



7th June 2024

Message from the Head of School

Hello everyone.

As we conclude our first week of new routines, it has been a week of adjustments for all of us as we settle into our new term.

As you know, one of the changes is the use of transition music throughout the day, which helps to signal the travel time needed for the lesson. You'll be pleased to hear that many of the students are adapting well to this new addition and finding it helpful in organising themselves.

However, there's one aspect of our new routine that I am personally still getting used to: hearing my own voice over the school intercom! Each morning, I greet the students with a "Good morning," and at the end of the day, I wish them a "lovely evening". While this practice aims to create a welcoming and consistent start and end to our school day, I must admit it has been an adjustment for me!

I need to share with you an ongoing issue that has been causing significant concern at our school. Recently, there have been numerous incidents of vandalism in the toilets, particularly with the locks being repeatedly broken. Each morning, I personally check the toilets at 7.00am to ensure that the locks are functioning properly. Despite this, we continue to find them damaged throughout the day. This situation is not only disruptive but also unfair to the students who are using these facilities appropriately. I have received numerous complaints from students who are understandably frustrated by this ongoing problem. It is crucial that we all work together to maintain a respectful and considerate environment for everyone at our school. I kindly ask you to speak with your children about the importance of being kind and courteous to others. Please stress the significance of caring for our shared spaces and ensuring that they do not engage in any activities that might damage school property. Your support in addressing this matter is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Parent Wellbeing Group

Last term, Ms Sheridan, our academy Wellbeing Counsellor, ran a wellbeing group for a small group of parents of our Year 7 students. We explored various topics each week from the tolerance window, poly vagal theory, the drama triangle, negative automatic thoughts and some grounding techniques such as tapping and EMDR. This group was developed to support parents in their own mental wellbeing and to support how they in turn, can help their child. The group bonded really well, and all said that they didn't want it to end! We are hoping to be able to offer more sessions with Ms Sheridan in the future. If you feel a session like this would benefit you and your family and would be interested to find out more, please email ns Sheridan@dixonsbk.com



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

Celebrating Student Achievement

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

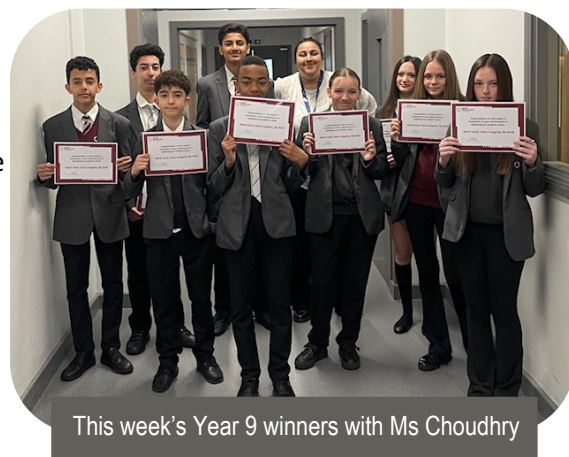
Year 7: Bukunmi F, Ceridwen D, Gabriellah M, George W, James R, Mali X, Murad A, Oliver F, Osama O, Savannah P-C

Year 8: Georgia H, Ruby C, Ralphy M, Noor X, Emmanuel E, Freddie L-J, Aarna M, Reuben T, Eva R, Liam L

Year 9: Artin A, Emily W, Evie P, Hollie G, Idris R, Mohammed A A, Muhammad Z, Oliwia R, Poppy M, Shayne F

Year 10: Cezar C, Daniel S, Eleanor N, Hamdah S, Ibrahim O, Isaac M, Jacob W, Lilia O, Lucas E, Olivia H-S

Year 11: Lottie N, Jorgina M, Elena T, Lexie F, Rosie K, Freddie R-R, Darien V, Lewis N, Hayden B, Osman H



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

Student Name	Subject
Abigail O, Yr 8	Maths
Olivia P, Yr 10	History
Bobby B, Yr 9	Music
Oscar P, Yr 10	Design Technology
Abdullah A-R, Yr 10	Art
Olivia J, Yr 10	Food Tech
Zoe O, Yr 10	Child Care

Student Name	Subject
Noah B, Yr 7	English
Lilah K, Yr 10	Spanish
Savannah P-C, Year 7	Geography
Vincent S, Yr 7	Drama
Lexi P-C, Yr 10	Photography
Brooke C-C,	Health & Social Care
Erin J, Yr 7	Computer Science/ICT

Each student will receive a certificate posted home.

