



Message from the Head of School

I would first like to let you know of some important changes to the structure of the school day that will take effect from September.

After careful consideration and planning, we have decided to amend the times of the school day to ensure that our students can study topics in greater depth. This change involves extending the duration of each lesson. However, to accommodate this while maintaining a balanced school day, we will reduce the total number of subject-based lessons per day. Our new timetable will run over two weeks to ensure a broad coverage of all of our subject areas.



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

Starting in September, the new schedule will be as follows:

- **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday:** There will be five subject-based learning sessions each day.
- **Wednesday and Friday:** There will be four subject-based learning sessions each day.

In addition to this, we will have our usual morning meeting and advisory schedule.

The start time of the school day will remain unchanged at 8.15am. On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, Key Stage 3 students will finish school at 3.05pm and Key Stage 4 at 3.15pm. On Wednesday and Friday, the school day will end at 2.10pm for Years 8, 10 and 11 and at 2.15pm for Years 7 and 9.

We believe that this adjustment will provide our students with a more focused and enriched learning experience, allowing them to engage more deeply with the curriculum. We are committed to ensuring that these changes benefit our student's educational journey and overall well-being.

Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns regarding this new schedule. We appreciate your support and understanding as we strive to enhance the quality of education we provide.

As we wrap up this academic year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and collaboration. Your involvement and dedication have been instrumental in making this school year a successful and enriching experience for our students.

As summer approaches, we hope you and your families find time to relax, rejuvenate, and create wonderful memories together.

We are already looking forward to welcoming you back in September for a fresh start to the new academic year. Our team is excited to continue our journey of learning and growth with your children, and we are committed to making the upcoming year even more fruitful and inspiring.

Thank you once again for being such an integral part of our school community. Have a fantastic summer, and see you all in September!

Celebrating Student Achievement

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

Year 7: Caleb F, Declan G, Harpreet K, Izzy B, Jacob B, Krisbin A, Leo S, Mariam J, Oliver C-M, Savannah P-C

Year 8: Aliae Q, Caitlyn K, Dan C C, Elene K, Ethan M, Isabella R, Jacob J, Louie T, Maisie L, Tamsin N

Year 9: Alisia H, Amelia H, Anvi R, Art A, Imogen C, Jack B, Joseph J, Larice P, Leo B, Pryia A

Year 10: Aaliyah T, Alfie L, Brooke C-C, David M, Kyle W, Leiarna P, Lucas B, Max Frankie B, Sammy P, Tom M



Some of this week's nominated Year 10 students

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

Student Name	Subject
Vikyath SP, Yr 10	Maths
Megan H, Yr 10	Science
Bailie N, Yr 8	History
Leba M, Yr 7	Music
Yusuf M, Yr 10	Music
David M, Yr 10	Drama
Arina M, Yr 10	Photography
Lexie P-C	PE
Keira T, Yr	Health & Social Care
Oliva P, Yr 10	Computer Science/IT

Student Name	Subject
Georgia May M, Yr 8	English
Dennis W, Yr 9	Spanish
Ruby C, Yr 8	Geography
Christian B, Yr 9	Music
Nabiha N, Yr 10	Music
Samantha D, Yr 8	Design Technology
Hazhir M, Yr 10	Art
Enya M, Yr 8	Food Tech
Katie P, Yr	Child Care

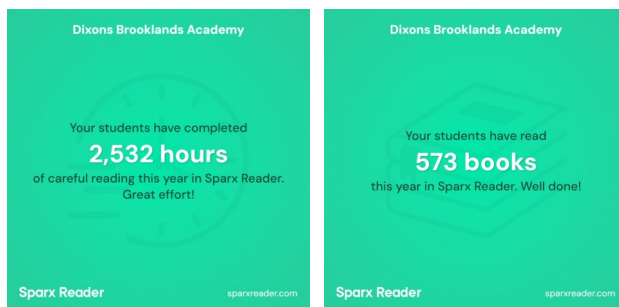
Each student will receive a certificate posted home.



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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 :

- Fodayba K, Yr 9
- Robert B, Yr 7
- Ousman K, Yr 7

Congratulations to **Mohammad A, Mercy R** and **Robert B**, Year 7 who are our readers for the year to date. Keep it up!

Sparx Maths

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

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1st Place	Imogen A	Aarna M	Jayden M	Abel C V
2nd Place	Kezia P	Phoebe E-C	Dorsa S	Bethany B
3rd Place	Shafia S	Afnan S	Ahmed S	Brooke C-C

Congratulations to the following students who were top three for the year to date!

