



Message from the Head of School

As happens every year, the sun comes out as soon as the GCSEs begin! Our thoughts are with our Year 11 as they sit their first full year group exam today. They have an intensive 4 school weeks ahead, that culminates all of their hard work over the last 11 years. It's a chance for them to show off their knowledge and we wish them well.

For all other year groups, they will now be preparing for their end of year assessments, known in school as Cycle 3 Assessments. For Key Stage 3, it is a chance for us to check in with them and review their learning so far, and for Year 10, the opportunity for them to prepare for their GCSEs and experience full exam conditions for the first time. They will have a further two sets of mock exams before next summer in these same conditions, and so shouldn't be phased when the time comes.

Through our links with the wider community, we have been made aware of an opportunity for students interested in a career in sport. Wythenshawe Football Club, in conjunction with the YMCA, are offering two qualifications, and are hosting an open evening on Thursday 23rd May. Please see later in the newsletter for details.

I hope you have enjoyed seeing our students hard work that we have been showcasing on social media this week. We will continue to do this, so you can see the great work that your children are producing.

I hope you have a lovely weekend – it's promising to be a warm one!

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, Floriana D, George W, Imogen F, James R, Mali X, Mohammad A-K, Musdul C, Osama O

Year 8: Paige C, Ella-Anne D-M, Caitlin D, Xavi H, Lucy K, Aaron L, William R, Ava-Lou V, Shayla W

Year 9: Jessica B, Jake B, Frankie C, Louis D, Zachary D, Shayne F, Olivia F, Yana G, Hollie G, Kajetan G

Year 10: Jacob W, Summer W, Logan Y, Isabella W, Thomas S, Alyssa T, Callum S-B, Kelly S, Daniel S, Louie R

Year 11: Taha A, Luca C, Amelia C, Ellie G, Seren G, Jorgina M, Tom M, Junior O, Jasper P, Ella S, Ryan Y, Ellie B



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School



Year 7 students with Ms Keelan

Celebrating our Curriculum

Food Technology

Year 10 produced a complex dessert dish this week - strawberry jelly and white chocolate mousse - and demonstrated flair and originality in their presentation. All students produced beautiful dishes but special mention goes to Kyle C for his piping and knife skills which showed expert precision.



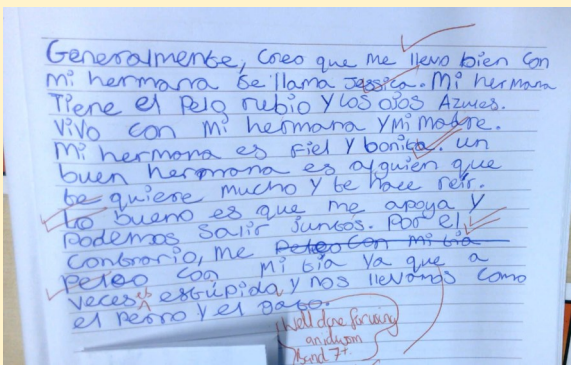
Art

We are particularly proud of the work Dorsa S, Year 9 is currently creating; here is some mixed-media artwork inspired by graffiti artist, C215.

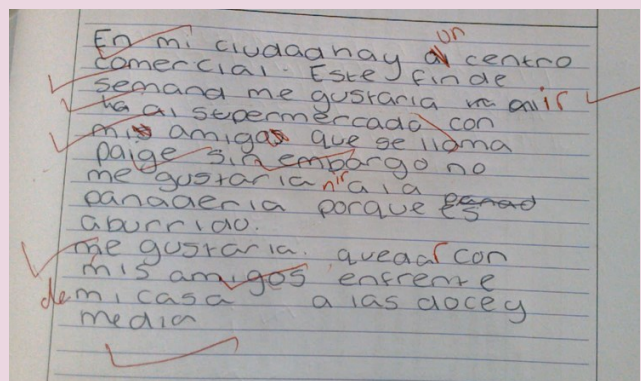
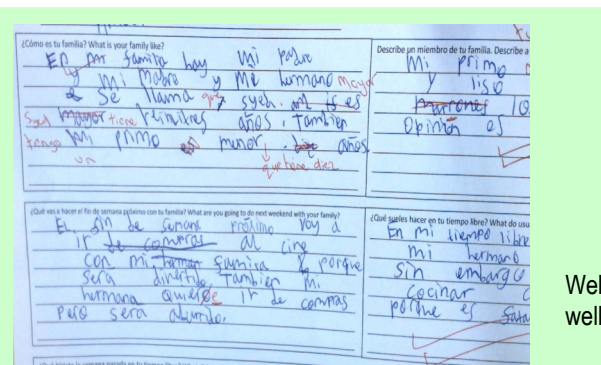
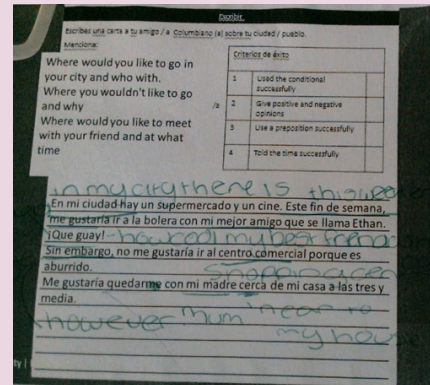
Spanish

