



## Message from the Head of School

Unfortunately, I am afraid I need to address again, the increasing number of students using mobile phones during school hours. This should not be happening as our school operates under a strict **'See It, Hear It, Lose It'** policy regarding mobile phones.

As you may already be aware, the government recently released new guidance on the removal of mobile phones from schools, and I fully support this initiative. Mobile phones are a significant distraction in the learning environment and can contribute to serious issues, including cyberbullying, which threatens the safety and wellbeing of our students.

At our school, we are deeply committed to providing a safe, focused, and productive environment for all students. To that end, we will take a firm stance against any student who is seen using a mobile phone during school hours. If a phone is seen or heard, it will be confiscated immediately, and appropriate consequences will follow.

We ask for your cooperation in reinforcing this policy at home by ensuring your child understands the importance of adhering to these rules. Together, we can create a safer and more conducive learning environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Mrs K Gardner**  
Head of School

## ParentPay/Lunchtime

Year 7 parents/carers will be aware that we experienced some issues with ParentPay at the beginning of the year. Letters were emailed out to parents/carers last week which will allow accounts to be activated and money put on accounts. Unfortunately, we have been unable to take fingerprints to sync to the accounts which means that we are having to take names of students paying for lunch and manually debiting. We hope to resolve the matter as soon as possible but please bear with us while we investigate. Please top up their accounts as you normally would as money will continue to be debited. Lunches will be provided to all students even if there is not enough money on their account, however this will not extend to snacks at breaktime.

Thank you for your patience and we will keep you informed of when the fingerprint system is working again.

## **New Staff at the Academy**

We have a number of new staff who have joined the Academy this year so we would like to introduce them to you.

This week, it's the turn of Ms Delohery, Subject Lead for Geography.

We've asked new staff the same 5 questions to find out a little bit more about them.

### **Ms Delohery**

#### **Subject Lead - Geography**



#### **What is one of your hidden talents?**

*I play Sunday League football and I used to be in the Army Reserves!*

#### **What are some traditions or superstitions you have for the first day of school?**

- 1) Always have a smile on your face!*
- 2) You are going to make some friends for life!*

#### **What's the best thing about your role?**

*Providing students with the opportunity to explore the world around them.*

#### **If you could take the students on a field trip to anywhere in the world, where would you take them?**

*I would take the students to Japan to visit the famous Mount Fuji, explore the history of Hiroshima and see the bright lights of Tokyo.*

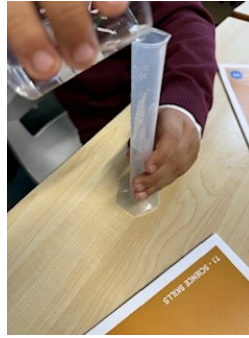
#### **What would you like students to remember about you?**

*They enjoyed Geography and developed their knowledge of a range of different cultures and environments.*

# Celebrating our Curriculum

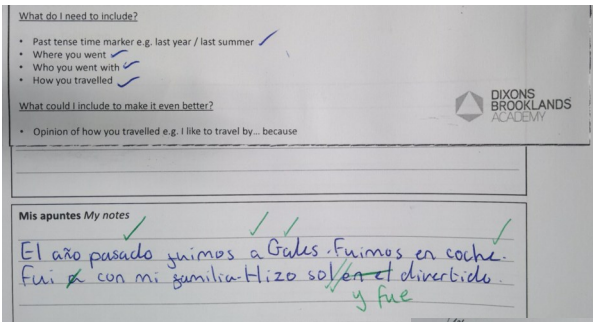
## Science

Year 7 have been practicing their science skills since starting with us - this has included carefully measuring the volume of different liquids...



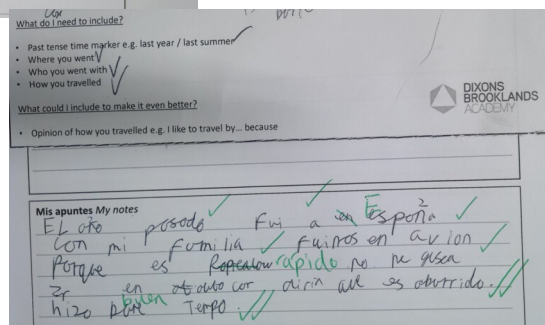
Year 11 have been completing one of the many required practicals in science. When students learn all about chromatography, they also find out that not only is it used in the food industry to identify different food colourings, it is also used to identify why some people are more "tasty" to mosquitoes than others!

## Spanish

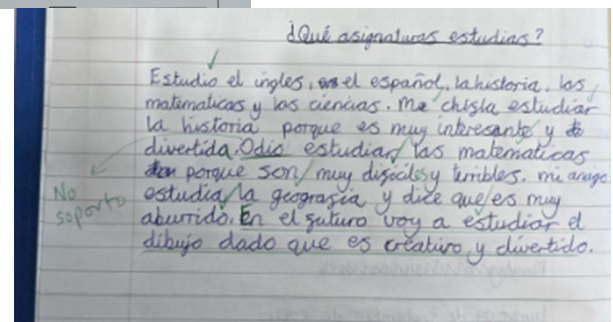


Taylor J in Year 8 submitted an amazing written piece of work...

