



Message from the Head of School

I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the outstanding efforts of our students this past week. They have truly been amazing, displaying remarkable enthusiasm, dedication, and leadership in their learning and interactions.

We are especially excited to announce that we have selected a group of student leaders who have shown exceptional promise. Meeting and interacting with them has been a highlight, and we are thrilled to see these young role models take on leadership roles within the school. Their passion and commitment will be an inspiration for the entire student body.

As we move forward, these student leaders will play a key role in many whole-school activities, helping to shape the culture and direction of our community. It is incredibly important that we listen to and support our students, and these leaders will be at the forefront of ensuring student voices are heard and valued.

We are looking forward to seeing them take on these responsibilities and continuing to shine in all that they do!



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

Student Leadership Team

On Wednesday this week, the successful student leaders met for an initial introduction and shared hot chocolate drinks as a team. The students started to organise different roles and responsibilities within the Student Leadership Team and were congratulated by Mrs Gardner.



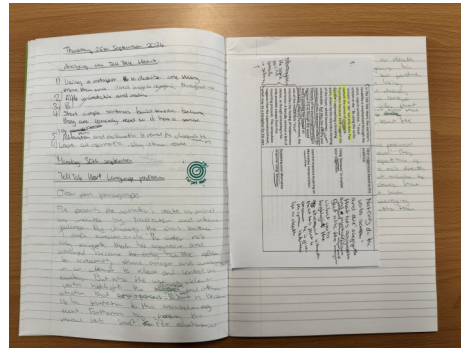
Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle. We are unable to provide disposable cups therefore students need their bottle to ensure they remain hydrated throughout the day.

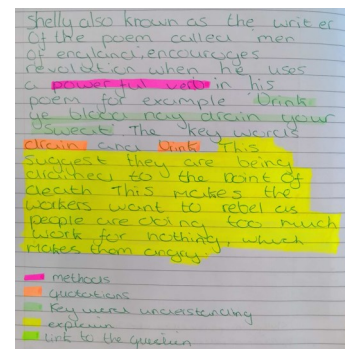
Celebrating our Curriculum

English

Our KS3 have been working hard on redrafting and improving work based on the common feedback points. It has been wonderful to see so many of our students working independently to improve their work and achieve the highest outcomes they can! This show of dedication and determination is amazing and we can't wait to see it pay off in our students' future



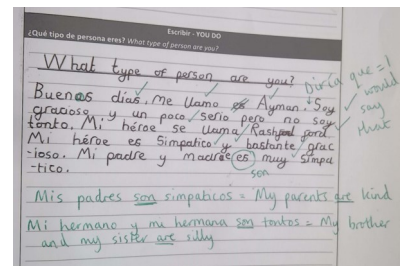
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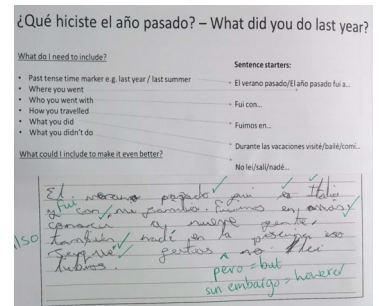
Finley H, Yr 8

Spanish

Ayman W in Year 7 has made an amazing start to Spanish lessons which is demonstrated in this fantastic piece of writing. Keep up the great work!

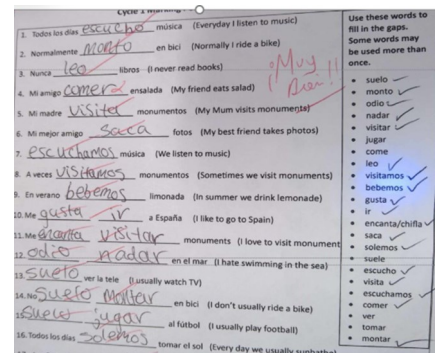


Ms Marsh is very impressed by Joshua T's efforts (Year 8) when writing a piece about a past holiday. Well done Joshua!!!



Joshua T, Yr 8

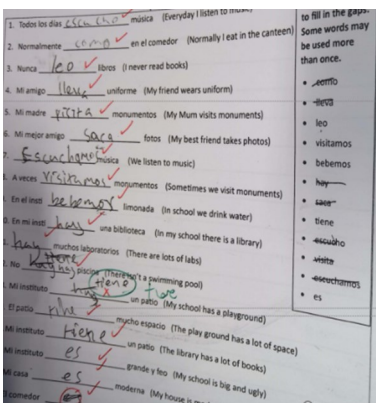
Well done to Ellie DL, Year 9, for achieving nearly full marks in out first mini assessment in Spanish!



