



10th November 2023

Message from the Principal



Mr James Haseldine
Executive Principal

It was lovely to welcome back our students following the half term break.

Thank you to parents/carers who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening this week. I hope you had valuable conversations with your child's teachers and you now feel able to support them through this most important stage of their academic career. Should you need to speak with us following on from your conversations yesterday evening, please contact Ms Sheldon, Year 10 Head of Year isheldon@dixonsbk.com, who will be happy to support you.

For our Year 11 students, the focus now, is on their pre-public exams (known more generally as mocks). We want to support Year 11 students as much as possible over the next two weeks with their examinations. You will have already received a copy of the exam timetable via the parent app, and the Dixons Brooklands Academy website also contains a useful revision link, which your child should find helpful as it contains resources that will help them to revise: <https://www.dixonsrevision.com>

If you have any questions, regarding the exams, please contact Mr Morgan, Year 11 Head of Year pmorgan@dixonsbk.com or Ms McVey, Assistant Principal: Assessment, Recording and Reporting dmcvey@dixonsbk.com. If you require SEN support, please contact Ms Etheridge, Assistant Principal: SENCO / SEND Teaching and Learning petheridge@dixonsbk.com

We have recently entered into a partnership with Greater Manchester Citizens / Citizens UK. Citizens UK help encourage students to be good citizens and leaders in our community and I'm sure our students will enjoy being a part of this empowering community. Please take a look at the website to find out more information: <https://www.citizensuk.org>

In order to help our students be good citizens whilst using the Metrolink network, this week our students have listened to messages from the Metrolink team. They have heard messages about antisocial behaviour and crimes that may take place and were given some strategies of what to do if they ever witness this.



Sport at DBK

We have had some great successes this week again in our sports activities.

Football

KS3 Girls Football v Manchester Enterprise Academy

Our Key Stage 3 girls have continued their impressive start by winning 8 out of 8 games. They showed fantastic teamwork and skills throughout. Player of the tournament was Eva R who scored some amazing out of the box goals.

KS4 Girls Football v Wright Robinson College

Our Key Stage 4 girls had another unbeaten run to try and retain their league title from last year. The girls played 5 games, winning 4 and drawing 1. They showed great skills and resilience against some tough opponents. Player of the tournament was Lilia O.

Year 9 Boys Football v Manchester Enterprise Academy

The Year 9 boys had a fantastic victory against MEA on Wednesday beating a strong side 6-0. All students put in fantastic effort and showed great sportsmanship.

Year 8 Boys Football v St Matthew's High School

Match report from Mr Caldwell; PE Teacher

On Tuesday 7th November the DBK Year 8 boys' football team played in the Excel Division 1 against St Matthew's High School, looking to follow up their result versus Wright Robinson 'B' team. The students showed determination throughout the first half, trying to control the game and find the opening goal, but the first 10 minutes were difficult. With 15 minutes gone, we finally found the breakthrough we wanted with a misplaced pass by the away team falling to Peter V who finished in the left corner. Five minutes later however, a through ball by the St Matthew's left midfielder to the striker was finished with a flick with his right foot, past the onrushing DBK keeper to level the game up.

Into the second half and both teams were sharing possession of the ball with chances scarce for the first 10 minutes. But on 13 minutes a ball played round the side of the right back was taken to the byline by Peter V who squared it to Charlie D, with his shot saved and the follow up slide into the net by Ethan M for us to take control of the tie. From then on it was St Matthew's who had the majority of possession, looking threatening with every attack. The striker for St Matthew's took the ball from a throw-in and weaved his way past a couple of players before being clipped by the DBK defender resulting in a penalty. Fortunately for us, St Matthew's blazed the ball over the goal. With 5 minutes left on the clock, St Matthew's had a corner from the right side and the ball went through the crowd of players to their striker who turned with his back to goal and was again tripped by a DBK defender. From the resulting penalty, the striker put the ball wide and the game ended with a 2-1 win to Dixons Brooklands Academy.

A fantastic result which was well deserved. Well done to all the players.

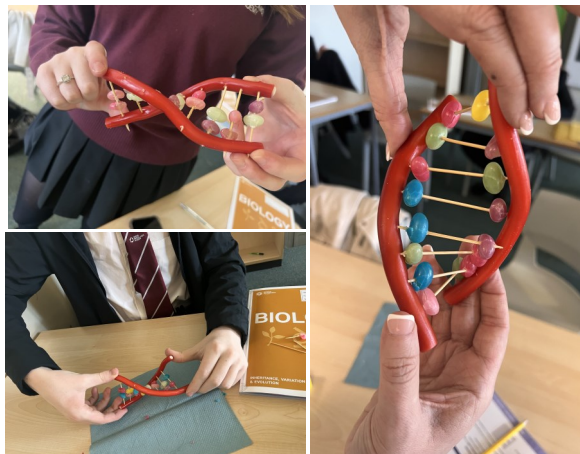
Cross Country

Several students across all 5 years groups attended the Manchester Schools Cross Country finals on Monday at Wythenshawe Park, completing the 3-5km course. All students represented the schools fantastically, with many students finishing in the top 15 and getting selected to represent the borough of Manchester at the Greater Manchester Schools Cross Country Championships in February. The highest placed student was Makz Z who finished a fantastic 6th place. Well done to all.



Science

Year 11 students in Mrs Niven's class were studying genetics in Science this week. They made models of DNA using sweets and their excellent handiwork skills. These are some of the results. Those pictured are made by Kadie J, Dylan M and Mae H. Well done to all!



Students of the Week



Congratulations to Tyler, Leighton, Harvey, Zoe and Alfie, who were nominated by staff to be our students of the week for demonstrating our values brilliantly.



Dates for your Diary: November/December 2023

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| Monday 13th November (to Wednesday 22nd November) | Year 11 mock exams |
| Monday 20th November | Group 1 Year 8 Residential to Ghyll Head (return Wednesday 22nd November) |
| Wednesday 22nd November | Group 2 Year 8 Residential to Ghyll Head (return Friday 24th November) |
| Thursday 23rd November | School Closed to students: Data Planning Day 1 |
| Friday 24th November | School Closed to students: Data Planning Day 2 |
| Thursday 30th November | Year 9 Parents' Evening/Options Evening |
| Wednesday 6th December | 8.10-9.30am: Parents/Carers Coffee Morning: Safeguarding / How we keep our children safe online |
| Thursday 7th December | Christmas Concert |
| Friday 22nd December | Term finishes for Christmas break |