



Message from the Head of School

As we approach the half-term break, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families. I hope this time offers an opportunity for relaxation, fun, and quality time together.

I am delighted to share with you that this week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Andy Burnham to our school. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with a prominent figure and showcase the excellence of our school community. Mr Burnham had the chance to tour our facilities and interact with our students, leaving impressed by the vibrant learning environment we nurture.



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

Our school is committed to ensuring that no learning is lost, even during travel time to lessons. We have implemented a musical extract to support students' punctuality from one lesson to another. From Monday 10th June, students arriving at the lesson after the transitional music has finished will be taken to an alternative space to complete their work without disturbing the rest of the class. As a school, we want all our students to arrive on time for lessons, maximising every minute of learning. Timeliness is fundamental to ensuring smooth and uninterrupted learning experiences for all students. When students arrive late to lessons, it can disrupt the flow of instruction and negatively impact their own learning and that of their peers. We understand that sometimes there will be legitimate reasons why a student is late, and as such, these reasons will be taken into consideration. Thank you in advance for your continued support by encouraging your child to arrive on time for lessons.

I also want to take a moment to underline the importance of our uniform standards. We expect all students to diligently uphold our uniform policy and present themselves in perfect uniform at all times. Consistency in appearance not only reflects our commitment to discipline, respect, and pride in our school community but also plays a significant role in your child's overall development. It instils a sense of belonging and unity, fostering a positive learning environment. Please continue to support us by ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform.

Once again, I wish you a fantastic half-term filled with joy and relaxation. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Celebrating Student Achievement

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

Year 7: Elise P, Rohan T, George A, Oliver F, Aayla H, Mali X, Afia I, Bukunmi F, Robert B

Year 8: Natalia A, Faith D, Lilly E, Caelan H, Jack R-M, Lucas W, Freddie T-O, Daisy S-B, Clementine W, Aaron L

Year 9: Mohmmmed A-A, Mia A, Saskia B, Bobby B, Louis D, Amara A, Leo B, Summer C-C, Drew G, Erin B

Year 10: Petra-Maria S, Lava S, Katie P, Omer M, Dosil D, Max Frankie B, Leon R, Gary H, Brooke C-C, Libby W

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



Year 11 students with Mr Chai

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

Student Name	Subject
Lexie P, Year 7	Maths
Maria C, Year 8	Science
Alex O, Year 9	History
Bukunmi F, Year 7	Music
Sulayman H, Year 10	Design Technology
Angel S, Year 7	Art
Riley R, Year 8	Food Tech
Zoe O, Year 10	Child Care

Student Name	Subject
Dennis W, Year 9	English
Hayden W, Year 9	Spanish
Logan Y, Year 10	Geography
Zach A, Year 10	Drama
Abel C V, Year 10	Photography
Dylan D J, Year 7	PE
Izzy W, Year 10	Health & Social Care

Each student will receive a certificate posted home.

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 unfortunately seen a dip in activity last week. 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 during half term!



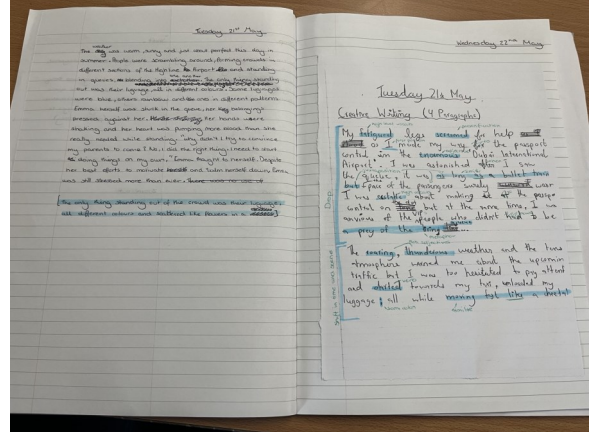
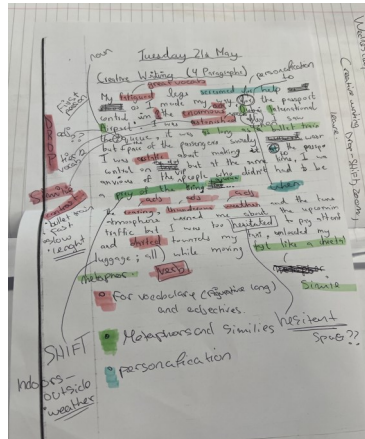
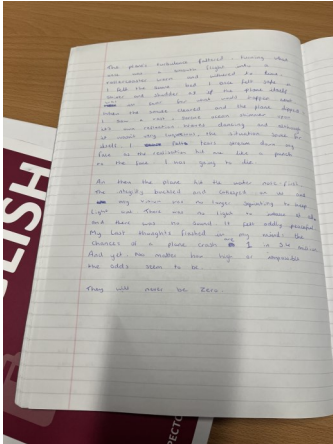
- Milly P, Year 7
- Elise P, Year 7
- Chisom O, Year 9