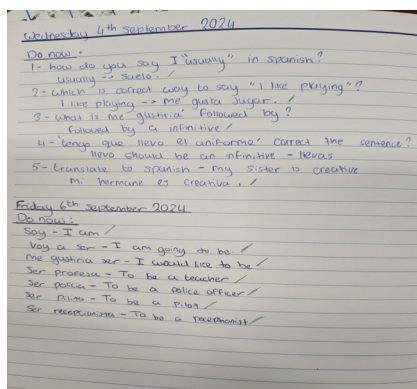
Ellie DL, Yr 9

Christian B in Year 10 almost achieved full marks in his first assessment in Spanish! Fantastic work Christian!

Well done to Ronnie M in Year 11 for completing work to a very high standard in Spanish and for taking an active part in the lesson!



Christian B, Yr 10



Ronnie M, Yr 11



Celebrating our Curriculum

Hospitality and Catering

Congratulations to our Year 11 students on their professionally finished Banoffee pies. All students did a great job but special mentions to Lilah K, Thang N and Jada T...



European Day of Languages

Last Thursday the Academy celebrated European Day of Languages. Across their 5 lessons, students had to guess which European language was being spoken by Mr Rowlinson, Ms Zhou, Ms Little, Ms Ziprin and Ms Boden. The students who submitted their responses and guessed correctly got a certificate and a sweet treat this week in Morning Meeting. Thank you to everyone who got involved!



The Movez Movement

We are looking forward to welcoming to mentors from the Movez Movement into school next week, who will be regularly visiting selected students.

This is an organization that have been working with a some of our students since Year 6 and who will continue to do so to support their transition to Dixons Brooklands Academy.

These mentors are committed to empowerment, education and well-being and literally transform lives and fortify communities. Their diverse range of services are aimed to meet the unique needs of young people aged 11-17 and we are grateful for the support they can offer our students.



DBK Together

We were delighted to host the first DBK Together event on Tuesday evening, 1st October, with representatives from many local community services offering support and advice. Visiting families embraced the opportunity to gain more information about the wide range of support available and enjoyed the evening. We are looking forward to hosting our next one.



Celebrating Student Achievements

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Terence L	Elsie R	Reuben T	Reis SB	Keeva R
2nd Place	Caeden G	Olivia H	Amelia Z	Dorsa S	Lava S
3rd Place	Khalid J	Sasan O	Birva D	Raghav P	Callum SB

Black History Month

October is Black History month and this year the theme is 'Reclaiming Narratives'.

We have asked staff to share their heroes and inspirations around school for students to read, and these are also being shared on social media. Here are two examples from Mr Smith, History teacher and Miss Woolstencroft, Maths teacher:

Black History Month: Reclaiming Narratives!



Miss Woolstencroft

MY HERO: Katherine Johnson

WHY?:

- Katherine Johnson was an American mathematician who calculated and analyzed the flight paths of many spacecraft during her more than three decades with the U.S. space program. Her work helped send astronauts to the moon.
- She was selected to be one of the first three African American students to enroll in a graduate program at West Virginia University.
- At NASA Johnson was a member of the Space Task Group. In 1960 she coauthored a paper with one of the group's engineers about calculations for placing a spacecraft into orbit. It was the first time a woman in her division received credit as an author of a research report. Johnson authored or coauthored 26 research reports during her career.
- In 1961 she calculated the path for Freedom 7, the spacecraft that put the first U.S. astronaut in space



Black History Month: Reclaiming Narratives!



Mr Smith

MY HERO: Viv Anderson

WHY?:

- Viv Anderson was one of the top defenders in England in the late 1970s. He became the first black footballer to play for England 40 years ago on 29 November 1978.
- The 22-year-old played for Nottingham Forest when they won the European Cup - the old version of the Champions League - in 1979 and 1980.
- However, his selection for England was controversial. A lot of fans in Britain didn't like the idea of a black footballer playing for England because they believed black players weren't truly British.
- Even though Viv was born in England, many children of West Indian descent like Viv were bullied at school because of the colour of their skin.
- During his early playing days, Anderson regularly suffered racial abuse from fans of rival teams. He was regularly pelted with bananas and targeted with racist chants.
- However, he didn't let the abuse get to him and his performances were so good that he was called up into the England squad



Attendance

Student Absence: Reminder

School attendance is the most crucial prerequisite for quality education; students cannot learn if they are not in school. We know that attendance to school is linked to high quality GCSE results which our students require to achieve their maximum potential.

