



17th May 2024

Message from the Head of School

I have been overwhelmed with pride this week watching the Year 11s enter their exams in a mature and focused manner. Seeing their commitment and resilience shine through during this challenging time in their lives has been amazing.

As we approach the final half-term before our extended summer break, our school team is already working hard, planning for the next academic year. We are keenly aware of the areas that need improvement to better support our students academically and socially. Rest assured, we have identified some key areas that we will be focusing on immediately after the half-term break, with the aim of enhancing our plans for September. I will share these details with you in a separate letter next week. Our commitment to reviewing and refining our processes is unwavering, as we strive to unlock the full potential of every student and ensure they're thriving in school.

I was one of the very lucky judges from the Master Chef competition this week. The food that was produced by our Year 8 students was outstanding! We have some very talented young people in this year group.

Please remember that next Wednesday, 22nd May, school will close early for staff training as previously advised. Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on this day only (timings of Thursday and Friday remain unchanged).

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Celebrating Student Achievement

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

Year 7: Declan G, Emme C, Imogen F, Isabelle R, Jacob B, Lexie P, Liam C, Lottie D, Mia S, Olivia T, Orla R, Shafia S

Year 8: Sion A, Olivia K, Shayla W, Nikolas H, Mohamad S, Harry W, Jake M, Daisy O, Anna P, Jack R-M

Year 9: Artin A, Pryia A, Niamh B-C, Evie B, Kian C, Abdulrahman H, Alex M, Charlie S, Alisia H

Year 10: Aimee B, Ameen A, Ashton B, Corey G, Hannah C, Ibrahim O, Loui H, Max Frankie B, Nevaeh C, Neve B

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



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

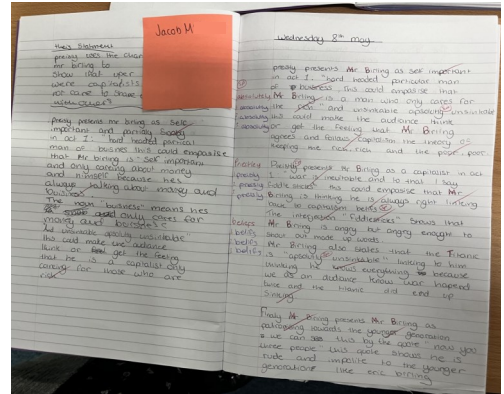
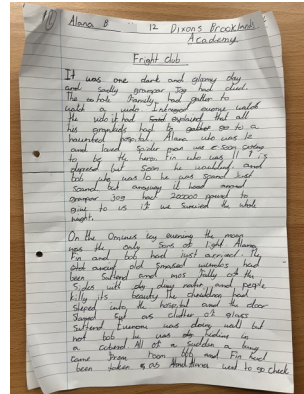
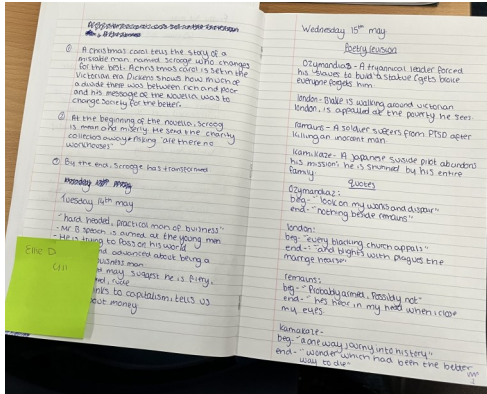


Some of this week's Year 8 winners
with Ms Boden

Celebrating our Curriculum

English

Here are some examples of the great work currently being done in Ms Moran's English classes...



IT

Mr Ali has been busy sending praise postcards to celebrate his hardworking students in Year 8 IT.



Morning Meetings

Each student has a Morning Meeting after their Advisory session at the start of the day, and the work they put into this also needs celebrating...

Mrs Moreton, 8B	Ms MacGruer, 11Z	Mr Ali, 8Y
<p>Sienna Jackson Monday 12th May Homework: Explain week of key concepts: leadership and corruption. Show how after Mr Jones's loss of leadership control over the farm, the other animals are organized to put the world back on its feet. Leadership and corruption: Show how after Mr Jones's loss of leadership control over the farm, the other animals are organized to put the world back on its feet. Leadership and corruption: Show how after Mr Jones's loss of leadership control over the farm, the other animals are organized to put the world back on its feet.</p>	<p>Friday Morning Meeting 100% Sheet Retrieval Practice Please read your Spelling test here</p>	<p>1: on 0: off 128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 = 5 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 = 23 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 = 59</p>

English: Sparx Reader

We need your help to ensure that your child completes at least 30 minutes of reading on Sparx per week. We have seen a dip in activity last week but we want to keep improving reading but we will only be successful with your help! So, grab a book and let's get reading with your child.



