



Message from the Head of School

This week has certainly brought us some hot weather, but we are pleased to report that our students have managed to get through it with resilience and determination. Thankfully, cooler temperatures are forecasted for next week, providing a welcome relief for our students and staff.



Mrs K Gardner
Head Of School

We had the pleasure of welcoming our Year 7 parents to school this week, where we celebrated the wonderful progress their children are making in various subject areas. It is heartening to see such enthusiasm and growth, and we appreciate your continued support at home.

Additionally, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our amazing students who participated in this year's performance of Aladdin. Their talent shone brightly on stage, and we are incredibly proud of each performer. A big thank you is also due to our dedicated staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the production was as magical as it was. Their efforts truly brought the show to life and were a testament to our school community's spirit.

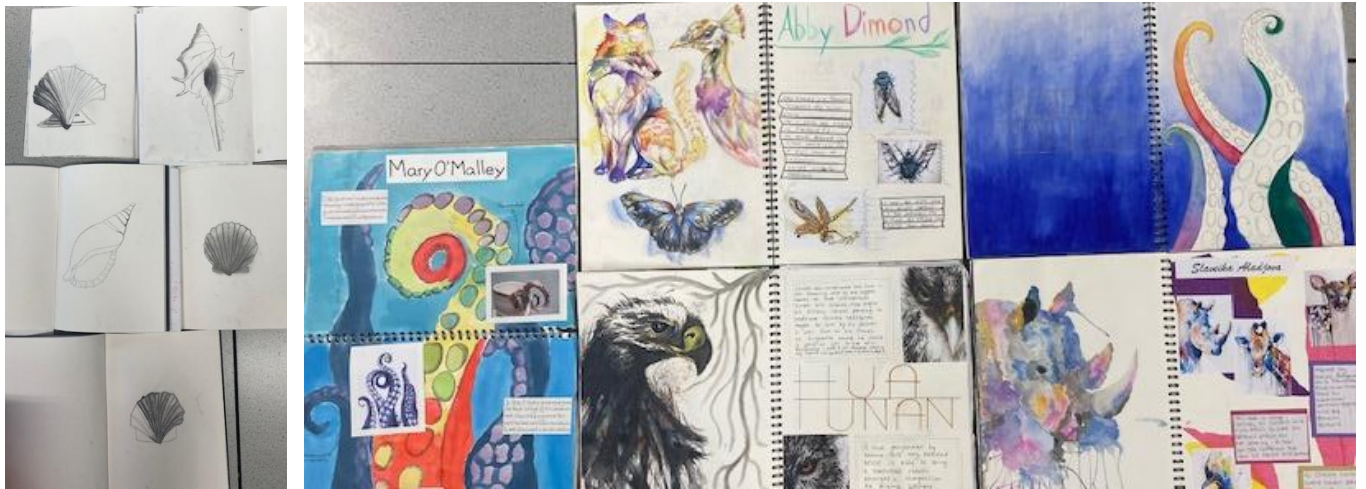
As always, thank you for your support and engagement. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and continuing to celebrate the achievements of our remarkable students.

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



Art:

Take a look at some of the amazing creations from our students in their Art and DT lessons! Year 7 have been exploring shells in Art, Year 9 have been working on tools in DT, and Year 10 have been developing their animal-themed projects. Their work is truly impressive!

Aladdin

Well done to all students who took part in Aladdin!
Keep your eyes on our Facebook to see more pictures next week!

