



## Message from the Head of School

As we approach the Easter holiday, I want to take a moment to wish everyone a wonderfully relaxing and joyful time with family and friends.

The past few weeks have been challenging, but I am proud to see how we have all come together as a strong school community. Your support and resilience have been invaluable, and I firmly believe that we will continue to grow stronger in the weeks and months to come.

We look forward to welcoming all students back for a fresh start to the summer term on Tuesday, April 22nd. Let's make it a strong beginning!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Easter holiday!



Mrs K Gardner  
Head Of School

### Dates for your diary:

- Year 7 Parents' Evening will be taking place on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May**. If you have not yet received a message with the login details, please email [info@dixonsbk.com](mailto: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:

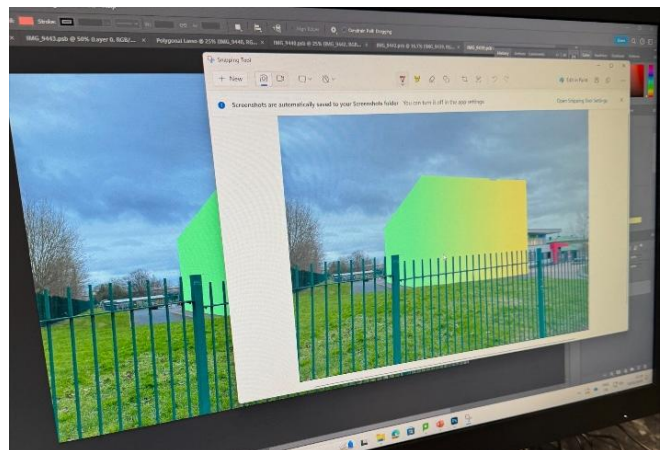
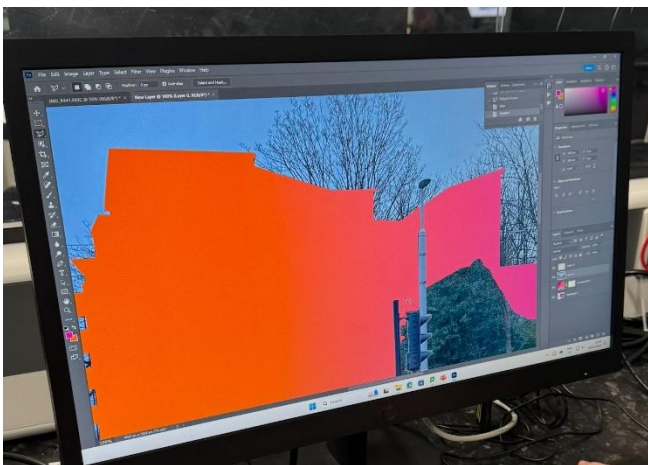
Year 8 really impressed me with their organisation, weighing, measuring and knife skills when they made apple cake this week. All of them did fantastically but special mention to Kai O!

- Ms Bowdery



## Art:

Our year 8 students have started making clay mini beasts as the project comes to an end. The standard so far has been exceptional, and they should be proud of how quickly they have picked up this skill!



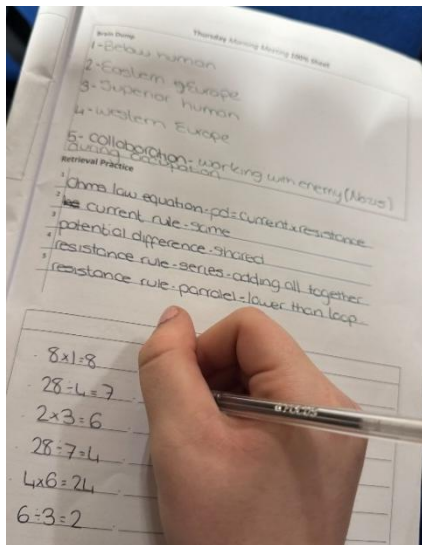
## Photography:

Lareen A, did a wonderful experimentation inspired by the Photographer Mauren Breodbeck.

Exceptional effort in your Photography GCSE Exam. Well done!



