



Message from the Head of School



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

As we approach the end of the term, I wanted to take a moment to share how proud we are of your children. We've had an amazing start to the year, and the students have been nothing short of incredible. Their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm have truly shone through, and we are so proud of what they've achieved so far.

That being said, as we near the end of the term, we have noticed a slight dip in uniform standards. As a school, we believe strongly in the importance of adhering to our uniform policy, which includes no jewellery (other than small studs), no hoodies, and no false eyelashes or nails. After the half-term break, we will be placing a great emphasis on ensuring that all students are following these expectations and demonstrating our value of integrity by doing so. Please ensure that your child wears a blazer to school as this is a requirement for all year groups.

If there are any instances where a student does not meet these expectations, we will be in touch with you. We kindly request your support in ensuring that your child comes to school in full uniform and in line with our policy. Please see our policy below and on the following page.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to an even more successful term ahead!

As a reminder, all students return to school on Monday 4 November at the usual time.

Uniform Policy

KS3 uniform

Plain black, tailored school trousers. No leggings or tight fit trousers.

Plain white collared shirt.

Academy tie (a choice of 3 are on offer to KS3, students are free to choose which tie they would like).

Academy jumper which may be grey or claret (maroon). Jumpers are optional.

Academy blazer.

Plain black shoes or boots which are on or below the ankle (trainers, boots above the ankle and pumps are not suitable). **Students wearing the wrong footwear will be required to change into academy provided clothing / footwear.**

KS4 uniform

A suit (jacket and trousers) must be plain grey, navy or black. No contrasting panels are allowed, and suits must be a slim, classic or regular fit (no skinny fit suits).

A blazer should be worn at all times when moving around the academy.

KS4 students are to wear a claret tie where their shirt has a collar. Those wearing a blouse without a collar are not required to wear a tie.

Shirts must be plain, and cuffs and collars must match the colour of the shirt.

Plain blouses, of any colour, are allowed but must be appropriate for a school setting.

Plain black shoes or boots which are on or below the ankle (trainers, boots above the ankle and pumps are not suitable). **Students wearing the wrong footwear will be required to change into academy provided clothing / footwear.**

A jumper can be worn but sweatshirts and branded sweaters are not permitted.

Expectations of appearance

School bag

School bags must be brought to school every day.

Hair

Hair must be one natural colour throughout.

Hair must be an appropriate style for a professional environment:

- Shaved pattern cuts are not allowed
- Grade 1 or lower all over cuts are not allowed

Hijabs, scarves, turbans, and top knots, worn for religious reasons, must be plain, and well secured.

The view of what hair styles, colours and accessories are appropriate, excessive or discrete is at the discretion of the Academy. We encourage all families to check with their child's Director of Standards prior to making a choice.

Jewellery

Students may wear one pair of metal stud earrings (one in each lower lobe).

No other jewellery is permitted.

This includes the following: - all other kind of earrings (including stretch earrings or spikes) - bracelets or necklaces - other body piercings, such as nose, upper ear, eyebrow or tongue (including plastic fill ins) - plasters may not be worn to cover any of the above.

Make-up

Make up is to be applied subtly and not be excessive in appearance.

False eye lashes and acrylic / gel nails are not permitted in school and will need to be removed.

Natural coloured nail polish is permitted. This must be subtle in appearance.

Coats

An outdoor coat is recommended.

Celebrating our Curriculum

Art

Ms Dickinson thought Susie E's Art work was frighteningly good...



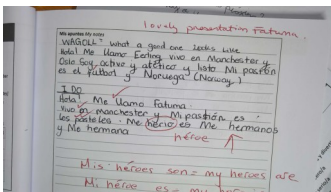
Science

Year 7 students have been learning all about separating techniques; this week we used chromatography to separate the colours in the ink. We also learned that chromatography has many real-world applications in not only medicine (identifying possible vaccinations) but also the food industry and by CSI investigators.

