



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS**
ACADEMY

A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

It was truly wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout for our Year 8 parents' evening, with many of you actively engaging in the activities we had on offer. The positive feedback we received was heartwarming and reinforces the strong partnership we share between parents and the school community.

In addition to our Year 8 event, our Year 11 students were busy preparing for their futures with mock college interviews. We were fortunate to have representatives from various agencies volunteer their time to support our students during this important event. The feedback from these external partners was outstanding, praising our Year 11 students for their professionalism and readiness. They continue to make us proud each day, and we are confident they will achieve great success in their future endeavours.

As we move into the festive season, I'm excited to share that we have a lineup of wonderful Christmas activities planned for next week! From our Christmas show to festive dinners, there's much to look forward to, and we hope everyone will join in the celebrations.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Together, we are making a significant impact on our students' experiences and futures.

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Celebrating our curriculum

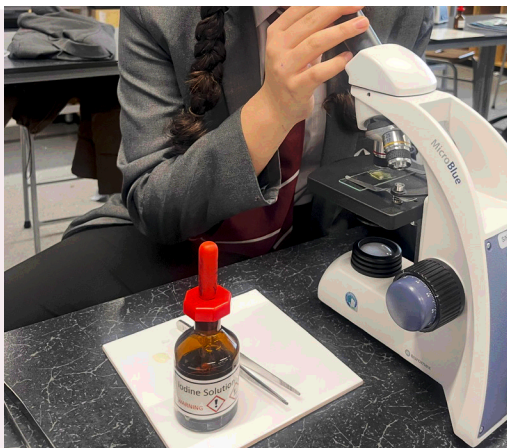
by striving for excellence

Year 8 learn about the force in physics

Mrs Staniforth's Year 8 have been learning about Hooke's Law in science. They have been learning about different forces and motion. One particular point of interest has been how changing the force affects the extension of a spring. Boing!



Year 9 magnify their learning



Year 9 have been carrying out their required practical - how to use a light microscope to view plant cells. Naya was able to view cells from an onion. She could identify the different parts of a cell, including the cell wall and cell membranes. The class had to answer why onion cells did not have any chloroplasts, and were able to observe the lack of for themselves!

Rowing Project

Our new Year 8 rowing team, part of the academy's Rowing Project at Agecroft Rowing Club, took to the water for the very first time on Tuesday. Students had the exciting opportunity to experience rowing in a full-sized boat, learning the basics of balance, teamwork, and technique. It was a fantastic introduction to rowing directly on the water, and the team showed great enthusiasm throughout. We're excited to see their progress over the coming weeks!



Celebrating our students through new experiences

Year 8 parents' evening

On Tuesday 2 December, Year 8 families joined us for a parent's evening with a twist! Families engaged in conversations about their children's progress with staff, and were also treated to fantastic food from our catering team, a performance from the school musical, and cooking sessions with Ms Bowdery! We hope you enjoyed the varying activities as much as we enjoyed discussing your child's progress in their second year of secondary school.

Well done to Cody and family, who won the Christmas hamper in the raffle! Thank you to everyone who joined us!