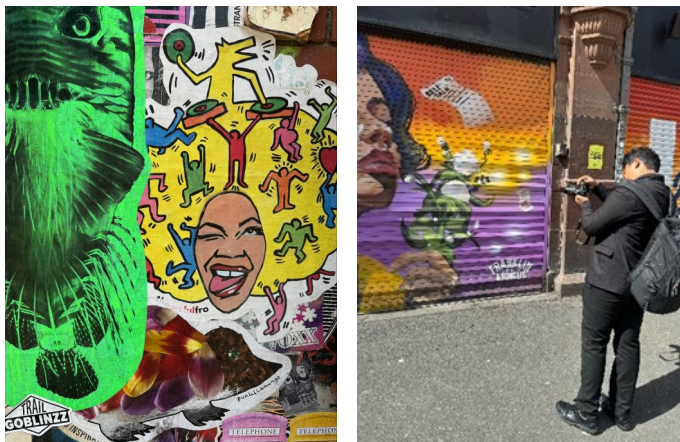
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Sheng Wei Z	Aistis V	Jayden M	Bethany B	Osman H
2nd Place	Shafia S	Aarna M	Dorsa S	Abel C V	Seren G
3rd Place	Kezia P	Holly C	Joseph J	Zach A	Jorgina M

Celebrating our Curriculum

Photography

Our Year 10 Photography students visited Manchester city centre this week to find and photograph various examples of architecture. They visited Stevenson Square in the Northern Quarter and looked at all the different types of buildings and styles of graffiti. They also visited Manchester Art Gallery via China Town.

Students were great ambassadors for the school whilst on their visit and said they found the experience interesting and enjoyable, and they also got some incredible shots for their coursework.



Science – Year 7

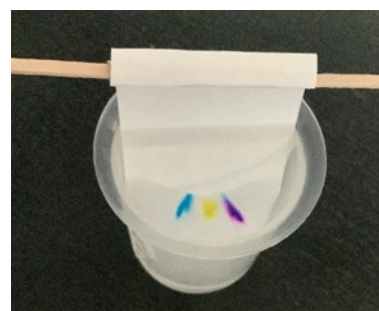
Year 7 have been learning all about the applications of science in industry. They have been gaining experience in the following roles - sports scientist, materials scientist and energy engineers!

Students got to choose the area that interested them the most and then carried out a set of investigations around this! Ask your young person in Year 7 all about it!



Science – Year 8

Year 8 students have been learning all about chromatography and its applications in industry. Be sure to ask your young person in Year 8 all about it and how it has been used to find out why mosquitoes bite some people and not others!

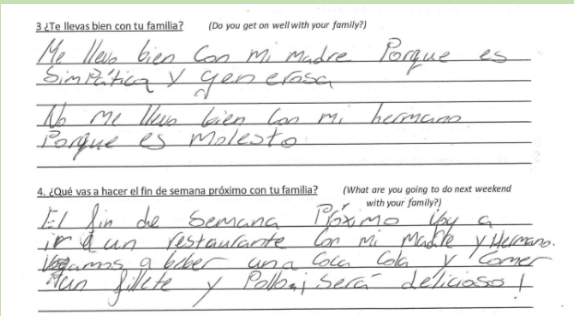


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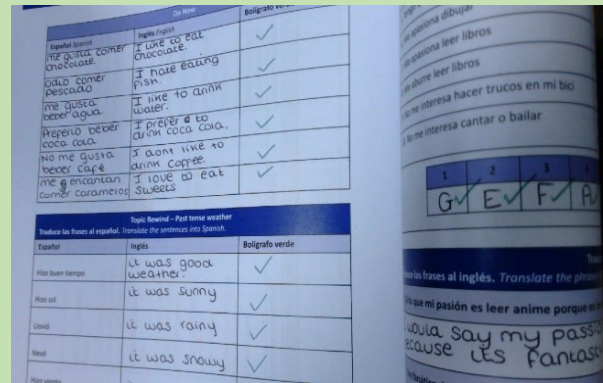
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Ms Walker-Etchells has shared some of the great work produced in Spanish this week...

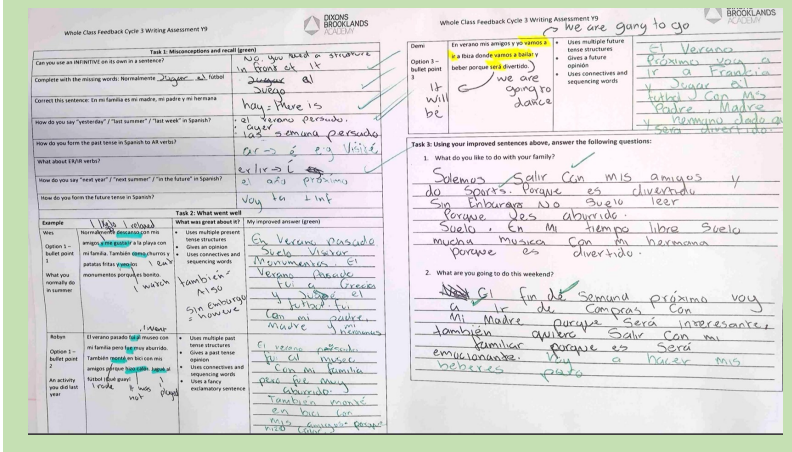
Year 10: Charlie T produced some outstanding work recently as he prepared for his Spanish speaking exam.