Just two of our stand out pieces of work this week...

Priya A, Yr 9 wrote a fantastic paragraph about family relationships. Priya successfully used a model answer and adapted it and improved it to create a superb piece of work. She even included an idiom! The whole class analysed it and students used it to improve their own paragraphs!



Well done to Leila V, Year 8 for taking detailed notes whilst we analysed what a good piece of writing looks like together. Leila then used the model to create her own fabulous piece of writing.



Well done Ameen A, Year 10 for working hard this week and preparing well for your forthcoming Cycle 3 speaking assessment.

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. Students have been informed that their Sparx Reader homework is now due on **Mondays**.



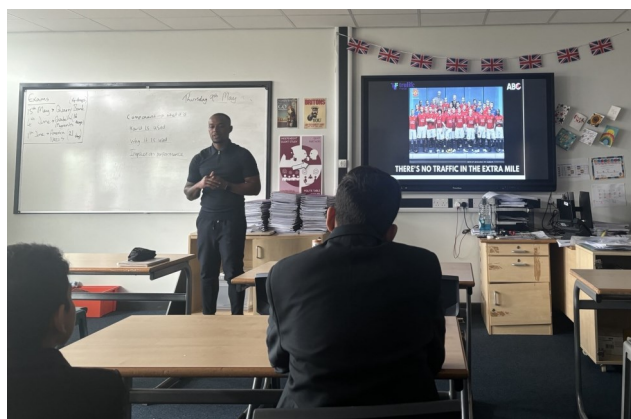
This week's top readers are : • Robert B, Year 7 • Shafia S, Year 7 • Chisom O, Year 9

However, a special mention to Mrs Farby's Year 7 and Year 8 English classes who have been working so hard to get as many points as they can on Sparx Reader. The majority of these students have already completed their homework that is not due to be submitted until next Monday! Keep it up - you are all doing amazing!

BTEC Sport: Guest Speaker

Yesterday saw our BTEC Sports students take part in a session with Inspirational speaker and ex-Manchester United Player Aaron Burns.

The students listened to Aaron discuss the highs and lows of professional sport, and his life after football. It was great for the students to hear about the commitment, hard work and motivation that is required for a career in sport, no matter what the role is. Aaron shared the reality of professional football, and the disappointment that comes to many young footballers, along with the regrets that come to so many when they don't quite have the ambition and goals that are required for professionals at that level.



His talk linked in so well with the work we are doing on motivation and goal setting during this course, and the students gained valuable real life experience from someone in the sporting industry.

Year 7 Science

Year 7 students particularly enjoyed a recent Science lesson with Ms MacGruer; students neutralized sulphuric acid with copper oxide, and then filtered the excess copper oxide from their solution. They then poured the solution into an evaporating basin and left it for a few days until crystals started to form.

Pictured are Declan G and Mia M with some copper sulphate crystals that they have made.



Sport at DBK

Football

Dixons Brooklands Academy Year 7 and Year 8 girls football team, travelled to Dixons City Academy in Bradford, to take part in their first Dixons cup competition recently.

The girls enjoyed the journey to Yorkshire, some amazed by the farm in the middle of the motorway!

During the competition the team played against 7 of the 9 teams in attendance, conceding only one goal all evening, after our keeper didn't realise the game had begun!

They worked hard throughout the long evening and a large amount of games, and loved the experience of playing against schools from our other Dixons Trust schools.

The girls showed lots of grit and resilience because as the games went on, the weather turned and the competition got harder. However the team were rewarded with a first place finish in the Dixons cup competition, giving us some well earned points on the Dixons Cup leader board.