English: Sparx Reader

I hope your child had a good holiday and completed some reading whilst we were away from school. Now it is time to get back into a routine with your child's reading, whether that be at night before bed or as soon as they get home. Help your child to get the best reading age possible by ensuring they complete at least 30 minutes reading a week! Thank you for your continued support.



This week's top readers are :

- Ceridwen D, Yr 7
- Abigail B, Yr 7
- Hussain M, Yr 9

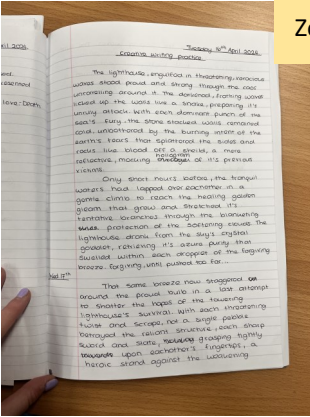
Sparx Maths

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

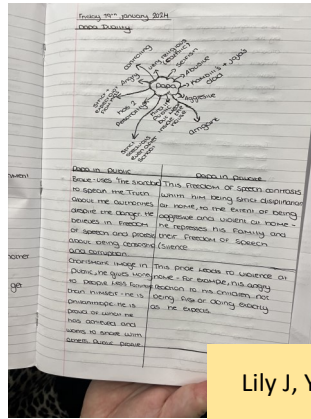
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Sheng Wei Z	Aarna M	Jayden M	Bethany B	Ryan Y
2nd Place	Mercy R	Afnan S	Mohammed A A	Abel C V	Jorgina M
3rd Place	Imogen A	Noor X	Alan Samuel S E	Declan C	Evelina Z

Celebrating our Curriculum

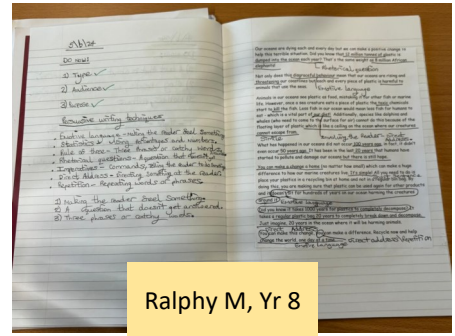
The English department are happy to share some great examples of excellent work this week...



Zoe O, Yr 10

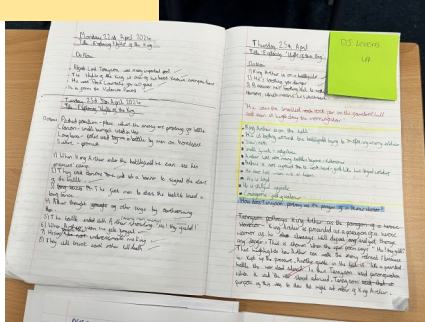


Lily J, Yr 9



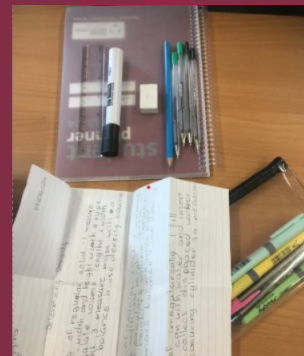
Ralphy M, Yr 8

D'Jean L, Yr 7



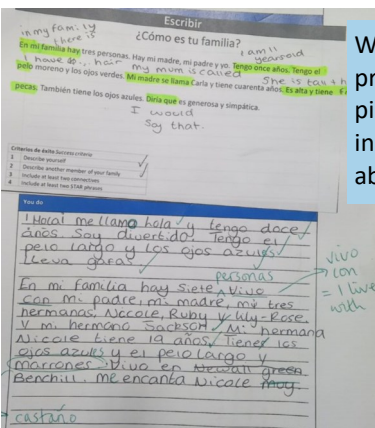
A perfect example of the required student equipment that is needed each day, and some model homework.