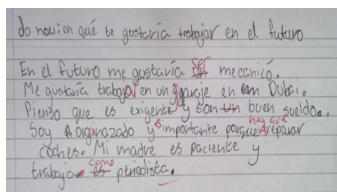


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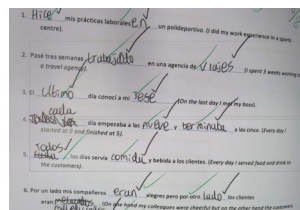
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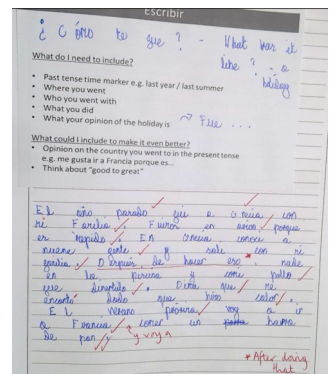
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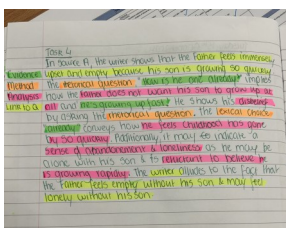
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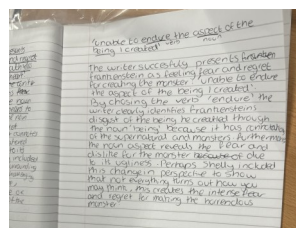
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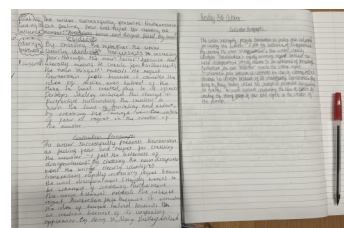
In the run up to half term, our students have continued to flourish in their English lessons with Year 11 working hard on their GCSE Language Paper 2 skills; Year 9s evaluating Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein' in preparation for spooky season and Year 7 displaying our values of hard work and integrity as they complete an 'Alice in Wonderland' assessment! We are so proud of the progress each student makes every day and cannot wait to continue this in the second half of Cycle 1.



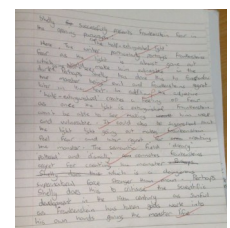
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Gracie C and Birva D, Yr 9



Liam L, Yr 9

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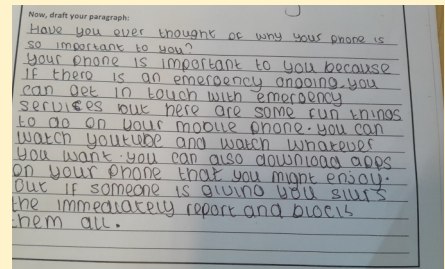
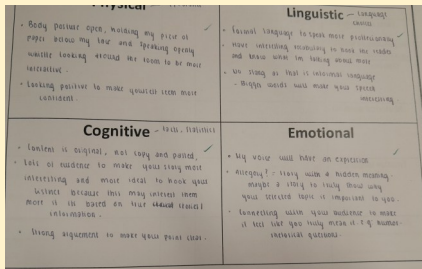
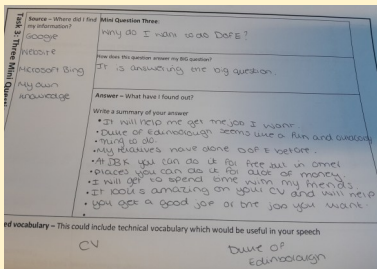
Spanish: Extra Curricular Cooking Club

Year 9 students followed a recipe in Spanish this week to create their own tortilla española this week in our Spanish Cooking Club.