This week's top readers are :

Celebrating our Curriculum

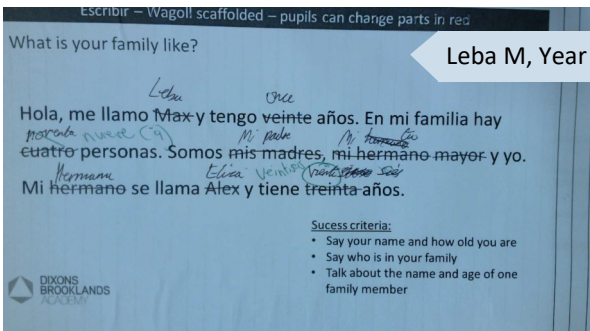
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Here are some examples of the great work currently being completed in Ms Boden's English classes

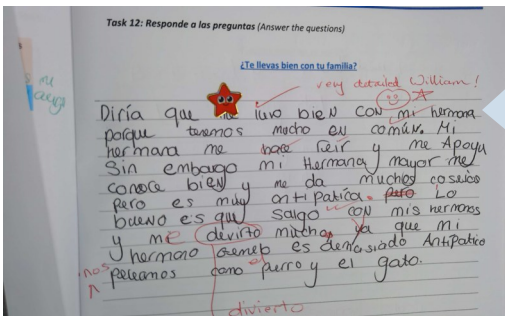
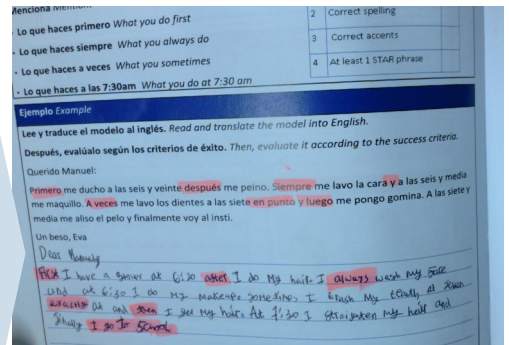


Spanish

Ms Walker-Etchells would like to share some examples of outstanding work in her class at the moment.

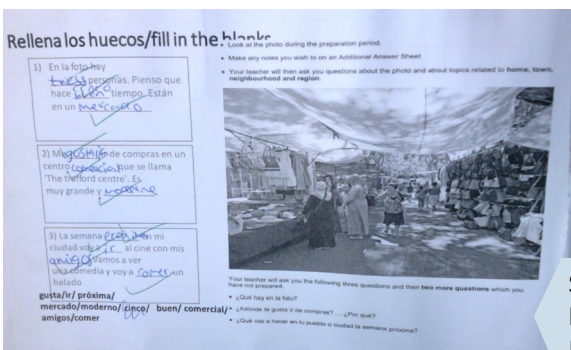
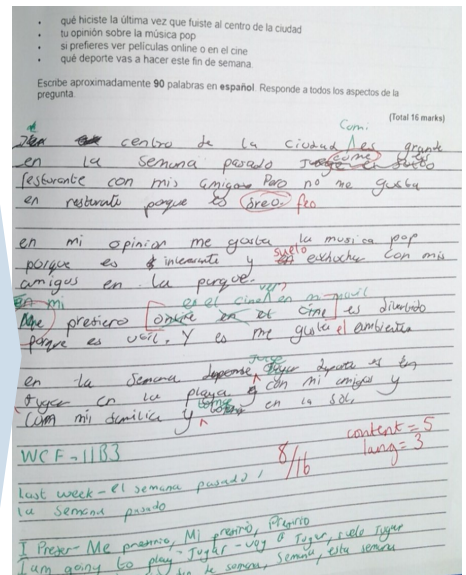


Excellent focus and presentation from Raya K-D, Year 8 whilst translating a tricky text. Well done Raya!



