



29th September 2023

Message from the Principal

We held our Open Evening this week and it was a joy to welcome almost 200 families to the Academy. The Academy had a great atmosphere on the night and the feedback from visiting parents (and existing parents who came round for a look) was overwhelmingly positive. Over 100 students volunteered and I am delighted that they stayed behind to assist with tours, activity organisation and performances. The event made me very proud to lead the school and acted as a reminder of the improvements we are making to make the Academy a great place to be. See below for some photographs to give you a glimpse of the evening.



Mr James Haseldine
Executive Principal



Students of the Week

Congratulations to Savannah, Maddison, Eleanor, Kush and Ellis, who were nominated by staff as Students of the Week for demonstrating our values brilliantly.



Black History Month

October is Black History Month and theme for 2023 is 'Celebrating our Sisters'. Each faculty within the Academy will be focusing on the contributions made by black women in their subject areas to showcase throughout the month.

As we go through October, we will share more information with you.

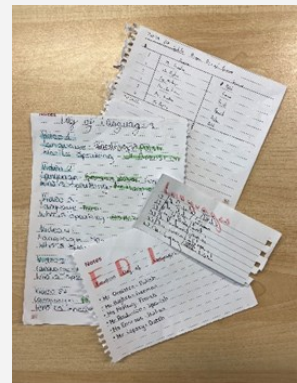


**SALUTING
SISTERS**

Congratulations to our cross-country team who competed at the regional event in Wythenshawe Park last week. There were some great performances and our team represented the Academy superbly. We are confident of similar success at today's cross-country event.

European Day of Languages 2023 - Tuesday 26th September

Tuesday 26th September was European Day of Languages. At Dixons Brooklands Academy we value learning an additional language as it is a skill that can open doors in the world of work and also expand students' travel opportunities. This year, to celebrate EDL, the Spanish department ran a competition for students. On Tuesday 26th September, students were shown six short videos of our staff speaking in another language. Students were encouraged to make a note of which language they thought was being spoken in each video and by who. Students correctly identifying all six languages won a prize. The students (and staff) all loved watching the videos. We had over 150 students enter and around 80 winning entries!



Dates for your Diary: October 2023

Friday 13th - Monday 16th October Year 11 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Friday 20th October Students break up for half term break. (Return Monday 6th November)

New Staff at the Academy

We have a number of new staff who have joined the academy. As a regular feature of the newsletter, we'd like to introduce them to you. This week, it's the turn of Ms Ginty in Business Studies and Ms Sheldon in History and Director of Standards for Year 10. We've asked them 5 questions to find out a little bit more about them.

Ms Ginty – Business Studies Teacher

What is one of your hidden talents?

Being able to sing All Star (the Shrek song) perfectly on karaoke.

What are some traditions or superstitions you have for the first day of school?

I always buy brand new flasks, Tupperware and note pads at the start of each term; if I don't, I always think I will have a bad term! I definitely need to rethink the costs of this though!

What's the best thing about your role?

Coming into school in the morning and the students saying "hello" and asking how my day has been in the afternoon. My advisory group coming to me with little problems throughout the day and being able to be the one to support them through their school journey and watch them grow into lovely young adults.

If you could take the students on a field trip to anywhere in the world, where would you take them?

I would take the students (my business class) on a trip to Wall Street in New York. I feel like they will be inspired to venture out into the world and realise what opportunities they could have.

What would you like students to remember about you?

I would like the students to remember me as a patient, compassionate teacher that anyone could speak to about anything! Also, a teacher that pushes her students to be the best people they can be!



Ms Sheldon – History Teacher and Director of Standards, Year 10

What is one of your hidden talents?

I can play the violin!

What are some traditions or superstitions you have for the first day of school?

Always have a McDonalds breakfast, and I like to have new stationery to start the new year

What's the best thing about being a teacher?

The relationships I build with pupil, and knowing they look forward to my lesson.

If you could take the students on a field trip to anywhere in the world, where would you take them?

I'd love to take students to the French and Belgian WW1 battlefields because it's an important part of history, and Ypres has the best waffles and chocolate!

What would you like students to remember about you and your class?

That they enjoyed learning about history and they know that I genuinely want them to do well.

