



## Message from the Head of School

It's hard to believe how quickly this week has flown by, and with half-term fast approaching, we have so much to fit in to such a small amount of time.

As we enter this crucial time of year, our thoughts are particularly with our Year 11 students who are in the middle of their exam season. We understand that this can be a stressful period, and we want to assure both them and you that we are committed to providing all the support they need.

Our staff is here to guide and motivate them, ensuring they are well-prepared to give their absolute best in every exam. We have full confidence in their dedication and efforts, and we wish them all the luck as they tackle this challenging phase.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to a productive week ahead!



Mrs K Gardner  
Head Of School

### 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

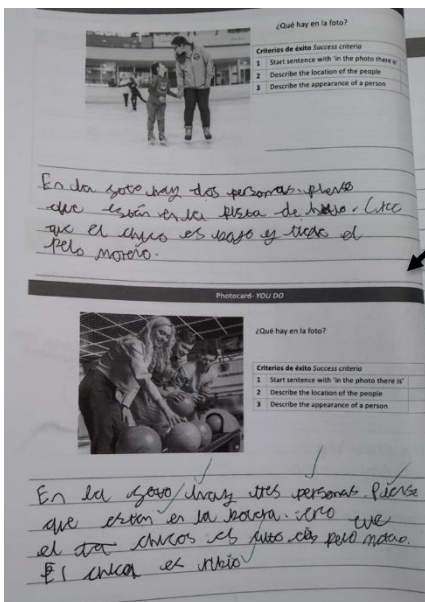
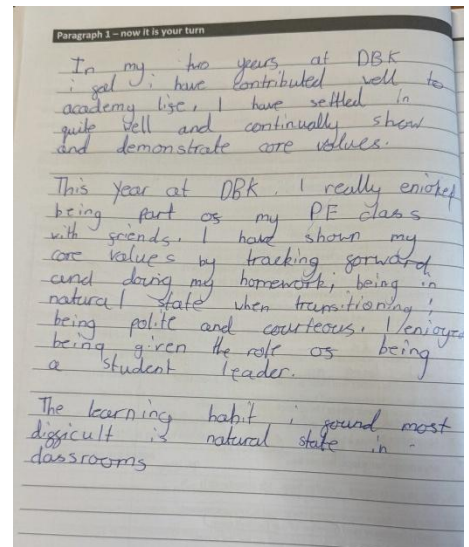
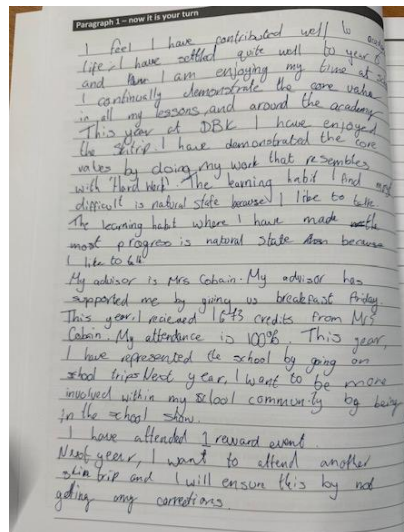
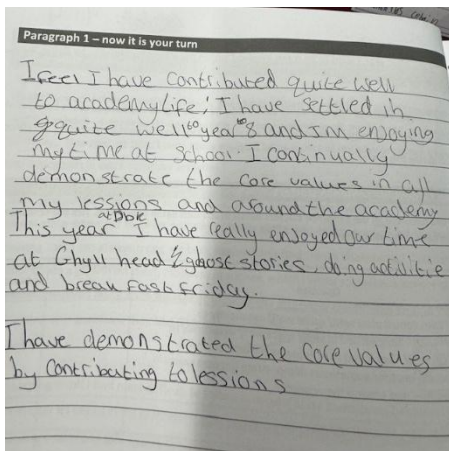
## Sparx Maths:

Top credit earners for the last week!

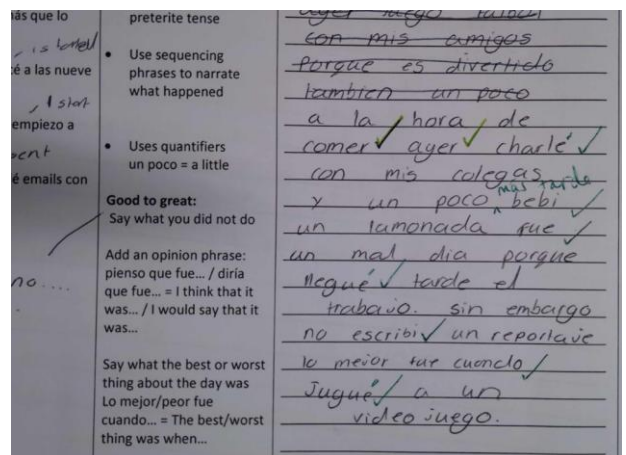
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Fatuma K	Ousman K	Callum M	Ellie-Mae K	Bethany B
2nd Place	Sophie N	Piper W	Aarna M	Rawa Al-B	Sulayman H
3rd Place	Jack D	Nirav S	Birva D	Joseph J	Amr S

## Stretch project:

Year 7, 8 & 9 students have been busy working on their *Dream Team* reports as part of the Stretch project. Their first paragraphs are all about academy life and behaviour—highlighting high expectations, positive routines, and a supportive learning environment. Great to see so many thoughtful reflections on what makes our academy special!