Well done Mama D D, Year 8.



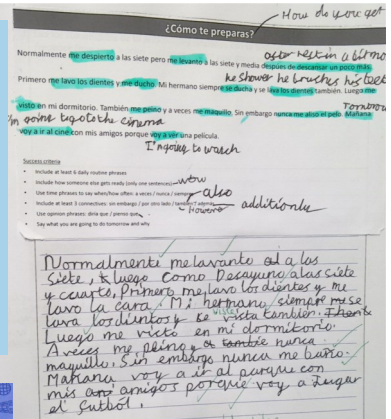
Ms Taylor wants to share the pride she felt during a recent Year 9 Ethics class, covering the difficult and perhaps controversial subject of Euthanasia. She said "The whole class asked genuine thought-provoking questions, discussed a variety of attitudes towards the topic and other areas associated with the lesson. I was really impressed with the maturity and inquisitive manner they displayed in the lesson."

In Spanish, Ms Walker-Etchells has lots to choose from to show her students' outstanding work...

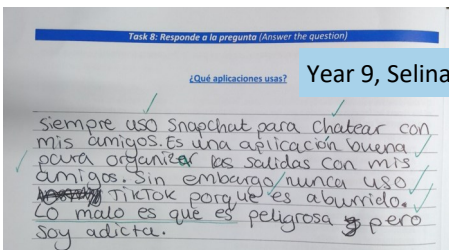


Well done Lola D, Year 7 for producing an outstanding piece of written Spanish that includes third person details about your family!

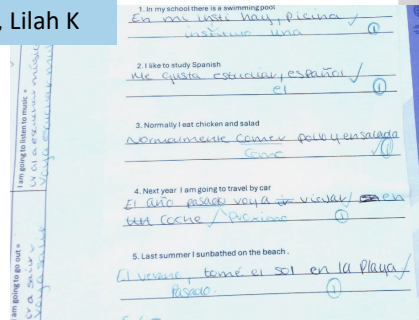
Well done Caelan H, Year 8 for producing an outstanding piece of written Spanish that includes third person present structures and also the near future tense!



Year 10, Lilah K



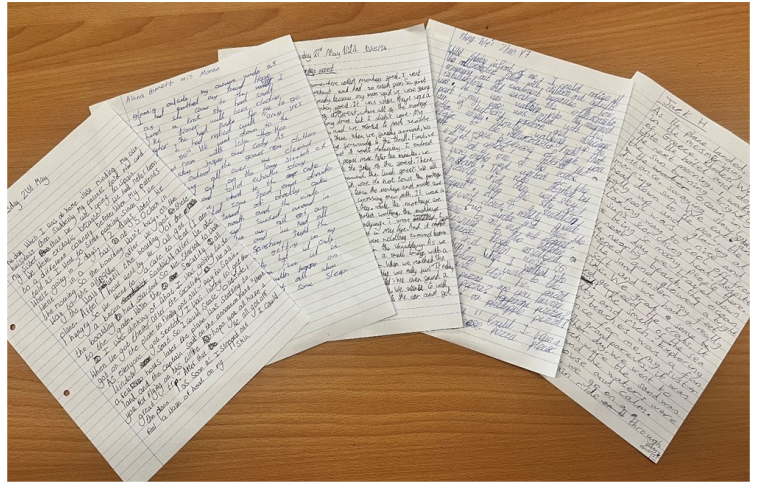
Year 9, Selina D S



A special mention to Shafia S and Ceridwen D for working so hard at Fitness Club after school this week. Both have demonstrated determination and improved fitness. Keep it up!