Also in Year 8, John S showed us his fantastic written work...



And in Year 10, Erin B worked hard which resulted in this impressive piece of work.



## 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](mailto: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	
Email: <a href="mailto:brooklandslibrary@manchester.gov.uk">brooklandslibrary@manchester.gov.uk</a>		
Website: <a href="http://www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries">www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries</a>		



## Local Offer Drop-In: Tuesday 1st October, 4.30-7.30pm

Join us for refreshments and freebies from a number of representatives bringing their stalls to our 'Market Hall' on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**.

There will be representatives from a number of establishments including:

- Early Help
- Disability Advisors
- Manchester City Council SEND
- Information for local job opportunities Hubs  
plus many more.

We look forward to seeing you there.



### OPEN EVENING

Thursday 26 September, 4.30-6.30pm  
[www.dixonsbk.com](http://www.dixonsbk.com)

### Timetable Information

Monday 16th September: Week 2

Monday 23rd September: Week 1

## Dates for your Diary: September 2024

<b>Monday 16th September</b>	8.10-9.10am: Coffee Morning for Year 11 parents
<b>Tuesday 17th September</b>	8.10-9.10am: Coffee Morning for Year 10 parents
<b>Tuesday 17th September</b>	School photographer in to take students official photos
<b>Wednesday 18th September</b>	8.10-9.10am: Coffee Morning for Year 9 parents
<b>Thursday 19th September</b>	8.10-9.10am: Coffee Morning for Year 7 parents
<b>Thursday 19th September</b>	3.30 - 6.00pm: Meet the Advisor Evening
<b>Friday 20th September</b>	8.10-9.10am: Coffee Morning for Year 8 parents
<b>Thursday 26th September</b>	4.30 - 7.30pm: Open Evening
<b>Monday 30th September</b>	8.10-9.10am: Parent Forum - Keeping children safe online



# EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE: Cycle 1 2024-25

- Students don't need to sign up prior; just attend the designated classroom you will be signed in on the register.
- Students must be punctual.
- **It is students' responsibility to let parents/carers know they are staying behind for a club.**

WEEK 1 & 2	WEEK 1 ONLY	WEEK 2 ONLY
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Maths Revision – Year 11</b> Maths Classrooms 3.20-4.20	<b>English Revision – Year 11</b> P8 3.20-4.20	<b>Yoga – Yr 10 &amp; 11</b> T Space (Ms Storr) 2.15 – 3.15	<b>Girls Rugby</b> PE (Ms Riches) 3.15-4.15	<b>Dance</b> PE (Ms Taylor) 2.15-3.15
<b>Geography Revision – Year 11</b> P11 3.20-4.20 (Ms Delahery)	<b>GCSE Art Club – Yr 10 &amp; 11</b> S8 3.15-4.15 (Ms Cashmore)	<b>Rainbow Club</b> P12 2.15 – 3.15 (Ms Greenhalgh)		<b>Cross-Country</b> PE (Ms Riches/Mr Sutton) 2.15-3.15
<b>Spanish &amp; Latin American Cooking Club – WEEK B</b> Yr 7 – C3 / Yr 8 – C2 / Yr 9 – C1 (Ms Bowdery/Ms Arcos-Sanchis/Ms Marsh) 3.20-4.15	<b>Girls Football</b> PE (Ms Riches/Ms Lee) 3.15-4.15	<b>Sustainability Club</b> P11 (Ms Delahery) 2.15 – 3.15		<b>STEM Careers Mentoring – KS4</b> P13 (Ms MacGruer) 2.15-3.15
<b>Girls Netball</b> PE (Ms Riches/Ms Storr) 3.15-4.15	<b>BTEC Sports Club - Revision</b> T14 3.15-4.15 (Ms Riches/Mr Sutton/Ms Carroll)	<b>Graphics Club</b> S6 (Mr Ormiston) 2.15 – 3.15		
<b>Boys Football – Yr 7-10</b> PE (Mr Sutton/Mr Caldwell) 3.15-4.15	<b>Basketball</b> PE (Mr Caldwell) 3.15-4.15	<b>Badminton</b> PE (Ms Riches) 2.15-3.15		
<b>Computing Club – Yr 7-9</b> P21 Lunchtime (Mr Ali)	<b>Maths – Sparx Homework Club</b> T4 3.15-4.15 (Mr Martin)	<b>History Revision – Year 11</b> T16 2.15-3.15 (Ms McKeag/Mr Smith/Ms Larkin)		
<b>Spanish Listening Revision – Yr 11</b> S12 3.15-4.15 (Ms Ziprin)		<b>STEM Club – KS3</b> P13 (Ms MacGruer) 2.15-3.15		

# MENU

**Week Commencing 16 September 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	Warm chicken baguette with side salad or coleslaw	Homemade cheese and onion slices	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken madras with rice and garlic naan bread	Vegetable spring rolls with sweet chilli noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Wednesday</b>	Honey roast gammon & roasted new potato with Yorkshire pudding and roast vegetables	Vegetable sausages & roasted new potato with Yorkshire pudding and roast vegetables	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Thursday</b>	Cheesy beef pasta bake with tacos and sour cream	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread and fresh salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Friday</b>	Chicken burger with fresh salad and homemade potato wedges	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.*