



5th July 2024

Message from the Head of School

It has been a fun-filled week here at Dixons Brooklands with our exciting Futures Week activities. All year groups have participated in various activities designed to link to future careers and expose them to different pathways and opportunities they might pursue in their futures. We had Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and University visits; the staff worked tirelessly to ensure our students had a positive experience throughout the week.



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

Our Year 10 students, in particular, had the opportunity to experience the world of work this week. I am pleased to share that some of our students have already been offered part-time jobs due to their impressive workplace performance. This is a huge credit to them and a testament to the maturity and skills our students possess.

Additionally, we had the pleasure of meeting our new Year 7 students this week during their transition visit. While some experienced initial nerves in the morning, they quickly overcame them and left school with smiling faces. I look forward to watching them grow and progress when they start in September.

This is a reminder that we finish school for the summer break on Thursday 18th July at 1.30pm.

Dixons Trust Collaboration Concert

We are very excited to be taking part in our first Dixons Trust Collaboration Concert on Wednesday 10th July at St George's Hall, Bradford.

A number of our music students will be performing in this concert and are practising hard. Families are able to buy tickets to watch the event using the QR code or the following link:

[Dixons City Academy event tickets from TicketSource.](#)



Celebrating Student Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who achieved the most credits for our value of 'Have Integrity' this week:

Year 7: Bukunmi F, Declan G, Emme C, Imogen F, Kai O, Mia A, Mia M, Mia N, Nirav S, Olivia M

Year 8: Amy-Rose J, Fernando P, Gabriela Z, Harry W, Maddison B, Mama D D, Noah R, Payton B, Phoebe E-C, Reece T

Year 9: Kajetan G, Alan Samuel, S E, Amelia H, Drew G, Imogen C, Leo B, Poppy M, Pryia A, Saskia B



Some of this week's nominated Year 7 students

Congratulations also to the following students who were nominated as 'Subject Star of the Week' by their teacher:

Student Name	Subject
Lillie K, Yr 8	Maths
Leon W, Yr 7	English
Aliae Q, Yr 8	Spanish
Martha M, Yr 9	History
Luke Earp	PE

Student Name	Subject
Daisy O, Yr 8	Food Tech
Alfie C, Yr 8	Computer Science/ICT
Leba M, Yr 7	Music
Petra-Maria S, Yr 10	Geography

Each student will receive a certificate posted home.

English: Sparx Reader

Thank you for continuing to support us by ensuring your child completes their 30 minutes of Sparx Reader. A reminder that students access Sparx through their same log on as Sparx maths. Sparx Reader homework is due on Mondays.



This week's top readers are :

- Elise P, Yr 7
- Ananya V, Yr 7
- Chisom O, Yr 9

Sparx Maths

Well done to this week's top students in Sparx Maths:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1st Place	Heidi H	Aarna M	Dorsa S	Abel C V
2nd Place	Kezia P	Faith P	Fodayba K	Bethany B
3rd Place	Shengng Wei Z	Amelia Z	Janais	Milly B

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Performing Arts: DBK Oscars

Well done to the following students who were nominated at the Performing Arts Department's Oscars this week:

	Best Actor	Most Improved Actor	Best Musician	Most Improved Musician
Year 7	Rohan T	Mia A	Leba M	George W
Year 8	Aliae Q	Kyle H	Tamsin	Julia S
Year 9	William D C	Larice P	Christian B	Janais H

Extra Curricular Basketball

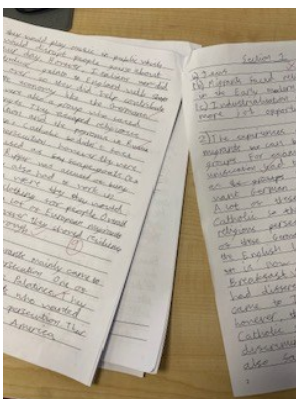
Well done to Nicholas P, Year 9 and Osama O, Year 7 who were awarded Basketball Players of the Week at our after-school basketball club this week. Their commitment to improving their skills and pushing themselves to new heights is truly commendable and their hard work and dedication exemplify the qualities we strive to instil in all our student-athletes.