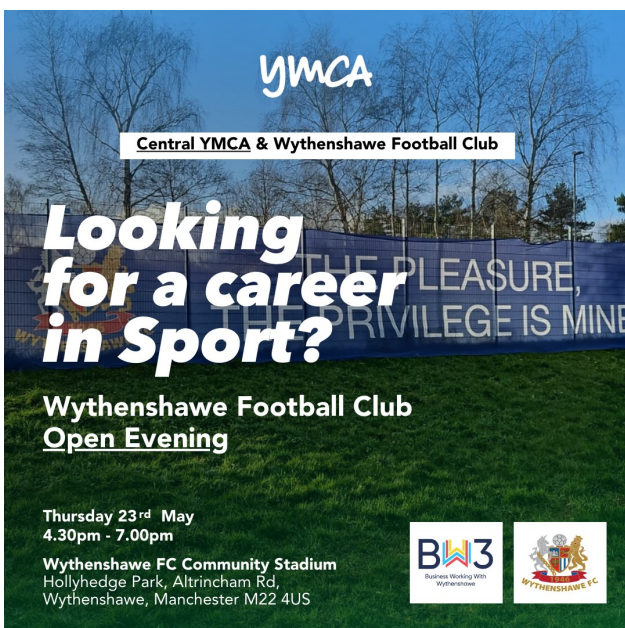
We look forward to our next Dixons cup event in future weeks.

Well done to the team: Eva R, Maisie L, Aliae Qozman, Daisy O, Maja K, Payton B, Kayomi M, Clementine W, Alana B and Lucy B.

Also this season, our Year 7 and Year 8 girls team won the Manchester Schools KS Inspire league, alongside two of our Year 9 students, and we look forward to seeing what next year brings as they compete on the Excel league next academic year.

After-School Basketball Club

Well done to Matia T and Leba M for being nominated for Basketball Player of the Week. Their hard work and dedication exemplify the qualities we strive to instil in all our student-athletes. Keep up the fantastic work!



YMCA
Central YMCA & Wythenshawe Football Club


Looking for a career in Sport?
THE PLEASURE, THE PRIVILEGE IS MINE

Wythenshawe Football Club
Open Evening

Thursday 23rd May
4.30pm - 7.00pm

Wythenshawe FC Community Stadium
Hollyhedge Park, Altrincham Rd,
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Staff Wellbeing

After the students left on Friday afternoon last week, staff were given the opportunity to partake in a number of fun and wellbeing activities, including Creating a Sculpture, Bake Off, Basic Spanish, Grounding Techniques, Musical Boomwhackers, Yoga and Sports.



Staff agreed it was a good start to the long weekend and they enjoyed the chance to meet with other colleagues and do something fun at the end of the week.

Community Volunteers

We are looking for members of our community who would like to volunteer to work with our students. If you can commit to 1 hour per week to provide 1:1 support with reading and you are keen to find out more, please contact Ms C Boden for further details: cboden@dixonsbk.com We welcome interest from all members of the community, particularly men - dads, uncles, granddads!

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 31st May 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 29th May, 6.30-7.30pm. New members always welcome, light refreshments included.

Special Events:

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May: School holiday crafts.

Wednesday 29th May: Free movie at 3.00pm with free popcorn and a drink!

Friday 31st May: Extra family story time and craft - 11.00am.

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

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| 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 | |

Please note, the Library will be closed on the Bank Holiday - Monday 27th May.



YEAR 11 EXAMS: week commencing 13th May

| Date | Exam |
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| Monday 13th May | English Literature Paper 1 |
| Tuesday 14th May | French Listening Paper 1 French Reading Paper 2 |
| Tuesday 14th May | Chinese Listening Paper 1 Chinese Reading Paper 3 |
| Wednesday 15th May | History |
| Wednesday 15th May | Computer Science |
| Thursday 16th May | Maths Foundation Paper 1 Calc Maths Higher Paper 1 Non Calc |
| Friday 17th May | Chemistry Paper 1 Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1 |
| Friday 17th May | Geography Paper 1 |

Dates for your Diary: May/June 2024

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| Thursday 16th May | 8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In |
| Wednesday 22nd May | 4.30-5.30pm: Parent Focus Group: Communication |
| Thursday 23rd May | 8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In |
| Thursday 23rd May | 3.40-6.35pm: Year 7 Parents' Evening |
| Friday 24th May | Students finish for half term. |
| Monday 3rd June | Students return for new half term. |
| Tuesday 4th June | GCSE Photography trip to Manchester City Centre |
| Wednesday 5th June | GCSE Photography trip to Manchester City Centre |
| Thursday 6th June | GCSE Photography trip to Manchester City Centre |
| Friday 7th June | GCSE Photography trip to Manchester City Centre |
| Friday 14th June | Year 10 Food Tech visit to The Good Food Live Show, Birmingham |
| Thursday 27th June | Year 11 Prom |