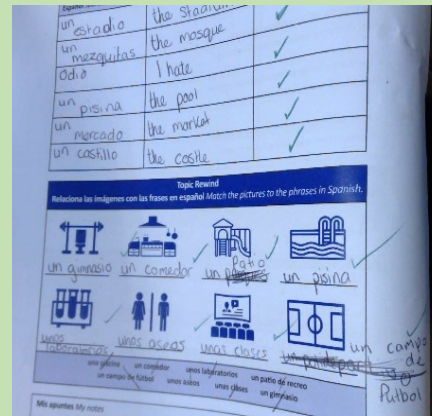
Year 8: Amelia C always completes her work with pride and works hard every lesson.



Year 9: Duane L really listens to teacher feedback and improves answers to each bullet point during feedback lesson before applying knowledge to a new context.



Year 7: Well done to Mia N for working extremely hard and completing all her work to a very high standard.



Food Tech

Year 10 absolutely excelled in their mock Hospitality and Catering practical exams this week. All did incredibly well but special mention to Tillie P (Butter chicken, naan bread and mini Victoria sponge), Olivia P (pasta bake and Victoria sponge sundae) and Kyle C (Chicken katsu curry with rice and apple pie with custard)



Dixons Collaborative Concert – 10th July 2024

Four of our students took part in our first Dixons Collaborative Concert this week, performing at St George's Hall in Bradford on Wednesday 10th July. Leba M, Year 7, Christian B, Year 9, Yusuf M and Nabiha N, Year 10 and Year 11 students Lottie N, Darien V and Lexie F all gave up their time over the past few weeks to rehearse for this prestigious event.



Before the evening's performance, participating students from all the Dixons school had a chance for a final rehearsal. There was a real mixture of items from orchestral pieces to choirs, solos, samba bands, drum bands and of course our wonderful steel pan band.

It was a very special event, and all the students made their schools proud.

Wheelchair Rugby with Sale Sharks

Our Year 10 BTEC Sport students took part in a Wheelchair Rugby session with Sale Sharks this week.

Students learnt about this new sport and got the chance to play a variety of different activities and games and provided information which will help them complete their Component Two work in October.



The students all worked really hard, and showed resilience throughout the day, whilst taking part in this very difficult sport.

Duke of Edinburgh Award - Bronze

We have had two groups take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award over the past week.

Year 9 students were out last Monday and Tuesday and paddled 20km down the Bridgewater canal. They faced challenging weather conditions and overcame barriers to complete and tick off one of four sections of their Bronze Award.



Year 10 students completed their Bronze expedition this week, with two jam-packed days of paddling along the Bridgewater canal and camped out in Lymm.

Year 10 Mock Interviews

Year 10 students took part in a mock interview this week as a follow on from their work Experience week recently.

Students attended an interview with a representative from a business, organised by Department for Work and Pensions, to give them the opportunity to experience what a real interview with an employer is like. Businesses visiting the school included The Growth Company, The Army, Manchester City Council, Dragon Academy, Street League and the Prison Service.

The organisations representatives said that they students were fantastic and articulated really well the skills, qualities and experience they had gained so far to demonstrate they would be suitable for employment.

Students said that although it was a bit scary, they feel they benefitted from such an experience and know it will be useful when they face real interviews in the future.



Citizens UK General Election Assembly

A group of Year 9 students represented the school, our city and the North as a whole at the Citizens UK General Election assembly in London last week .

Our students and staff were involved in producing the manifesto, which featured proposals on improving mental health and tackling racism. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was an incredible experience for the 5 students who attending, and joined 3000 other people from across the country to be a part of this political process.

It was a long day, with an early start and late finish, but the students agreed it was definitely worth it and really enjoyed the whole day.



Uniform Consultation

Families will have received a letter from Ms Thompson, Executive Director this week regarding a consultation over the Dixons Brooklands uniform suggested changes. If you would like to submit your feedback, please do so by Monday 15th July using the following online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/GJwiMiTqH9>

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	



Dates for your Diary: July 2024

Wednesday 17th July Sports Day

Thursday 18th July Students break for summer

Students return Monday 2nd September