



Message from the Head of School

As we approach the final week of this term, I wanted to take a moment to remind you of the importance of consistent attendance. We understand that your children may be feeling tired or ready for a break, but this last week is crucial for wrapping up the term's learning and preparing for a fresh start after the holidays. It's important that students remain engaged so that they can feel confident and accomplished as they head into the two-week break. This will give them a well-earned rest, and help them to rejuvenate over the holidays. This final week can help set the stage for a positive start when we return!



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Let's finish this term strong together!

Construction

The Year 11 Construction class had a visit by Adele Duncan, the Employment Coordinator for Wythenshawe Community Housing Group this week.

She talked to the students about prospects and apprenticeships in the industry and very kindly brought some donations to help the course out.



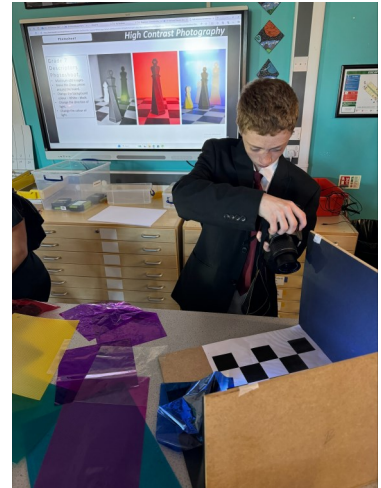
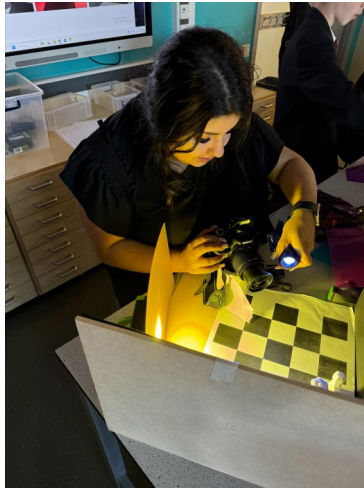
Mr Jones, Construction teacher with Adele Duncan



Celebrating our Curriculum

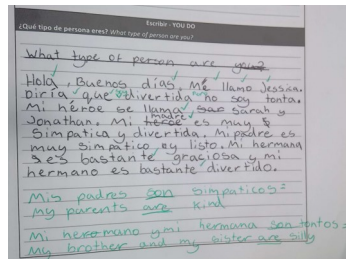
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Well done to Heliya A and Kayden G, Year 10 for completing Photography GCSE High Contrast Topic.

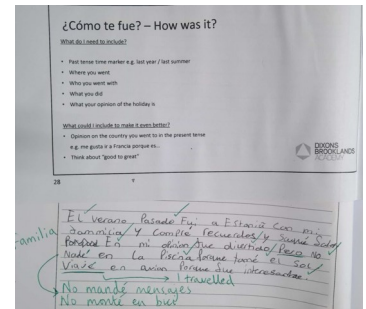


Spanish

Jessica F, Yr 7 has made an amazing start to her Spanish lessons which is demonstrated in this fantastic piece of writing. Keep up the great work!



Jessica F, Yr 7

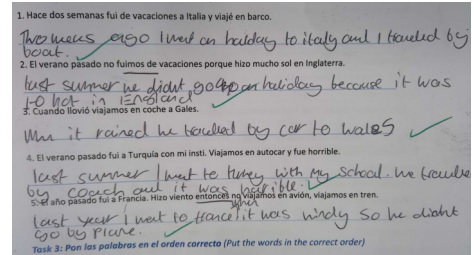


Tyler D, Yr 8

Tyler D, Yr 8, worked really hard on translations and did some brilliant check and change work. Well done!

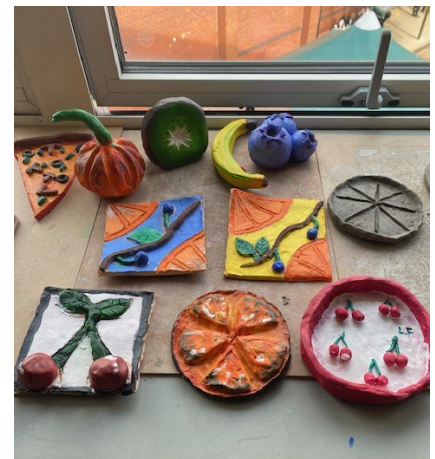
Well done to Shannay R, Yr 9, for taking such pride in your work in Spanish and completing it all to a high standard! Miss Etchells is really impressed

Shannay R, Yr 9



Art

Year 10 students are impressing Ms Browning at the moment, doing exceptionally well and making good progress with their food project...



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Science

Year 7 have been learning all about separating techniques - they have used pestle and mortar to crush up rock salt, dissolved it and then used the filter funnel and filter paper to filter their solution. In a few days we should have made some fantastic salt crystals! We can't wait to see the results!



Hospitality and Catering

Year 10 students completed their first practical assessment this week. They made a trifle including Swiss roll and custard from scratch. They all rose to the challenge but special mention to Ava Z and Ruby G for their beautiful piping skills!



School Production: Aladdin

Here is a sneak peek of our cast for the school production of Aladdin, which we will bring to you on 12 and 13 February 2025.