Creative Writing Competition: Ghost Stories

Last term Ms Boden and Ms Moran, in association with Young Writers, held a creative writing competition across all KS3 year groups. Students jumped at the opportunity to tell their own twisted tales, spooky stories and mystery manuscripts and they did not disappoint! Over 40 students have submitted stories, and being given free reign over the topic, they were able to show off their writing skills and practise their talent with the opportunity to be published at the end of the calendar year.



This was a fantastic event that has enabled students to see how their hard work can pay off! We cannot wait to see who is chosen as the competition winner which will be announced later this term.

Andy Burnham's Visit

We had a visit from the Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham, before the half term break. Mr Burnham came for a tour of the building and to meet with the students who had attended the Convention of the North in March.

At the Convention of the North, there were over 400 MPs, Mayors and policy makers in attendance. Our students shared the fantastic speeches they had created about areas they were passionate about including the cost of living crisis, safe spaces to socialise and provision for children with special educational needs. Everyone who came loved the speeches including the Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham and true to his word, he visited the academy on Thursday 23rd May, spending time with the students and staff, had a tour of the school and met with staff and leaders across Dixons Academies.



Lord Mayor's Visit

On Tuesday 4th June, The Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Paul Andrews attended Dixons Brooklands Academy to present the students with the Kath Fry Award, having won this year's challenge.

The students enjoyed the meeting the Mayor and shared their stories and memories of the adventures they had and how they each showed resilience throughout the gruelling 3 days at Ghyll

Head in January. The students created memories for a lifetime and are already looking forward to their day visit at Ghyll Head, which they also won alongside this excellent trophy. Our students competed in the Kath Fry Challenge against many other schools across the borough and came out on top for the first time as Dixons Brooklands Academy, but the 4th time that we as a school have won this event, which has been going for 20 years.



A well-deserved award for these hard working students.

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:

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.

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

Lego Club: Saturdays, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Monthly:

Booky Brooky Brew Stop: Visit on Friday 28th June 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 26th June, 6.30-7.30pm. New members always welcome, light refreshments included.

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	



YEAR 11 EXAMS: week commencing 10th June

Date	Exam
Monday 10th June	Maths Foundation Paper 3 Calc Maths Paper 3 Calc
Monday 10th June	Spanish Foundation Writing Paper 4 Spanish Higher Writing Paper 4
Tuesday 11th June	Chemistry Paper 2 Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1
Tuesday 11th June	History Paper 3
Tuesday 11th June	Further Maths Paper 1
Wednesday 12th June	Dance
Wednesday 12th June	NCFE Child Development and Care in the Early Years
Wednesday 12th June	Polish Listening Paper 1 Polish Reading Paper 1
Wednesday 12th June	Portuguese Listening Paper 1 Portuguese Reading Paper 3
Wednesday 12th June	Persian Listening Paper 1 Persian Reading Paper 3
Friday 14th June	Geography Paper 3
Friday 14th June	Physics Paper 2 Combined Science Physics Paper 2

Dates for your Diary: June/July 2024

Tuesday 11th June	Year 9 vaccinations (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) and Meningitis)
Wednesday 12th June	GCSE History trip to Quarry Bank Mill
Thursday 13th June	4.00-6.00pm: DBKOC Party - Outstanding Citizens' Recognition
Friday 14th June	Year 10 Food Tech visit to The Good Food Live Show, Birmingham
Monday 17th June	<i>To Friday 21st June:</i> DBK Sports Tour to Amsterdam
Thursday 27th June	Year 11 Prom
Monday 1st July	Year 11 GCSE Art Exhibition: 4.00-7.00pm
Tuesday 2nd July	Parent Focus Group: 4.00-5.00pm
Thursday 18th July	Students break for summer

Students return Monday 2nd September