



Message from the Principal



Mr James Haseldine
Executive Principal

It is a short week for students the majority of students next week, as the Academy is closed to students on Thursday and Friday whilst staff training takes place. The purpose of this focussed 2-day training session for staff is to review the curriculum, identify any gaps in student learning and make any necessary adjustments to ensure your child has the best learning experience.

It will be a fantastic 3 days in school for students, and we are looking forward to record attendance from our students on this short week for them. Please ensure that your children arrive at the academy for 8.15am, ready for a great day of learning.

Next week our Year 11 students continue their mock exams. This is such an important time for them, as the results will be the results submitted to Sixth Form colleges in order to apply for placements. They have worked incredibly hard so far and we wish them well. Our Exams Officer, Mrs Murray, sends this message: "Well done to our Year 11 students this week who have made a positive start to their mock examinations, keep up the good work for next week and remember 'tomorrow is another day'."

It is also an exciting week for our Year 8 students, as they embark on their trip to Ghyll Head. In total, over 100 students will be enjoying a week filled with exciting and adventurous activities and we hope they have a fabulous time.

In last week's newsletter, we introduced our partnership with Citizens UK. A group of Year 9 students have been selected to take part in the programme. They will be receiving training on how to become better listeners, work as a team, prioritise key issues in their community and many more transferable skills. After collaboratively deciding on an issue in their community that they want to tackle, they will begin collaborating to acquire the necessary skills to engage in a debate with the prospective mayor of Manchester in April. A debate with an audience of up to 500 people!!

We take our role of preparing students for the world outside of school very seriously. On Thursday students at Dixons Brooklands Academy received an assembly from Greater Manchester Police about knife crime awareness. Students listened to really important messages about the risks of carrying a knife, what the law says and the consequences. The students were also given guidance and support on what they should do if they were faced with a difficult situation in the community.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Dylan, Tamsin, Mia, Kelly and Harry, who were nominated by staff to be our students of the week for demonstrating our values brilliantly.



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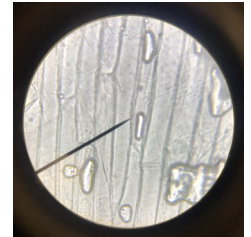
This week our Year 10 students have been taking part in the BEEWELL survey in partnership with the University of Manchester.

This comprehensive survey gathers the thoughts and feelings of young people each year, to determine trends in their wellbeing (and the factors that influence these). The results of this survey help to make important changes to our Academy based on student feedback and also changes in the community of Greater Manchester. For further information, please visit <https://beewellprogramme.org/research/survey/> or contact hmullen@dixonsbk.com

Year 7 Science

Year 7 students have been learning all about cells and the body in science recently.

To help with their understanding of how cells work they have made their own onion cells slides.



Extra-Curricular Basketball

Congratulations to Amara, Year 9 and Benjamin, Year 8 who received our after-school club basketball 'Player of the Week' this week!

Their achievement not only reflects their personal growth and determination, but it also brings immense pride to our school!

Keep up the fantastic work!

Dates for your Diary: November/December 2023

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