Tickets will be on sale for £3 each from Monday 4 November.

Pictured are Isaac M, Zach A, David J, Yusuf M, Kush K, Elaine E, Colette M, Abbie W and William DC.



Music Evermore

Music Evermore have received some funding to enable them to provide free music classes and band sessions at the Wythenshawe Forum for a full year, 4.00pm and 5.00pm each Monday and Tuesday during term time.

Open to everyone aged 11-18, spaces are limited for these sessions. They are fully funded instrument tuition and music classes in a band setting, in 1-hour sessions.

For more information, please contact Chris Maddon on 07846 424877 or visit www.musicevermore.com

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Sport at the Academy

KS3 Girls Football

The KS3 girl's football team played 3 games in the Manchester Excel league recently. These were their first games together as a team this season and they showed some fantastic skills and resilience throughout. Player of the Matches were Daisy O, Year 9, for showing great integrity by going in net for the team when no one else would.

KS4 Girls Football

The KS4 girl's football team have played 5 games in the Manchester Excel league recently; they won 2, drew 2 and lost one. A rocky start to the matches but the girls improved throughout and hit their normal high standards towards the end due to their determination and resilience. Player of the Matches was Denise M for her fantastic energy throughout. The team also celebrated the success of their team-mate, recently appointed Head Girl Petra S, Year 11.



Taekwondo

The Year 11 girls are now 4 weeks into their self-defense workshop with British Taekwondo, and this week they were looking at safety in their community and how to protect themselves when in danger.



Tag Rugby

We recently had five Year 7 and 8s umpiring a Primary Tag rugby event, where they refereed the six primary schools across many games. Our students showed great resilience and have grown in confidence over the last two weeks. Next Thursday we welcome the primary schools for the Manchester School Tag rugby final, where once again our students will represent us as the referees.

Attendance

- ❖ We had 621 students with 100% attendance last week - well done to them.
- ❖ Please remind your child that students should not be using their mobile phones during the school day. If your child feels unwell, they must follow the school procedure by informing their teacher and not contacting home directly.

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.

Highest Attendance

7C	95%
8B	95%
9C	93%
10C	96%
11B	92%

Most Improved Attendance

7A and 7C
8X
9Z
10X
11Y

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 Hodgson, English teacher and Mr Ormiston, Design & Technology teacher.

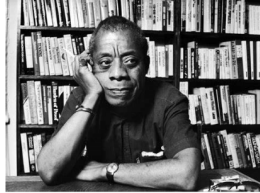
Black History Month: Reclaiming Narratives!

Mr. Hodgson

MY HERO: James Baldwin

WHY?:

- James Arthur Baldwin was an African American writer and civil rights activist who gained attention for his essays, novels, plays, and poems.
- Many of his novels, poems and plays are written or based upon his experiences with 1950's America.
- Baldwin's fiction has personal questions and dilemmas. Themes of masculinity, sexuality, race, and class intertwine to create narratives that influenced both the civil rights movement and the gay liberation movement in mid-twentieth century America.
- Baldwin's work continues to influence artists and writers today.



Black History Month: Reclaiming Narratives!

Mr Ormiston MY HERO: Mary Seacole

WHY?:

Mary was born in Jamaica and her father was a Scottish soldier. She learnt her nursing skills from her mother who had a boarding house for invalid soldiers. Mary enjoyed travelling and ended up staying in Panama for a time. It is here Mary encountered many cases of cholera and learnt much about the disease and how to treat it.

Mary visited Britain twice when she was younger. On her second visit, Mary went to the War Office to ask to be sent as a nurse to the Crimean War. She was refused but did not let this stop her. She travelled to Crimea anyway and set up a hotel to treat soldiers. She was also often found to be tending to soldiers on the frontline whilst under fire. Once the war was over, Mary lived out most of the remainder of her life in Britain. Her reputation during and after the war rivalled Florence Nightingale's, but her story was almost forgotten for a time after she died.



Celebrating Student Achievements

Sparx Maths

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Chloe B	Lewis H	Aarna M	Muhammad Z	Abel CV
2nd Place	Thomas C	Shafia S	Noor X	Alex M	Zach A
3rd Place	Lily M	Elise R	Layan A	Kian A	Kush KS

Timetable Information:

Monday 14 October: Week 2

Monday 4 November: Week 1

Dates for your Diary: October/November 2024

Tuesday 15 October	Parent Information Meeting for Ski Trip January 2025
Wednesday 16 October	8.10-9.10am: Parent Forum - Parent apps support
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 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 30th October, 6.30-7.30pm. New members always welcome, light refreshments included.

Special Events:

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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Website: www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries





MENU

Week Commencing 14 October 2024

Monday	Chicken burger with salad and homemade wedges	Vegetable burger with salad and homemade wedges	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Tuesday	Pasta bolognese with garlic bread	Vegetable samosa with sweet chilli noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Wednesday	Tandoori drumstick and sweet chilli wings with rice	Creamy vegetable pie	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Thursday	Teriyaki chicken with noodles	Roast vegetable sweet chilli noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Friday	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread and salad	Cheese and tomato French bread with 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.