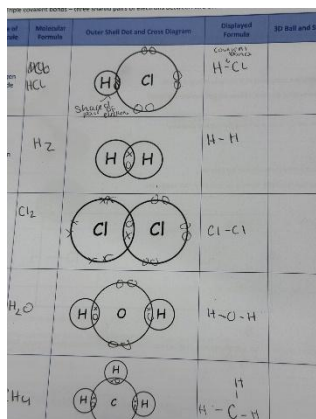
Dictado Escucha y escribe exactamente lo que dice tu profe en español. Luego, traduce al inglés. Listen and write exactly what your teacher says in Spanish. Then, translate into English.	
Español	1. Normalmente voy al cine 2. A veces juego al baloncesto 3. Nunca veo la tele porque es aburrido 4. De vez en cuando hablo por Skype 5. Odio hacer mis deberes 6. Por eso ayer no hice mis deberes
Inglés	1. normally I go to the cinema 2. Sometimes I play basketball 3. I never watch tv as it is boring 4. From time to time I talk on Skype 5. I hate to do my homework 6. for that reason, yesterday I didnt do my homework



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Science:

Year 9 completing some amazing work on chemical bonding. Learning all about how bonds are formed and modelling these! Ms MacGruer and Mr Martin's class have set a high standard for the rest of year 9 to reach! Well done!



Sport at the Academy



Year 9 boys into the SEMI'S!!

Last week the Year 9 boys had a tough fixture away against Manchester Grammar school in the Manchester schools cup quarter final. It was a shaky start for the boys who took some time to get a foothold in the game, which led to conceding from a corner early in the game. Louis T was a standout performer in the first half making some incredible saves to keep us in the game, which continued into the second half.

The team worked hard to close down their opponents, which led to a mistake which was collected by Reuben T and passed across the goal to Ralph M to tap home. Another mistake from the MGS team led to a pass back to the goalkeeper which went passed him and into the back of the net, 2-1. In the second half MGS tried to bring themselves back into the game, but our work rate helped us win the ball back and a through ball to Reuben T who slotted the ball home. A corner for MGS led to them pulling a goal back, but within 30 seconds of the restart we played through their defence for Reuben T to get himself another goal to make it 4-2. Some heroic defending and hard work from our man of the match Charlie D helped us to win the ball all over the pitch and finish the game off, to make it into our first semi-final for this year group. A fantastic result for the Year 9 team!!

Year 8 students - Rowing project

16 Year 8 students started a rowing project with the Henley Royal Regatta charitable trust at the Agecroft rowing club which is located in Media City, Salford. The principal objective of the Trust is to provide funds to encourage and support young people, still receiving education or undergoing training, to row or scull.



The charitable trust does outreach work to encourage and provide opportunities to experience the Olympic sport of rowing with the end outcome of the participants continuing to row at a club near them.

The students will be given training between now and June when they will take part in a regatta against other schools in the northwest on the water of Salford Quays, which will be a fantastic experience for all our students.

Attendance

A total of 587 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.

Students with 100% attendance this week:

- Year 7 - 133
- Year 8 - 122
- Year 9 149
- Year 10 - 98
- Year 11 - 93



Top Advisory Groups:

- 7X 94%
- 8B 92%
- 9W 94%
- 10B 91%
- 11W 83%

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

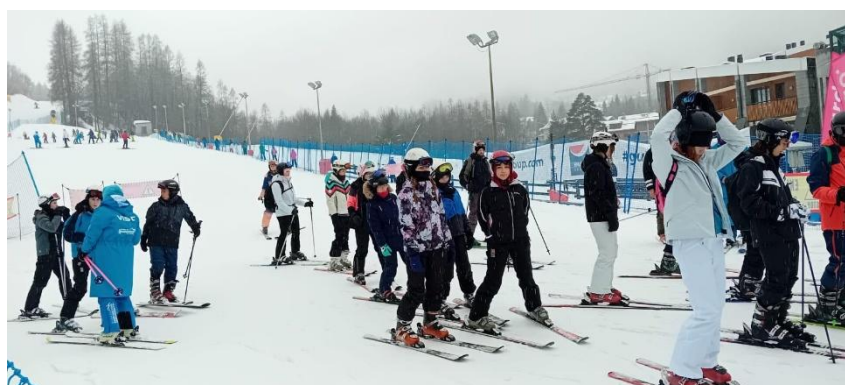
Sparx Maths:

Well done to Year 11 for completing the most homework this week!

