



23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

## Message from the Head of School

I want to wish you all a wonderful and refreshing break. This week off is a fantastic opportunity for families to spend quality time together, unwind, and recharge after a busy term.

I encourage you to make the most of this time. Whatever your plans may be, I hope you create lasting memories with your loved ones.

We appreciate your support and collaboration throughout the term, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for the exciting weeks ahead.

Wishing you all a fun-filled and joyous half-term break!

On Wednesday evening, a group of Year 10 students attended the Greater Manchester Citizens Delegates Assembly.

They did an outstanding job speaking in front of over 100 attendees about the challenges faced by members of our community. They shared their experiences as young women and expressed their commitment to combating hate by building connections and fostering understanding among people.

Well done to Pryia A, Yana G, Hollie G, Janais H, Colette M, Raghav P and Annie-Lea S!

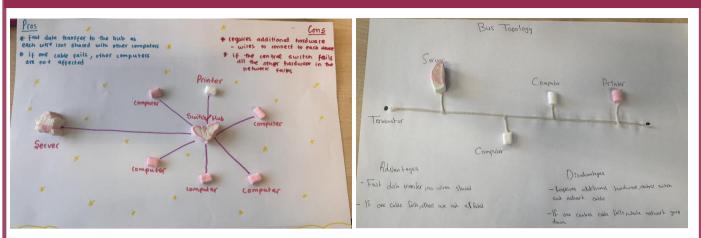








# **Celebrating our Curriculum**



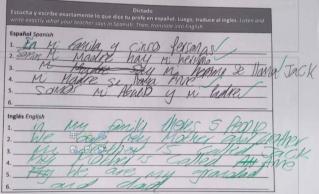
#### **Computer Science:**

Yr 10 Computer Science students had the opportunity build a computer network using marshmallow and string. They really enjoyed being able to connect the pieces and display their knowledge in a practical way. Safe to say most of the marshmallows were eaten rather than used on the sheet!

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#### Spanish:

Riley C – Excellent improvement of work in WCF task! Well done, Riley!



#### Spanish:

Jack McG- excellent effort, behaviour and work in all Spanish lessons.



#### Rowing:

This week, British Rowing visited to screen our Year 9 and 10 students as part of their Olympic Pathway programme. Some students are already training on-water with All Aboard Youth Rowing at Agecroft Rowing Club, and we've added 10 rowing machines to bring the sport into PE. Our students were enthusiastic and engaged well with this exciting opportunity.

# **Celebrating Student Achievements**

#### **Sparx Maths:**

|           | Year 7   | Year 8      | Year 9   | Year 10     | Year 11 |
|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|---------|
| 1st Place | Maria Y  | Finley H    | Kai M    | Ellie-Mae K | Logan Y |
| 2nd Place | Lillie R | Gracie J    | Aistis V | Isabel J    | Kyle C  |
| 3rd Place | Skye J-L | Roshaan S-D | Callum M | Joseph J    | Kaci C  |

#### **DBK Masterchef Final:**

Thursday 21st May, Year 9 students battled it out in the DBK Masterchef finals. All students worked independently with their sous chef to produce an exciting range of their chosen dishes and plated them up to a professional standard too. The judges loved all the Entrée's and really struggled to narrow it down to one winner, so they had to award 3 prizes!

- Best Savoury Dish- Raoul Z and Cameron B (Burger and chips)
- Best Dessert- Birva D and Enya M (Victoria Sponge)
- Best presentation- Aliae Q and Amelia C (Flatbreads, fruit, dips and mint tea)



# **Celebrating Student Achievements**

#### Corpus Christi College campus visit:

Students had the opportunity to visit Corpus Christi College Campus. Upon arrival, students attended a presentation introducing them to Oxford University. They then participated in academic taster sessions, choosing between Science and English.

Those in the English session, explored Modernism in English Literature. Students compared two versions of the poem *Poetry* by Marianne Moore (from 1924 and 1967) and debated whether an author's final intentions should be respected. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal in the college's elegant dining hall. Afterwards, Oxford undergraduate students led a fast-paced tour of the Corpus Christi site. One group visited the library, chapel, and Junior Common Room (JCR). The undergraduates then hosted a Q&A session, giving our students the chance to learn more about life and study at Oxford.

Students also attended a presentation on the Oxford application process. To wrap up the day, they took part in a brief activity where they answered questions that had been asked in past undergraduate interviews.





# Attendance

A total of 637 students from Years 7 to 11 achieved 100% attendance, demonstrating a strong commitment to their education. This accomplishment highlights the dedication of these students to maintaining perfect attendance throughout the school year.

#### Students with 100% attendance this week:

| Year 7       | Year 8       | Year 9       | Year 10      | Year 11      |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 124 students | 116 students | 131 students | 100 students | 117 students |

#### Full House Friday Attendance Wheel students – 743 in total

| Year 7       | Year 8       | Year 9       | Year 10      | Year 11      |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 147 students | 144 students | 169 students | 129 students | 153 students |

#### **Top Advisory Groups:**

| 7Y  | 8z  | 9W  | 10A | 11y |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 94% | 90% | 90% | 88% | 93% |

#### Attendance and Behaviour Recognition

Students who arrive to school on time, attend every single day and demonstrate our core value will be awarded an ice cream from the ice cream van who will be at school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July! Students must be in for the full 40 days to enjoy this treat before they head off for their summer break!

#### Full House Friday:

Each Friday, students who attend school are entered onto an Attendance Wheel! During Monday's Morning Meeting, the wheel spins and selects one student per year group as a winner. The winning students will receive a sweet treat and a Queue Jump Pass in recognition of their Friday (and Monday) attendance to school!



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DAY! Wednesday 28th May 2025

Crossacres Family Hub Poundswick Lane, M22 9TA

# 1:00PM-3:00PM

No need to book – just come along
Fun sports and games
Arts and crafts
Free snacks and refreshments

Family

Come along, have, fun, and get involved!

# DIXONS BROOKLANDS WEEKLY MENU

# WEEK COMMENCING 2ND JUNE

# MONDAY

Beef Lasagna with Garlic Bread

Or

Vegetable spring rolls with noodles and Sweet Chili sauce

Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans

### THURSDAY

Mexican Beef Chili Tortilla wrap with Spicy Rice

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Cheese and potato slice with side salad

Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans

# TUESDAY

Blackened Cajun Drumstick with Salt and Pepper Noodles

Or

Cheese and tomato turnovers with side salad

Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans

# FRIDAY

Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread

Or

Vegetable giant samosa with noodles

Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans

### WEDNESDAY

Chicken curry with yellow rice and Naan bread

Or

Cheese Tomato and Basil Pizza bread with side of 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.

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