This week's top readers are : • Robert B, Year 7 • Chloe D, Year 7 • Shafia S, Year 7

Health and Social Care

Year 10 Health and Social Care students took part in a lesson to raise awareness for World Menstrual Awareness Day which will happen over half term (28th May). The aim of this is to reduce the social stigma regarding periods and ensure people around the world have access to affordable period products.

The students learnt about the aims of the campaign, the menstrual cycle and created a bracelet which displays the menstrual cycle and their support for the campaign and which they can discuss with others and spread the message.



Manchester United Match Day Reward

Well done to Riley C in Year 8 who has been rewarded for his exemplary behaviour in school, his consistent hard work in lessons and continued display of academy values with a visit to Manchester United on 1st June to have a kick about on the pitch! This is sure to be a fantastic experience for Riley, and we look forward to sharing some photos with you in the near future.



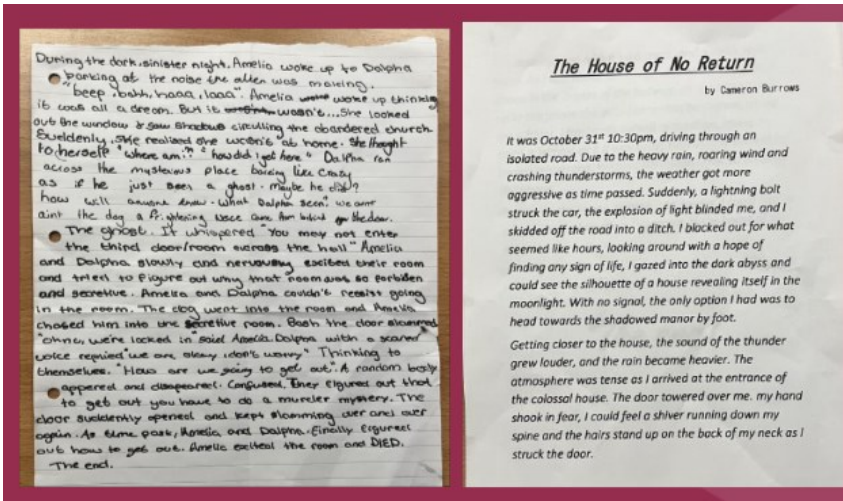
Spanish: LanguageNut Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following students who won last week's LanguageNut competition:

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Year 7	Elaine E	Murad A	Elise P
Year 8	Eva R	Isabelle M	Grace B
Year 9	Hussain M	Kian L	William L

Creative Writing Competition

We have received some amazing entries for the Fright Club Creative Competition so far. The deadline for submissions is 4.00pm, 27th May. Winners win a prize and could see their story published in a book. For more information, students can see Ms Boden or Ms Moran in English.



MasterChef Competition

A number of Year 8 students took part in a fun MasterChef competition yesterday, all showing their outstanding talents and creating culinary delights! The standard was amazing but we had to choose a winning team, so congratulations go to Amir Arshia H and Leighton J who each win a copy of the MasterChef Junior Cookbook.

Well done to all who took part:

Cameron B and Paula V

Aliae Q and Elene K

Maja K and Ashnah N

Enya M and Natalia A

Martim T and Igor K

Faith P and Daisy T

Sarah M and Sharise E



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!



Photography Competition



The deadline for submissions for our student's photography competition is looming; students have until Monday 20th May to send us their entries. Photographs should be emailed to info@dixonsbk.com with their full name and Year group to be in with a chance.

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	
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 20th May

Date	Exam
Monday 20th May	English Literature Paper 2
Monday 20th May	Italian Writing Paper 4
Tuesday 21st May	Computer Science - Computational thinking, algorithms and programming
Wednesday 22nd May	Physics Paper 1
Wednesday 22nd May	Combined Science Physics Paper 1
Wednesday 22nd May	Chinese Writing Paper 4
Thursday 23rd May	English Language Paper 1
Friday 24th May	French Writing Paper 4

Dates for your Diary: May/June 2024

Wednesday 22nd May	4.30-5.30pm: Parent Focus Group: Communication
Wednesday 22nd May	1.30pm: Early finish for students due to staff training.
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
Wednesday 12th June	GCSE History trip to Quarry Bank Mill
Friday 14th June	Year 10 Food Tech visit to The Good Food Live Show, Birmingham
Monday 17th June	<i>To Friday 21st June: DBK Sports Tour to Amsterdam</i>
Thursday 27th June	Year 11 Prom