



Message from the Head of School

I hope you are well and enjoying the wonderful sunshine! As we embrace this beautiful weather, we want to focus on positivity here at school.

Yesterday, we had the pleasure of welcoming The Art of Brilliance, who delivered insightful sessions for both our students and staff on the importance of a positive mindset. They encouraged us to take note of the “glimmers” we experience throughout our day - those little moments of joy and achievement that can significantly boost our mental health. It’s a great reminder to celebrate the positives in our school community!

Furthermore, we are thrilled to announce that Year 11 has officially commenced their GCSEs this week, particularly in practical subjects and Spanish.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication to their studies, and we can confidently say that they are doing exceptionally well.



Mrs K Gardner
Head Of School

Dates for your diary:

- Year 7 Parents’ Evening will be taking place on **Thursday 1st May**. If you have not yet received a message with the login details, please email info@dixonsbk.com



Community Feedback:

We have received some feedback from residents at Bideford Community Voice about parking in the Bideford Estate during drop-off and pick-up times. Specifically, there have been concerns about cars blocking driveways, double parking on narrow roads, and blocking the pavements. Please be mindful when parking on Parklands Road and Bideford Drive to make sure everyone can move around safely.

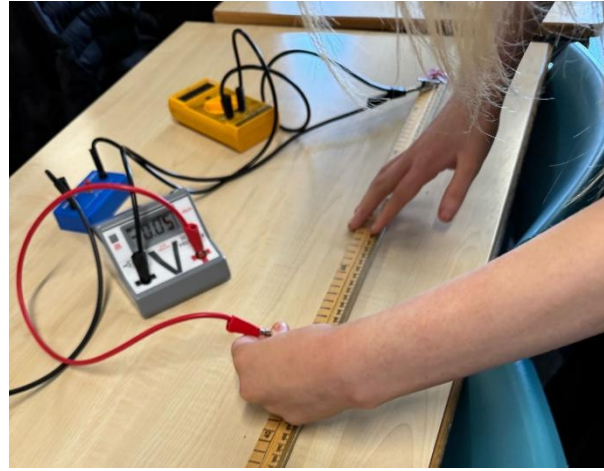
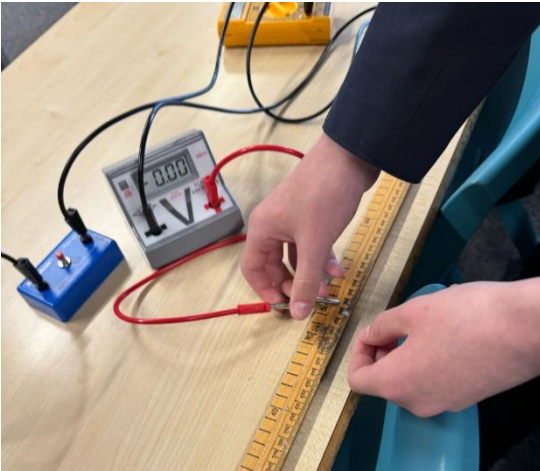


Celebrating our Curriculum



Food Tech:

Year 10 hospitality and catering students baked some wonderful, well proved cinnamon buns this week. All students showed excellent weighing, measuring, kneading and timing. But special mentions to Natalia H for her professional cinnamon rolls!



Science:

Year 10 have been exploring the topic of electricity, with a focus this week on investigating the resistance of a wire. They've been measuring current and potential difference across a wire, then applying their impressive maths skills to calculate its resistance. Gaining an understanding of how these factors are linked is essential for engineers when designing safe and efficient circuits.



Year 11 Parent Notice:

The Wythenshawe Housing Apprenticeships will launch on May 12th, 2025, with the program starting in September 2025. This initiative offers a great opportunity for individuals to gain hands-on experience and training in the housing sector.

Attendance

A total of 665 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
140 students	120 students	166 students	121 students	118 students

House breakdown:

Aspiration	Rigour	Spirit	Valour
146 students	186 students	165 students	162 students

Top Advisory Groups:

7A	8Z	9W	10A	11Y
95%	88%	98%	96%	87%

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

BPOC GAME HUB

Crossacres Family Hub

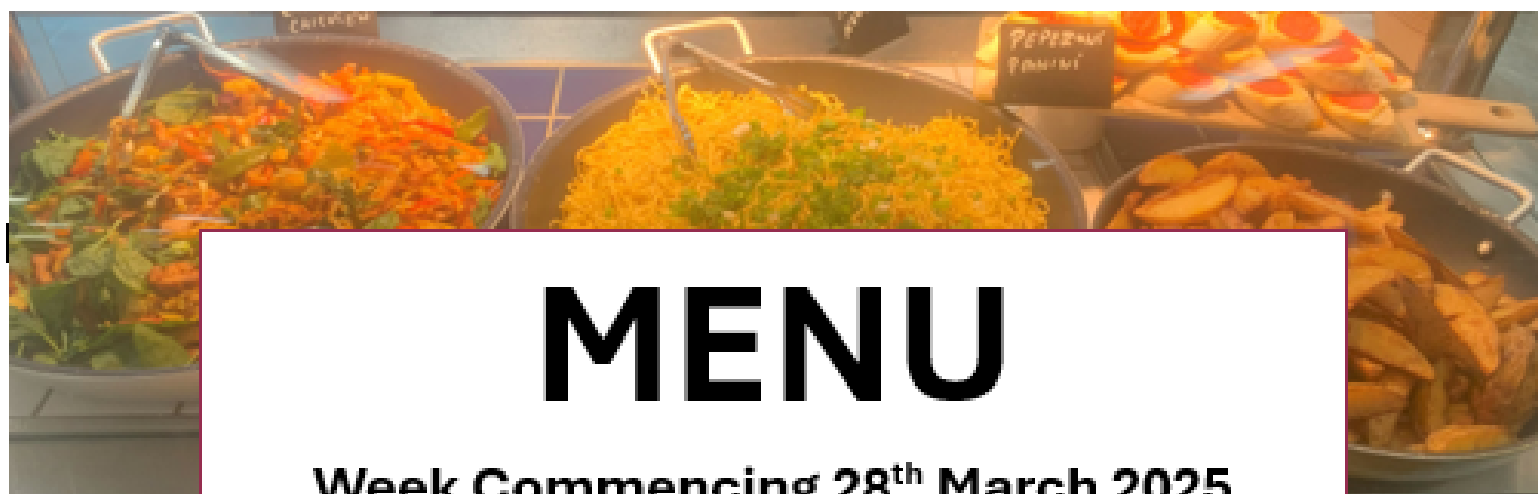


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Mondays | Ages 8-11 | 6pm - 8pm



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MENU

Week Commencing 28th March 2025

Monday	Mexican beef chilli with rice	Vegetable spring rolls with noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Tuesday	Chicken jerk drumstick with spicy egg noodles	Cheese and tomato turnovers with side salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Wednesday	Chicken curry with rice and naan bread	Jacket potato with selection of feelings	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Thursday	Homemade chicken in breadcrumbs with red pesto pasta	Cheese and onion slice with side salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Friday	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread	Vegetable giant samosa with noodles	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.