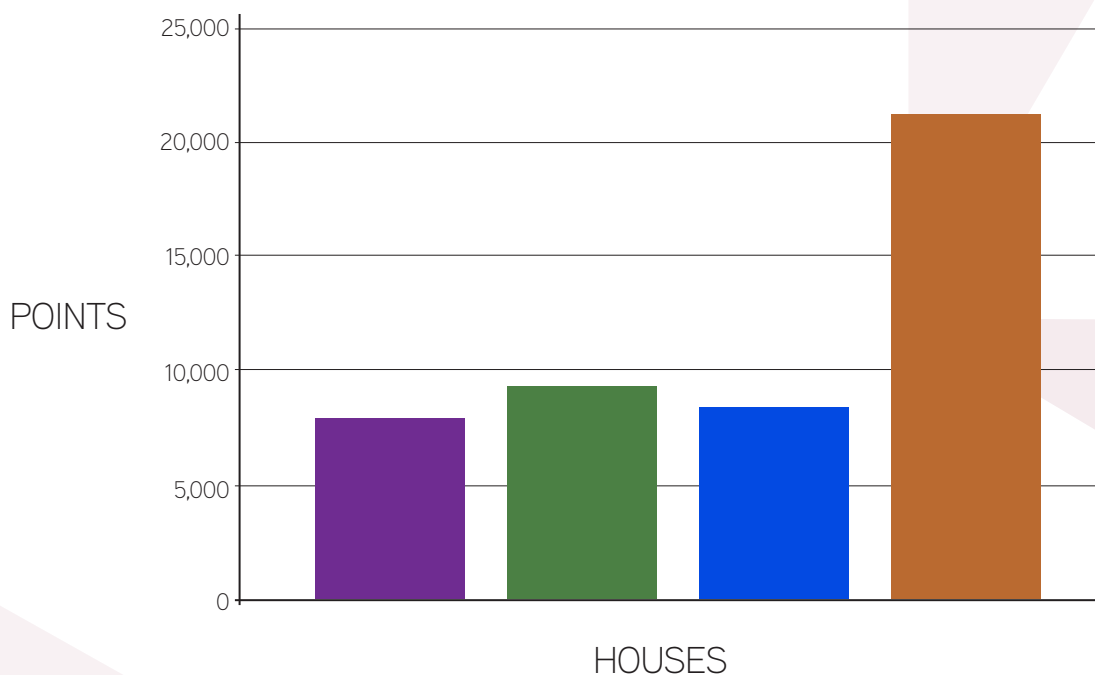
Baguley Hall Primary School visit

Last week, Year 6 students from Baguley Hall Primary School joined us at Dixons Brooklands Academy to take part in a music and drama lesson with Ms Moreton and Mr Hughes. Students loved coming on site, seeing the school, and getting involved in a lesson to experience life at Brooklands. Lots of happy faces left, and we look forward to seeing them when they return in Year 7 - or possibly before!



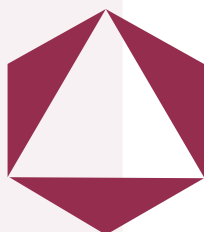
House points leaderboard

House Rigour continue to lead the house points, houses Valour, Spirit, and Aspiration are on their tail! Well done to everyone who has contributed credits to their house score. More house events will be announced soon!



VALOUR

RIGOUR



ASPIRATION

SPIRIT

Well done everyone, keep pushing!

Extra-curricular activities

to enrich our students' experiences

Timetable

We now have over 25 amazing clubs up and running at Dixons Brooklands Academy! Every student is expected to attend at least one club per week, and with such a wide range of clubs on offer, there is something for everyone! Get involved and reap the benefits of being involved in clubs!

	Lunch	After school
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Basketball Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) Music club (T8) (Week A) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve club (T9) Football (Girls) Rowing Singing rehearsals (T8) Duke of Edinburgh (P18)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Basketball Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) Music club (T8) (Week B) Cooking club (Week A) (T7) Steel Pans (T8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball Rugby GCSE Art Club (S8/P16/S13) Sustainability club (P12) Poetry revision (P3) Homework club (P13)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Basketball Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) KS3 Spanish film club (T4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football (Boys) Sparx homework support (P22) Guitar club (T8) Show acting Maths games and puzzles (T4) Creative writing (P1)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Basketball Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) KS3 GCSE Spanish exams skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BTEC Sport Basketball Keyboard club (T8) Media Cubs (Year 7 only) (S1)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football Basketball Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross Country Dance Foundation science revision Year 11 (P13) Singing club (T8)

There is also a free breakfast club every morning before school from 7.30am, this is open to all students.

What's on



On Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 December, our students will showcase the Christmas show they have been working towards this term. Join us as we experience Robin Hood riding to Wythenshawe.

The show will run from 6.30pm until 7.30pm on both days, with doors opening at 6pm. You can purchase tickets on ParentPay for £2 or on arrival each night. Our students are excited for the show, and with appearances from some of our teachers, we hope you can join us to see them on the big stage!



Monday 15 December | 4.30 – 6pm
at Dixons Brooklands Academy
Free entry and open to families



We are excited to welcome our families to our Christmas Fayre on Monday 15 December. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students, families and staff to come together and celebrate the festive season with music, games, refreshments and a variety of stalls; all in support of our school community. Free entry, and **open to families from the school and surrounding primary schools!**

There will be plenty to enjoy, including:

- Fun games and activities for all ages
- Delicious cakes and hot drinks
- A raffle with fantastic prizes
- Festive performances from our talented students
- Plus, other stalls!

We need your help to make the event a success! We would be extremely grateful for any donations for our raffle – items such as gift sets, chocolates, candles or vouchers are all hugely appreciated. Donations can be brought to school reception any time before Friday 12 December.

What's on

On Wednesday 10 December, every year group will have a free Christmas dinner, including a Christmas cracker, dessert...and even Santa himself **might** make an appearance!



Dates for your diary

	Year group	Description
9 and 10 Dec	n/a	Robin Hood Rides to Wythenshawe Christmas Panto
Wednesday 10	All	Christmas dinner for all students
Monday 15	n/a	Christmas fayre
Friday 19 Dec	All	Last day of term

Word scramble

Can you unscramble the letters to form a correct word or phrase?

CACNE YNDA
SSHAGIRTL TCMSIH
DERENIRE
IELTEOMST
WAMSNON
EFSIVTSEITI
EHL FF LSH ETONE

Last issue's solution:

WORD
WOOD
FOOD
FOOT
BOOT
BOOK