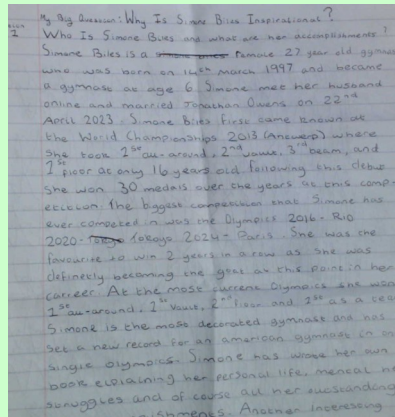
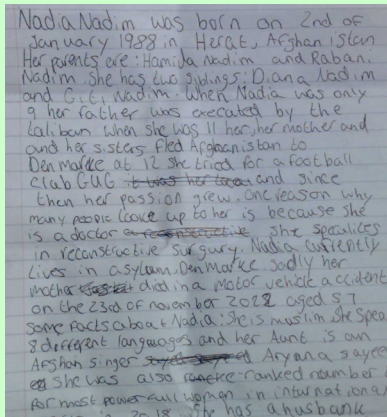
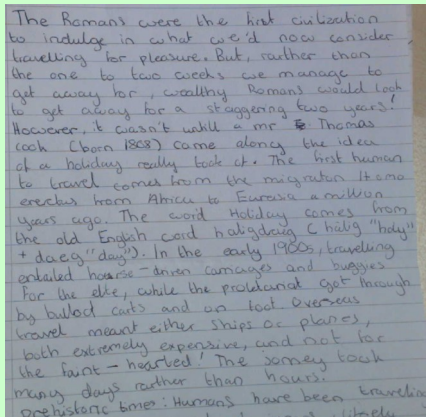
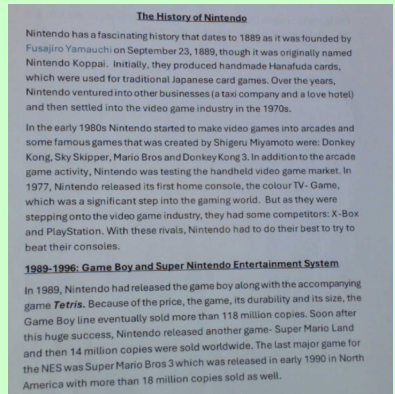
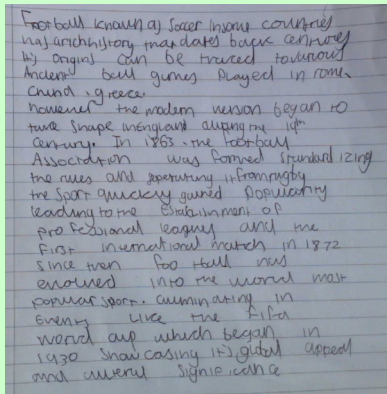
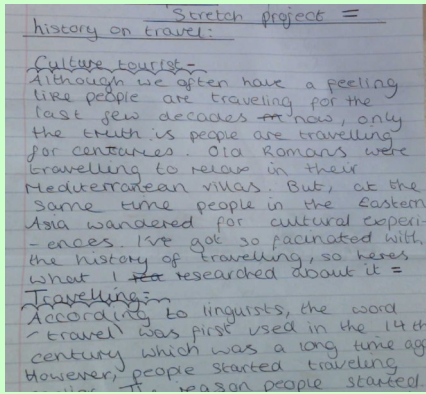


Stretch Sessions

In our KS3 Stretch sessions, students are researching, preparing and writing up a presentation on a topic that is personal to them. They will deliver this presentation in December. This helps to support our students to develop organisation, resilience and confidence - all essential skills to be successful in the future!



Year 9 examples



Year 8 examples

Futures Fair

Yesterday we had a number of colleges and apprenticeship providers in school to meet with Year 11 students to give practical advice and support with their future paths post-school. Visitors included Cheadle Town Academy, Manchester Airport, NG Bailey, DNTA, Manchester United Foundation, Wythenshawe Housing, Stockport College, The Manchester College, Trafford College, Xaverian College, Salford City College and Ipsports College. The students found the afternoon to be really useful and providers commented on how engaged the students were.



Year 11 Exam Information Evening

Thank you to all the families who attended our Year 11 Exam Information Evening yesterday. Students were provided with an array of revision books to help them with their preparation for their GCSEs.



Ski Trip 2025: Information Evening

On Tuesday evening this week, we hosted the Dixons Brooklands Academy 2025 Ski Trip meeting where we provided all the key information to the students who are attending and their parents/carers. We also welcomed Ski Equip who provided a detailed account of all the key equipment for the trip, along with offering all these items at a reduced rate.