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## Morning Meeting:

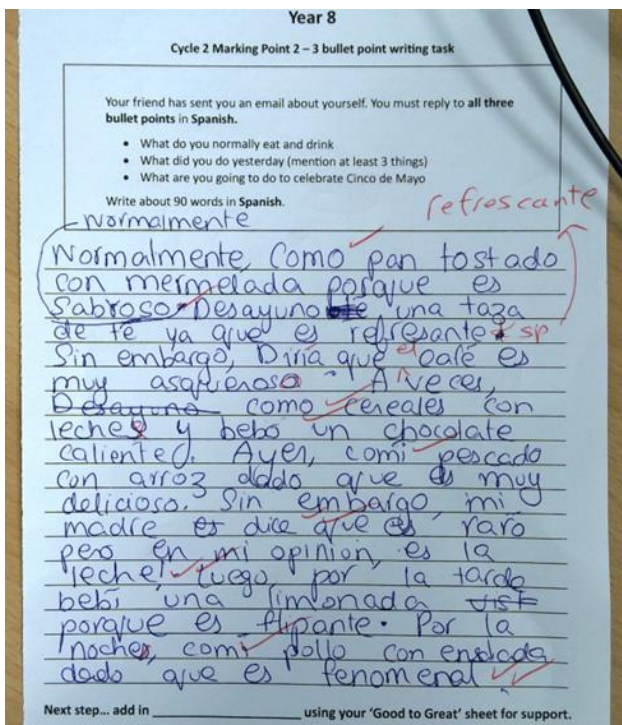
An exceptional example of work completed during Morning Meeting by Ellie M-McN!

# MORNING MEETING



## Geography:

An employee from Wimbledon came in to run a workshop about sustainability with some Year 7,8 & 9 Geography classes. The session looked at how the choices we make can be detrimental to the natural world. The students explored how our planet has changed in recent decades and how we can be more sustainable.



## Spanish:

Well done to Murad A, year 8 for completing this amazing piece of work in Spanish this week!





# Student Led Culture Day



Zac L, Year 8



Alana B, Year 8



Caleb F, Year 8

Mr Hodgson's Year 8 Personal Development Class did some work on Cultural Diversity. We looked at the different flags, traditions and cultures in the UK and then did some promotional colouring of posters that represents UK culture.

Becoming

"Every scar is a badge of honour."

It was the only thing that kept me going nowadays. The only thing that made me feel like life was worth living. I stared at the waves crashing against the shore. The glow of dusk encompassed me but I knew it would not last. Nothing good have ever lasted for me. I repeated the quote over and over again until it fell dummed into my brain.

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I began left the beach and began walking aimlessly through the park. Dark, heavy thoughts surrounded me. Telling me I was worthless, that I didn't deserve happiness. But I knew better now. I knew better after what had happened in Nigeria. My parents had been murdered in front of my eyes by the military government. I was tortured, brutally tortured until I told them what they wanted to know. I had never, through a miracle, managed to escape to America. I had gotten worse from here.

**TITILOPE**  
"Dreams are cunning"

Dreams are cunning

**TITILOPE SONUGA**  
BECOMING

"When the world around you is..."  
"Risk is not a perfect past for rebuilding"  
"Your grandmother's ancestral dream"  
"Your heart is just a muscle"  
"Rising mind"

**FEMINISM**

"Your grandmother's ancestral finger?"  
"Your mother's daughter"  
"You are a woman becoming"

These voices suggest to me women are powerful and some speak in tongues. I could not let this happen out of my hands. I had to get from here to where I was now. I had to get from here to where I was now. I had to get from here to where I was now. I had to get from here to where I was now. I had to get from here to where I was now.

**BECOMING**

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Ms Moran's Year 9 class created posters and stories for Culture Day, inspired by poems that empower women from marginalized communities. This project builds on our study of *Purple Hibiscus*, a novel that centers around a teenage girl discovering her voice after enduring oppression and hardship.

# Attendance

A total of 514 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
111	88	135	89	91



## Top Advisory Groups:

7A	8A, B and X	9W	10A	11Y
91%	81%	91%	87%	84%

## 100% Attendance Half Term 3 – 237 students:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
51	45	67	32	42

## 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.



# Celebrating student achievements

## Design Technology:

Well done to Oliver who proudly completed his amazing passive speaker in the after-school DT club!



## Academy House Attendance:

### Students with 100% attendance this week:

Aspiration	Rigour	Spirit	Valour
116	141	125	127

### 100% Attendance Half Term 3 – 237 students:

Aspiration	Rigour	Spirit	Valour
67	68	64	58

These students will receive a certificate during the first week back. Well done!

## Food Tech:

Year 10 excelled themselves this week with their battered fish, homemade chips and mushy peas from scratch. All of them plated up their dishes professionally as well as cooking a delicious meal.

Special mentions to Aimee M, Grace W, Niamh B, Ava Z, Natalia H, Mehdi D and Evie P!



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# MENU

**Week Commencing 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

<b>Monday</b>	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sausage, mash potato garden peas and gravy Yorkshire pudding	Cheese & onion slice with mash and gravy	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
<b>Wednesday</b>	Donner meat with spicy noodles or tandoori chicken wraps with spicy rice	Giant spring rolls with egg noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
<b>Thursday</b>	Beef chilli with rice and tortilla crisps	Tomato and basil sauce with pasta and cheese	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and beans
<b>Friday</b>	Chicken burgers with side salad	Jacket potato skin with side salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese and 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.*

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