The following are not reasons to be absent:

- common cold
- headache
- feeling sick
- stomach pains or general pains
- Cough
- asthma
- hayfever

Students with any of these symptoms should be well enough to be in lesson. Parents/carers are advised to give their child paracetamol or equivalent in the morning for headache/stomach pains before sending them to school. If your child requires medication during the school day, this can be brought into school for attention of our school nurse, Samantha Divers. The school nurse will oversee students taking their medication.

Students should not be leaving school during the day because of their period. We can discreetly support students experiencing any issues.

If your child is off sick, the Attendance Team will:

on day 1: call home to ascertain the reasons.

on day 2: send a text to check in with the student's family and how the student is.

on day 3: visit the student's home.

If there is a pattern of regular absenteeism or a significant decline in attendance, the Attendance Team will also contact home to offer support if needed.

Congratulations to the following advisory groups who achieved the highest attendance in their Year group this week and also the advisory groups with the most improved attendance in their Year group:

	Highest Attendance	Most Improved Attendance
7X	97%	7Z
8B	95%	8C
9C	93%	9B
10C	95%	10A
11B	93%	11X

GCSE Geography Trip

Our Year 11 Geography students have been taking part in their GCSE Geography fieldwork over the past two days. Students explored the different course of the River Bollin and examined how the velocity, depth and width of the river changes from the upper course to the middle course.

Students then enjoyed lunch and a game of football at The Carrs, Wilmslow.

We then headed to Salford Quays and completed a walking tour to observe how regeneration has had a positive impact on the area. The students had a great day out whilst also developing their knowledge of Geographical concepts.



Timetable Information:

Monday 7 October: Week 1

Monday 14 October: Week 2

Dates for your Diary: October/November 2024

Wednesday 9 October	KS3 Girls Football fixture
Thursday 10 October	KS4 Girls Football fixture
Tuesday 15 October	Parent Information Meeting for Ski Trip January 2025
Thursday 17 October	3.30-6.00pm: Year 11 Exam Evening and Futures Event
Friday 18 October	2.20pm: Students finish for half term break
Monday 4 November	8.15am: Students return for half term 2
Wednesday 6 November	KS3 Girls Football fixture
Thursday 7 November	KS4 Girls Football fixture
Thursday 14 November	School closed to students: Staff Training
Friday 15 November	School closed to students: Staff Training
Monday 25 November	Year 7/8 Girls Futsal Tournament

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, 2.00-3.00pm

Lego Club: Saturdays, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Monthly:

Booky Brooky Brew Stop: Visit on Friday 27th September and/or 25th October 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 25th September, 6.30-7.30pm. New members always welcome, light refreshments included.

Special Events:

World Alzheimer's Day: Saturday 21st September, 2.00-4.00pm. Join in with some forget-me-not flower crafting.

School holiday crafts available during opening hours Monday 21st to Friday 25th October.

Free movie on Wednesday 23rd October, 3.00pm. Free popcorn and drink too!

Spectacular Wise Owl Show*: Saturday 26th October, 2.30-4.00pm. Come and see these magnificent birds fly around the library! ***Booking required.**

Black History Month: Monday 28th October, 11.00am, join Ruth and Stella for a fabulous telling of Handa's Surprise with lovely puppets for this Black History themed Story Time.

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	

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MENU

Week Commencing 7 October 2024

Monday	Cajun Chicken warm baguette with homemade wedges and side salad	Homemade cheese and onion slices	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Tuesday	Sausage and creamy mashed potato with garden peas and gravy	Vegetable burger with side salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Wednesday	Chicken Tikka Curry with yellow rice and garlic naan bread	Roast vegetable rolls with sweet chilli noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Thursday	Beef chilli pasta bake with garlic bread	Creamy vegetable pie	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Friday	Selection on crusty baguettes: Donner, Chinese or Tandoori Chicken, served with fresh salad	Cheese and tomato French bread with fresh salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans

Every day the salad bar plus a variety of sandwiches and baguettes are available, as well as a choice of cold or hot desserts.

We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergen. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment where some of our ingredients from suppliers or products may have been produced in an environment with other allergens.

Please double-check with a member of staff.