It was very well attended and students and parents found it invaluable. We are all looking forward to the trip in January next year.



Student Leader Meeting

Student leaders from all Year groups met yesterday to discuss how they want to fundraise, things they want to improve around teaching and learning and the school in general.



Students are working on presentations to share with their peers about their plans and the next steps to drive forward improvements and change at their school.

Sport at the Academy

Football

Year 7 boys had a football league fixture against Trinity High School this week. Unfortunately, the score was 6-3 to Trinity, but we were by far the better team in the second half of the game - the scoreline doesn't show a true reflection of how the match went. We are very proud of the team; the boys showed great grit and determination to go out the second half and really push Trinity in the game.



Netball

On Monday evening this week, our Year 9 and Year 10 Netball team had their first Netball fixture of the year. They played against Abraham Moss High School and came away with a huge 12-4 victory. This was the first game for some of the students; they all performed very well and did our school proud. Their next fixture will be against St Paul's High School on Monday 4 November, where our Year 8 team will be playing. Well done to Georgia H who was awarded Player of the Match.



BTEC Sport

Our Year 10 BTEC Sport class have been taking part in a variety of disability sports, and this week they had the opportunity to take part in Goal Ball. This required students to be blindfolded and use the sounds from the bells within the ball to navigate around the indoor court to try and place the ball in the back of the net.



Primary TAG Excel Final

This Thursday our Year 8 and 9 Sports Leaders were refereeing their final Primary Tag Rugby event for the season after refereeing over the last two weeks. Students spent the afternoon helping the students from the local primary schools and having full control of refereeing the games, before handing out the medals to the winning teams. During the day we had England Rugby League at the event who proudly displayed the Super League trophy, which our students had the chance to see.



Attendance

- ❖ We had 690 students with 100% attendance last week - well done to them.

All students who achieved 100% attendance this week were entered into a prize draw. There were 5 prizes to be won - Manchester United match tickets and Manchester City merchandise.

The deserving winners are:

Match Tickets: Logan Y, Yr 11

Merchandise: Zac L, Yr 8
Ben AP, Yr 9
Elene K, Yr 9
James R, Yr 8



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
- feeling sick
- stomach pains or general pains
- Cough
- asthma
- headache
- 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

7B and 7C	92%
8B	95%
9A	92%
10B	91%
11B	84%

Most Improved Attendance

7B
8D
9A
10D
11X

Celebrating Student Achievements

Sparx Maths

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Sammy S	Devin S	Olivia MM	Harry G	Austin R
2nd Place	Simeon T	Naya R	Aara M	Dorsa S	Kayden H
3rd Place	Oliver P	Maysaa O	Noor x	Alan Samuel SE	Louie R

Year 8 Top Credits

Year 8 students who had earned the most credits were treated to hot chocolate and games on Monday to celebrate their achievements.



Debonair Uniform Shop

Our uniform suppliers, Debonair, in Wythenshawe are currently offering a 10% discount on their stock if you need to make any purchases!

Guitar Club

We will be offering a guitar club to students after half-term, with Mr Kuca from One Education. Students can see Mrs Moreton for more information if they are interested.

Timetable Information:

Monday 4 November: Week 1

Monday 11 November: Week 2

Dates for your Diary: November 2024

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	

Email: brooklandslibrary@manchester.gov.uk

Website: www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries





MENU

Week Commencing 4 November 2024



Monday	Sausage, mashed potato and peas with Yorkshire pudding and gravy.	Cheese and onion pasty with garden peas and gravy.	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Tuesday	Chicken noodles with roast vegetables	Roast vegetable noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Wednesday	Chicken madras curry with rice and garlic naan bread	Cheese tomato turnover	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Thursday	Beef pasta bake with cheese topping and garlic bread	Vegetable samosa with roast vegetable noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Friday	Creamy chicken and leek casserole with pasta and garlic bread	Cheese, tomato and basil crusty baguette	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.*