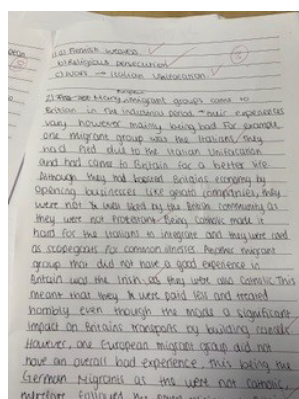
Celebrating our Curriculum

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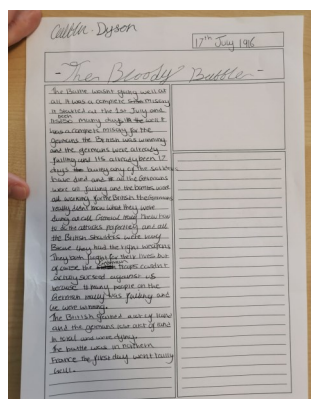
Mr Smith and Ms Larkin have both shared examples of great work this week.



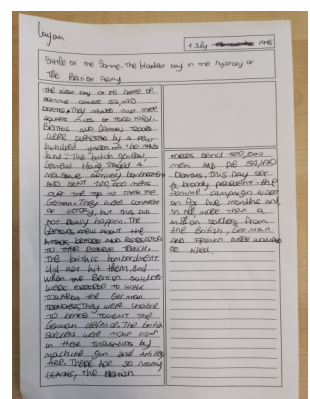
Layan A, Year 8: Great effort and article.



Zach A, Year 10: Fantastic effort on this C3 assessment.



Kush K S, Year 10: Brilliant effort in her C3 assessment.

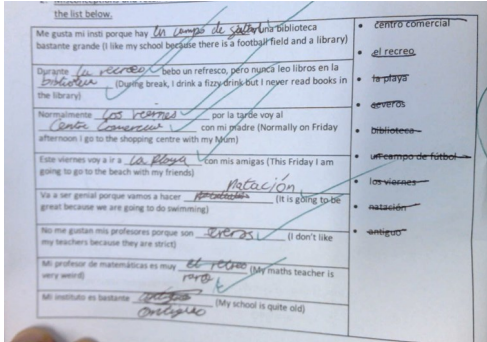


Caitlin D, Year 8: Brilliant effort and article.

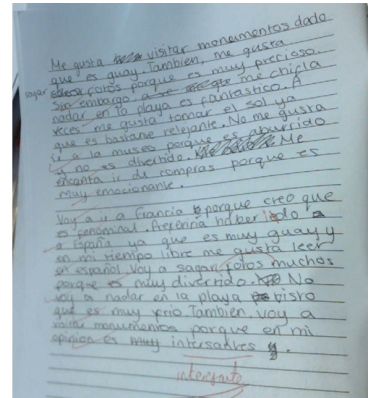
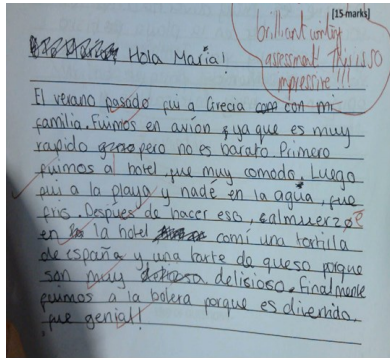
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Spanish

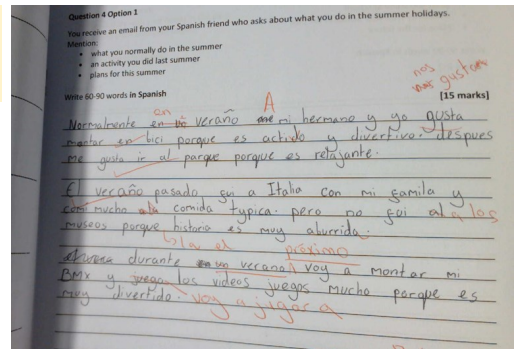
Year 7: Well done to Leba M for taking our feedback lesson so seriously and completing her work to such a high standard.