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Berhan S	Bobby D	Sharise E	Muhammad Z	Celeste C
2nd Place	Samik P	Idriss E	Aistis V	Natalia H	Aaron M
3rd Place	Lucas W	Nirav S	Birva D	Dorsa S	Bethany B

Ski Trip:

This week, 39 students and 5 staff members from Dixons Brooklands Academy travelled to Bardonecchia, Italy, for the 2025 Ski Trip. Over six days, students honed their skiing skills while embracing challenges and building resilience. It has been an unforgettable adventure that blended skill development with personal growth. Well done!



Parent notices

Uniform request:

We are kindly asking for your support in donating any unwanted school uniforms or outdoor coats that your child no longer needs. These items will be collected and made available to other families who may be in need.

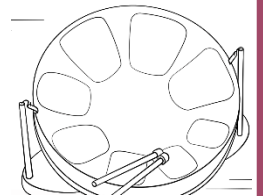
If you have any uniform or coats in good condition that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school reception. Your generosity will help ensure that all students are well-prepared for the school year, regardless of their circumstances.

A reminder that all uniform / equipment can be bought on Parent Pay.



Music:

We are pleased to inform you that we currently have places available for Steel Pan lessons, which take place during lunch breaks. If your child is interested in taking part, please encourage them to speak with Ms. Moreton in the Music Department for further details.



Advanced notice:

The Academy will be closed to students on **Friday 14th February** for staff data and planning day.

All students will be finishing for half term on Thursday 14th February. As a reminder; Year's 7 and 9 will be finishing at 3:05pm and Year's 8, 10 and 11 will be finishing at 3:15.



 **Here
BeWell forMen**
Find your own happy

Men's health drop in & advice sessions

If you are looking for advice, call in to see Tim & Andy at our monthly drop-in sessions on the following dates:

Friday 7th February 2025

Friday 7th March 2025

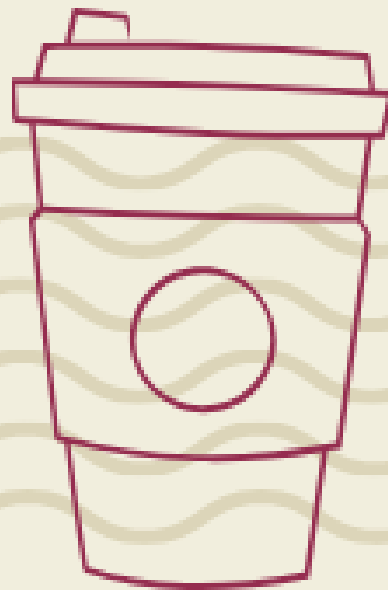
Friday 4th April 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Friday 6th June 2025

Friday 4th July 2025

All dates are 2pm till 4pm, at Brooklands library
Moor Road, Manchester M23 9BP



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 3rd February 2025

Monday	Traditional sausage and mash with peas and Yorkshire pudding	Vegetable pasta bake	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Tuesday	Beef chili corn care with garlic bread	Cheese and potato homemade pasties	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Wednesday	Chicken tikka masala with rice and naan bread	Roast vegetable noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Thursday	Chicken and chorizo paella	Cheese tomato and basil pizza bread with side of salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
Friday	Maccaroni cheese with garlic bread	Selection of warm chicken baguettes	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.*