**Spanish:**  
Excellent use of an example answer to create a detailed response to a GCSE style task. Well done Noah M, Yr 8!



**Spanish:**  
Well done to Payton B, Yr 9 on an amazing response to feedback! You have included all the suggestions needed to take your work from Good to Great!!!

# Attendance

A total of 651 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
152 students	126 students	155 students	111 students	108 students

## House breakdown:

Aspiration	Rigour	Spirit	Valour
139 students	178 students	168 students	163 students

## Top Advisory Groups:

7Z	8B	9A & 9C	10A	11Y
95%	91%	96%	92%	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.

# Year 11 Parent Notices

## Construction Cares: DIY Workshops

GMI, the Virtual School, and Manchester College are excited to launch the fifth *Construction Cares: DIY Workshops* in partnership with Manchester Council.

This free 3-day course, running from 21st–23rd July 2025 at The Manchester College (Openshaw Campus), offers hands-on DIY training from skilled tradespeople, helping young people gain practical skills for independent living and insights into careers in construction.

Participants will receive a certificate and free toolkit upon completion, with the chance to take a free CSCS safety course afterward. Lunch and travel costs (with proof) are covered. Don't forget to wear practical clothing and sturdy shoes!

Construction Cares GMI

'DIY WORKSHOPS'

**MOVING OUT OR JUST MOVED IN?**

**Come and Learn New DIY Skills!!**  
INCLUDES FREE LUNCH, BUS TRAVEL & GMI TOOLKIT

Sessions will take place on:  
Monday 21st July 2025 from 10am - 3pm  
Tuesday 22nd July 2025 from 10am - 3pm  
Wednesday 23rd July 2025 from 10am - 1pm

Sessions will take place at:  
The Manchester College, Openshaw Campus, Ashton Old Rd,  
Manchester, M11 2WH

\*Personal Advisors and Social Workers can apply on behalf of Young Person.

Scan QR code to access enrolment form

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL CARE LEAVER SUPPORT The Manchester College to inspire GMI

## Our Pass applications launch: May 2025

From the 1st September '25 your child could be eligible for Our Pass which gives them the following benefits for the next two years!

- 1) Free bus travel across Greater Manchester.
- 2) Half-price off-peak Metrolink tickets.
- 3) Access to Our Pass Exclusives.

Our Pass Exclusives are freebies, discounts and experiences, such as free tickets to sport and music events including Manchester Originals cricket, Parklife and the Halle Orchestra, discounts in cafes and coffee shops across Greater Manchester, and behind the scenes tours of the Palace Theatre.

This year, for the first time, they will be able to apply for the brand new digital Our Pass in the Bee Network app.

To ensure their Our Pass is ready to use on the 1st September, they can apply from Monday 19th May '25. Go to [ourpass.co.uk](http://ourpass.co.uk) to find out more and please encourage your son or daughter to apply. The only cost is the £10 administration fee.

**OURPASS**



Join us for your

# NORTHENDEN HEALTH EVENT

Free!

All Ages  
Welcome

With partners from across the community!

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
**from 11:00 to 2:30pm**  
**Inside Northenden Social Club**  
**408-412 Palatine Rd, Northenden. M22 4JT**

This event is for local residents to find out

*What on,  
Whats for me and  
Whats for free.....*

Try some tasty food whilst finding out ways to improve your health and wellbeing.



- Find out about local support to help you (employment, finances, housing, diet & nutrition, debt.)
- Check out local social groups
- Free Health Checks

# DIXONS BROOKLANDS WEEKLY MENU

WEEK COMMENCING 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY

## MONDAY

Beef Chili with Yellow Rice and Garlic Bread

Or

Vegetable Spring Rolls with Noodles and Sweet Chili Sauce

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

## TUESDAY

Minced Beef and Onion Pie with Chips and Gravy

Or

Cheese and Tomato Turnovers with side salad

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

## WEDNESDAY

Warm Tandoori Chicken Wrap with side salad

Or

Cheese, tomato and basil pizza with side salad

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

## THURSDAY

Donner Meat with Spicy Rice and Yoghurt mint sauce

Or

Cheese and potato slice with side salad

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

## FRIDAY

Chicken Burgers with chips and side salad

Or

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.