



## Message from the Head of School

We hope this message finds you well! As we move further into the school year, we want to take a moment to talk about the importance of regular attendance for our students. Consistent attendance is critical not only for academic success but also for building strong social skills and relationships within the school community. These last few weeks leading up to Christmas will be filled with exciting events that we don't want the students to miss out on.



**Mrs K Gardner**  
Head of School

The trip to Ghyll Head for our Year 8 and 9 students has been a great success! Our students demonstrated remarkable responsibility and respect throughout the trip, showcasing the values we instil in our school community. It was heartwarming to see the enthusiasm and camaraderie among the students as they navigated new experiences together. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their positive attitudes and adventurous spirits. This trip not only provided a break from routine but also contributed to their personal growth and development. Thank you for your ongoing support in making experiences like this possible. We look forward to sharing more exciting opportunities for our students in the future!

### **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*

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# Celebrating our Curriculum



**Kaiden D**



**Addonis M**

## Food Tech:

Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students have been trialling recipes for their upcoming practical exams. All students have worked hard to produce dishes with a range of high skill preparation and cooking methods.



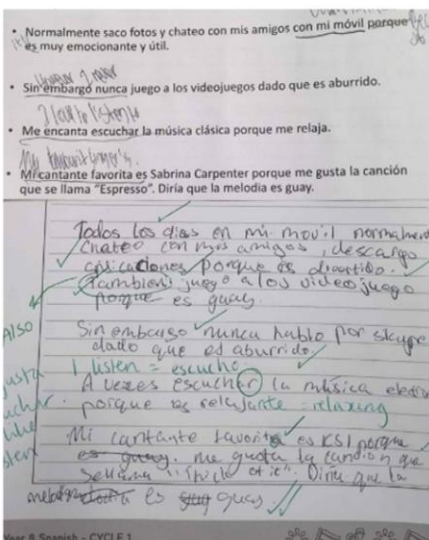
**Thang N**



**Isaiah C**



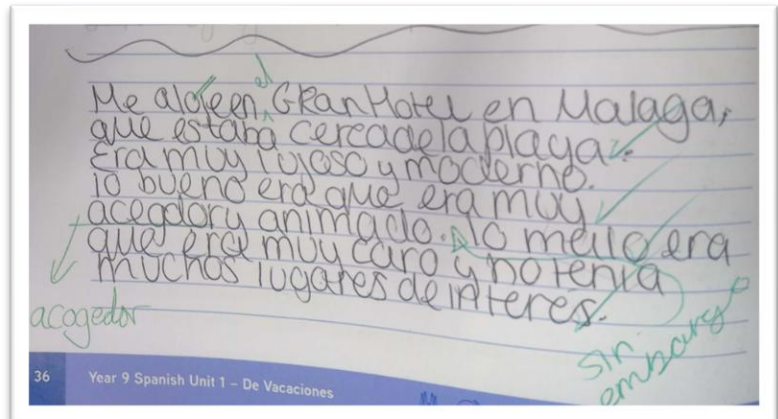
**Riley G**



**Krisbin A, Yr 8**

## Spanish:

For creating an excellent piece of written work talking about what he uses his mobile phone for and what music he likes to listen to.



**Samantha D, Yr 9**

## Spanish:

Well done for creating a very detailed and accurate description about a Spanish hotel!



# Look back at Ghyll Head...

This week, a group of Year 8 students, along with some from Year 9, enjoyed an adventurous residential trip to Ghyll Head, where they took part in a variety of exciting activities. These included canoeing, coasteering, scrambling, and zip-lining, all set in the stunning natural surroundings. In addition to the daytime adventures, students participated in several engaging nighttime activities, such as campfire stories with s'mores, nighttime orienteering, and a night walk under the stars. Throughout the week, students developed vital skills like leadership, resilience, and communication, which contributed to their personal growth and character development. The experience culminated in a festive Christmas dinner, complete with crackers, providing a joyful and celebratory end to what was truly an unforgettable week at Ghyll Head.



# Attendance

This week, 620 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 this week in each year group:

- Year 7 - 148 students
- Year 8 - 116 students
- Year 9 - 151 students
- Year 10 - 106 students
- Year 11 - 99 students

## Advisory Groups with the highest attendance this week are:

- 7B 96%
- 8A 85%
- 9W 92%
- 10C 93%
- 11Y 84%



# Upcoming week

## Stretch:

Next week is our first ever Stretch presentation week when our years 7-9 students will be presenting the projects they have been working hard on since September. These presentations will take place each day during advisory with the best from each advisory going forward to a grand finale. There will be lots of prizes and rewards to celebrate the preparation, research and resilience our students continue to show us every day.