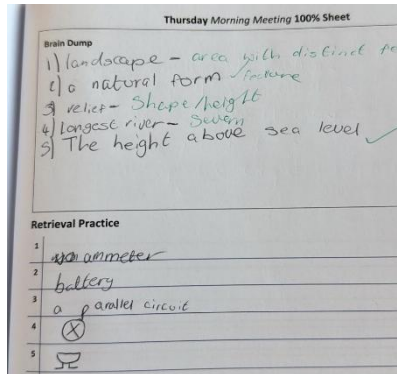
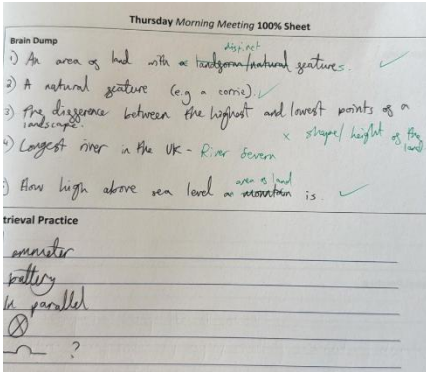


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Sparx Maths:

Well done to Year 11 for completing the most homework last week!

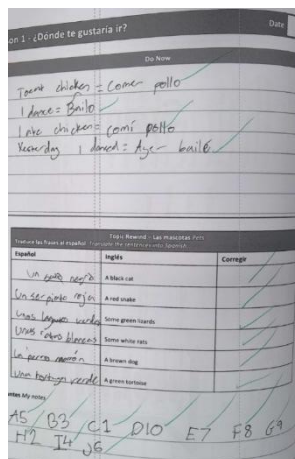
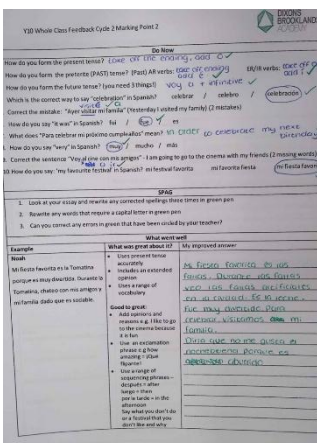
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Reiley G	Piper W	Dexter F	Franciszek G	Bethany B
2nd Place	Jack D	Troy R	Aistis V	Ivan R	Caylem R-R
3rd Place	Charlie W	Gracie J	Noor x	Joseph J	Olivia H-S



Morning Meeting:
Some amazing examples of Morning Meeting!

Science:

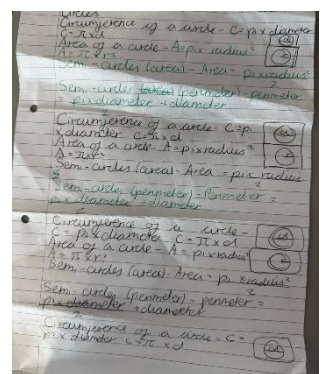
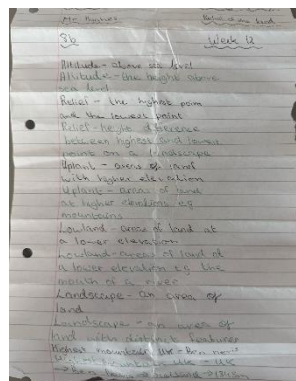
In 7AB/Sc6, students made a red cabbage indicator to test acids and bases. The purple liquid changed color with different substances—red for acids and green for bases—making pH changes easy to see.



Spanish:

Well done to Oliver CM, Yr 8 for starting off the new C3 well and completing all your work to a good standard!

An example of excellent whole class feedback from Sophie M, Yr 10. Well done!



Read, Cover, Write, Check:

Some amazing pieces of RCWC done by Year 8. Well done to Chloe D and Elaine E who got a special shoutout this week!

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
135 students	119 students	155 students	115 students	113 students

House breakdown:

Aspiration	Rigour	Spirit	Valour
136 students	177 students	160 students	161 students

Top Advisory Groups:

7D	8Z	9A	10C	11Y
92%	89%	94%	91%	91%

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.



MENU

Week Commencing 5th May 2025

Monday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Selection of chicken wings – Tandoori, Jerk or Tikka with spicy egg noodles	Cheese and tomato turnovers with side salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Wednesday	Chinese chicken with egg fried rice	Cheese tomato and basil pizza bread with side of salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Thursday	Beef Bolognese with pasta and garlic bread	Cheese and potato slice with side salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
Friday	Chicken on warm flatbread with side salad and chips	Vegetable spring rolls 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.