William DC, Year 9

David K, Year 11, produced a good 90-word answer without resources scoring 8/16. He then took on advice and corrected his mistakes which improved his score to 12/16 - a fantastic effort David!



Sulayman H, Year 10 has been working so hard during our lesson and getting full marks in our photocard exercise. Excellent preparation for your cycle 3 assessment.

Photography Competition

We have had some amazing photographic entries to our Photography competition. The standard has been very high, making the final decision a hard one. Until the winners are announced, here is a look at the finalists.

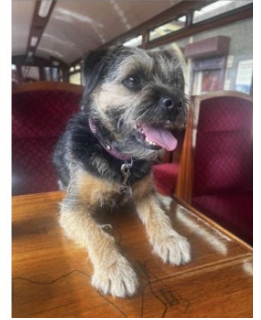
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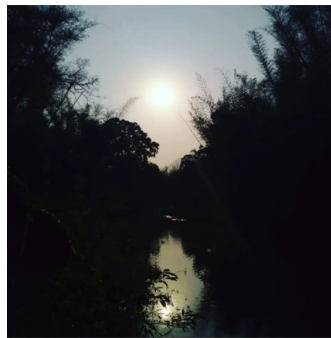
Chloe D, Year 7



Cheyenne B, Year 8



Eleanor P, Year 9



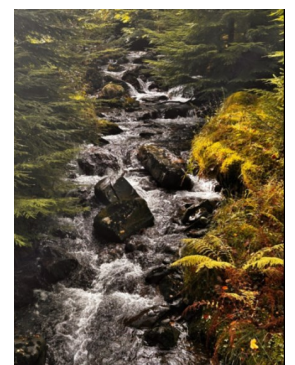
Abel C V, Year 10



Echo S, Year 11



Holly A, Year 11



Photography Competition

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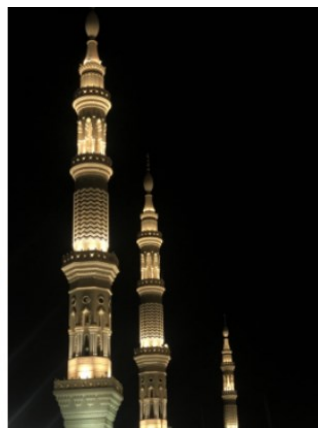
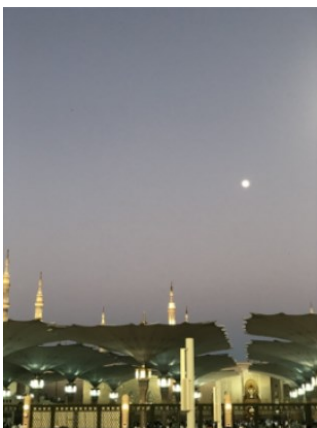
Sarah M,
Year 8

Gracie W, Year 9



Jo J, Year 9

Category: Culture



Reband Wosu, Year 11

Sparx Maths

We use the Sparx Maths online platform to offer every student challenging, personalised maths homework which is set on a Wednesday then due to be completed by the following Wednesday. This reinforces their understanding from lessons by revisiting prior learning and ensures they retain these key skills.

Every time a student completes a task they earn Sparx Experience Points (XP). This data shows our top performing pupils based on the number of questions they have answered and the XP they have earned.

Well done to the students below who are currently the top 3 students in Sparx Maths.

From next week, we will celebrate the week's top 3 achieving students.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Sheng Wei Z	Aistis V	Dorsa S	Bethany B	Osman H
2nd Place	Shafia S	Gabriela Z	Jayden M	Abel CV	Seren G
3rd Place	Kezia P	Eva R	Joseph J	Zach A	Elena T

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.

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 3rd June

Date	Exam
Monday 3rd June	Maths Foundation Paper 2 Non-Calc Maths Higher Paper 2 Calc
Monday 3rd June	Russian Listening Paper 1 Russian Reading Paper 3
Tuesday 4th June	Spanish Listening Foundation Paper 1 Spanish Listening High Paper 1 Spanish Reading Foundation Paper 3 Spanish Reading Higher Paper 3
Wednesday 5th June	Statistics
Wednesday 5th June	Geography Paper 2
Thursday 6th June	English Language Paper 2
Friday 7th June	Biology Paper 2 Combined Science Biology Paper 2

Dates for your Diary: June/July 2024

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
Thursday 18th July	Students break for summer