## Christmas Concert:

Join us for our Christmas Concert on Thursday, 12th December! Enjoy a delicious mince pie and spread some festive cheer with us!



# Careers

## Aspire to be: Cabin Crew



On Friday 6th December, we hosted an inspiring *Aspire to Be* event, where we were delighted to welcome Michelle from the Department for Work and Pensions and Wyn, a cabin crew member from EasyJet. Students had the opportunity to ask questions about their careers, learning more about what the roles entail and how to pursue a similar career path. The session was a huge hit, and students really enjoyed the chance to gain valuable insights. We're excited to see what future sessions bring and look forward to welcoming more inspiring guests in the months to come!



who do you  
**ASPIRE**  
to be?



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions

# Celebrating Student Achievements

## Sparx Maths:

Well done to Year 9 for completing the most homework this week!

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>1st Place</b>	Zaida E	Lewis H	Leo C	Ivan R	Celeste C
<b>2nd Place</b>	Jack D	Mali X	Emily C	Alan SSE	Aaliyah T
<b>3rd Place</b>	Sreen A	Kezia P	Faith P	Kajetan G	Vikyath S



A group of Year 10 students was selected to attend the opening night of *Come From Away* at The Lowry on Tuesday. The trip was made possible thanks to the Manchester United Foundation and Mark Brent.

## Student Leaders:

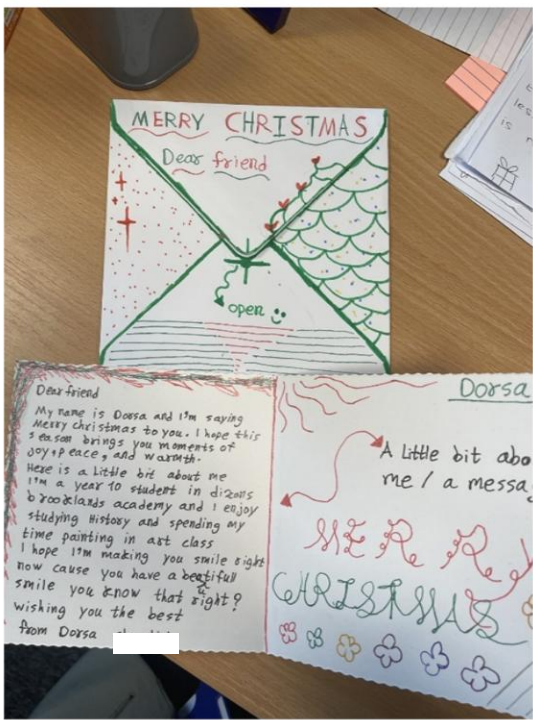
The Year 8 student leaders met this week to brainstorm ideas for a Culture Day at our academy. They explored ways to incorporate various curriculum areas and represent different cultures throughout the event. Once the plans are finalized, the student leaders will present them to the senior leadership team.



## New! The DBK A Team!

Next week we will be delighted to introduce you to our DBK A Team! This will include students from Years 7 - 11 who have achieved a 100% punctuality, and 100% attendance record this term. The A Team will help promote the importance of punctuality and attendance to lessons and to school, support at key school and community events and provide guidance and help to new students joining DBK. More on this next week so watch this space!

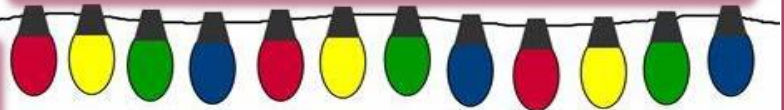
# Community



## Christmas Cards:

Last year, our Academy sent over 250 Christmas cards to local care homes. This year, we encouraged all students to spread kind messages and joy throughout our community. Each student designed their own Christmas card, which they then used to write a short message wishing a member of the community well during the Christmas period. It was a wonderful way to share festive cheer and brighten someone's day.

Here is just one example of the many Christmas cards created by Dorsa S from Year 10.



# Happy Holidays!

## 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

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



# MENU

**Week Commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	Selection of warm BBQ, Cajun chicken baguettes or Donner with fresh green salad	Sweet Potato hash	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beef pasta bake with garlic bread	Cheese and tomato turnovers	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chicken enchiladas with fresh green salad	Cheese and spring onion potato skin	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken tikka with rice and naan bread	Homemade cheese and onion pies	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
<b>Friday</b>	Chilli chicken on flat bread with side salad	Cheese and tomato French bread with 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.*