Year 8: Aliae Q produced an unbelievable written assessment in Spanish, achieving a score of 15/15!! This is a fantastic result by Aliae, who is already working at GCSE standard.



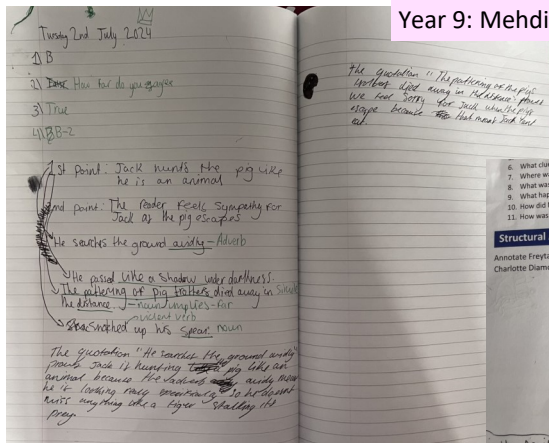
Year 9: Hayden W also produced an excellent written assessment in Spanish this week.



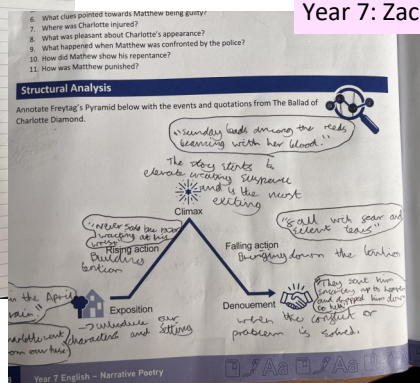
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Ms Moran has shared some excellent examples of English work this week...

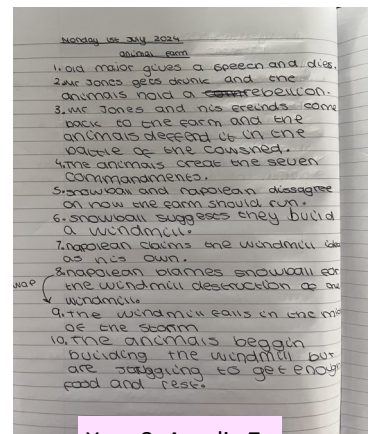
Year 9: Mehdi D



Year 7: Zac L



Year 8: Amelia Z



Food Tech

Students haven been baking lots of delicious food this week. Pictured are Daisy O's (Year 8) pizza and Imogen C's (Year 9) sausage rolls. Both students demonstrated precision and achieved a professional finish to their food.

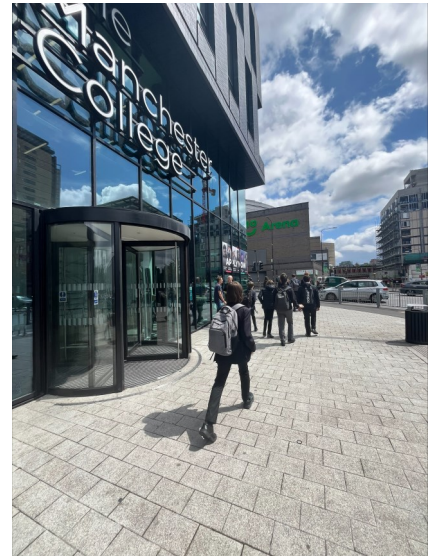


Futures Week:

Manchester College Taster Day

15 Year 10 students visited Manchester College, City Centre Campus this week, where they chose two college courses to sample throughout the day. Students choose from a range of courses such as Travel, Tourism and Aviation, Hospitality and Catering and Photography and Art.

Students had a brilliant time sampling the different courses and their behaviour and conduct were exemplary throughout the day. Students engaged well in the sessions and were very inquisitive. Some students liked the college and environment so much that they have decided to apply to complete their post-16 study at the college.



Manchester University

A group of Year 10 students visited Manchester University this week, and with the help of some Law students, took part in creating, preparing and presenting a trial.

Our students were engaged throughout the visit and their behaviour was exemplary. They took part in a court room workshop where each student was given a role to play in a knife crime incident. Logan Y had the role of the perpetrator and Joel S had the role of the victim. Unfortunately, Logan was found guilty and was sentenced to 8 years behind bars!



Well done to George G and Ethan K who were the prosecution and defence barristers and played their roles amazingly!

Guest Speaker: Pierce Kiemi

As part of Futures Week we had former professional footballer, Pierce Kiemi in school this week. Pierce delivered a wonderful presentation to our Year 9 students about the importance of learning languages. Pierce talked about how knowing other languages can enhance your career in sport and other professions. Pierce also delivered a practical football session to 40 Year 9 students. During the session, the students played a series of short football games whereby they had to also try and match up key Spanish football phrases and remember them.

We look forward to welcoming Pierce back to speak to other year groups next year.



Futures Week:

Oxford University

As part of futures week, local university student, Emily Langley delivered an insightful assembly to our wonderful Year 9 students on Thursday this week. Emily is currently studying French at the prestigious University of Oxford and talked about her experience of studying a foreign language at GCSE, A level and university level. Emily also talked to students about what a year abroad entails and the advantages of choosing a degree which offers the opportunity to spend a year working or studying abroad. Our Year 9 students were extremely polite and respectful throughout the presentation and hopefully feel inspired about what their future holds.



AltaHigher

A small group of Year 10s worked with an organisation called Alta Higher this week, as part of Futures Week. This workshop involved these students' gaining skills in the creative arts and gaming industry which was really insightful and interactive.

Guest Speaker: Herman Dange

Students were enthralled by our guest speaker, Hermen Dange, this week. Hermen has his own business called 'Made Running'. He gave a presentation to students about his career journey and how he has overcome adversity after spending time in prison, getting involved with the wrong group of people and into the wrong things. He aims to inspire students to dream big, achieve big and follow the right paths and make the right choices in life whilst helping them to understand how making the wrong choices can have significant consequences.

Students were really engaged by Herman's story and showed a great level of respect.



Computing

As part of Futures Week, Mr Ali's classes have been taking part in a Virtual Tour of Amazon's Fulfilment Centre to showcase to students in Years 7-9 the different jobs available throughout Amazon including the Technology Sector.

As part of the tour, students learned the vital role of Technology and Computer Science during the process of ordering an item and it being delivered. Students engaged in the tour through Kahoot and thoroughly enjoyed their lessons this week, by being inquisitive and curious learners throughout. Well done especially to James R and Grace S in Year 7 and Logan R and Grace G in Year 8 who came first place in the trivia questions.

Dates for your Diary: June/July 2024

Monday 8th July	9.00am - 2.00pm: Year 10 Photography visit to Manchester City Centre - 1
Tuesday 9th July	9.00am - 2.00pm: Year 10 Photography visit to Manchester City Centre - 2
Wednesday 10th July	9.00am - 2.00pm: Year 10 Photography visit to Manchester City Centre - 3
Wednesday 10th July	<i>to Thursday 11th July:</i> Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition
Wednesday 10th July	Dixons Collaboration Concert, Bradford
Thursday 11th July	9.00am - 2.00pm: Year 10 Photography visit to Manchester City Centre - 4
Wednesday 17th July	Sports Day
Thursday 18th July	Students break for summer

Students return Monday 2nd September

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.

Monthly:

Booky Brooky Brew Stop: Visit on Friday 26th July and tea, coffee and biscuits will be served to all customers.

Reading Club: Adult reading club meet on the last Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be Wednesday 31st July, 6.30-7.30pm. New members always welcome, light refreshments included.

Special Events:

Take part in the **summer reading challenge** over the summer; read 6 books and collect free summer reading challenge items and enter the prize draw.

Take part in some **summer crafts** from Monday 29th July to Friday 30th August.

Come along to a **free movie** on **Wednesday 31st July, Wednesday 7th August** and **Wednesday 21st August**. Starts at 3.00pm and includes free popcorn and drink too!

Please note, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult to all library activities.

For more information, please see a member of the Library staff or email brooklandslibrary@manchester.gov.uk

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	

