



**DIXONS  
BROOKLANDS**  
ACADEMY

## A message from our principal

As we began the week, we faced cold, snowy weather, but we couldn't be prouder of how our students handled the challenges. Their maturity and positive attitude - qualities we see in them every day - were on full display. It's always inspiring to watch our students demonstrate resilience and adaptability, even in less-than-ideal conditions.



**Mrs K Gardner**  
**Principal**

Looking ahead, we have a busy and exciting half-term planned. Our focus remains on nurturing the core drivers of mastery, autonomy, and purpose in every aspect of school life. These principles shape our approach to teaching and learning, guiding students to become confident, independent thinkers who strive for excellence and understand the value of their efforts.

We're committed to providing opportunities for all students to develop these qualities, whether in the classroom, through extracurricular activities, or in their everyday interactions. By emphasising mastery, autonomy, and purpose, we aim to help every child reach their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to an engaging and productive half-term together.

# NEWSLETTER

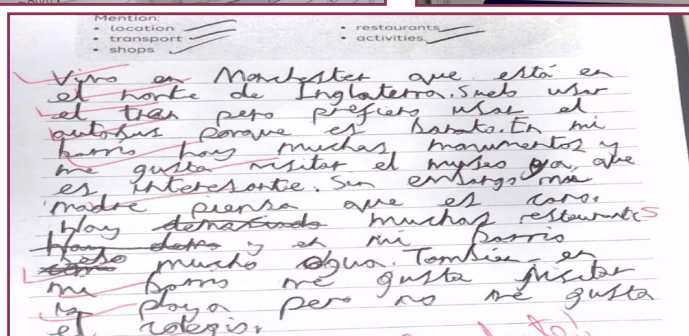
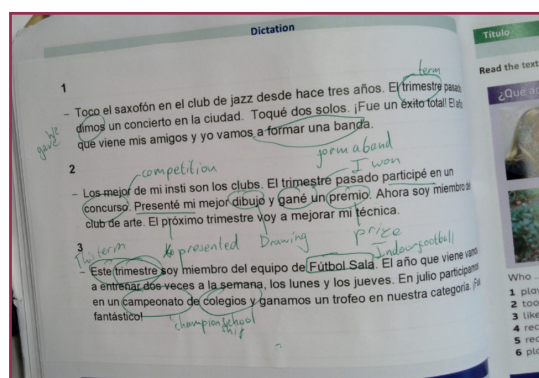
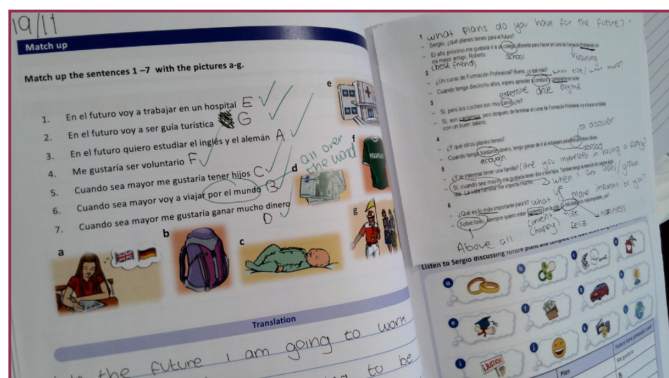
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# Celebrating our students through excellence

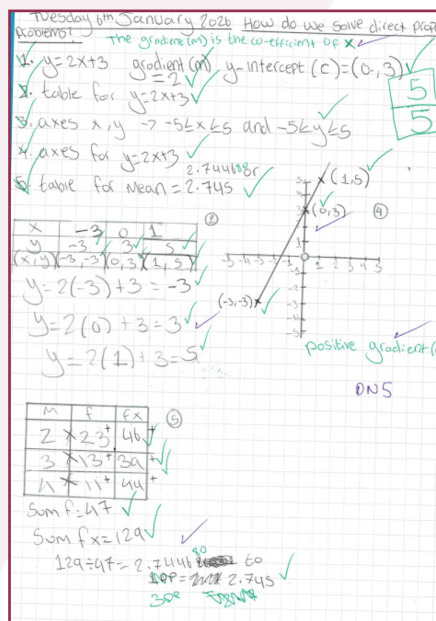
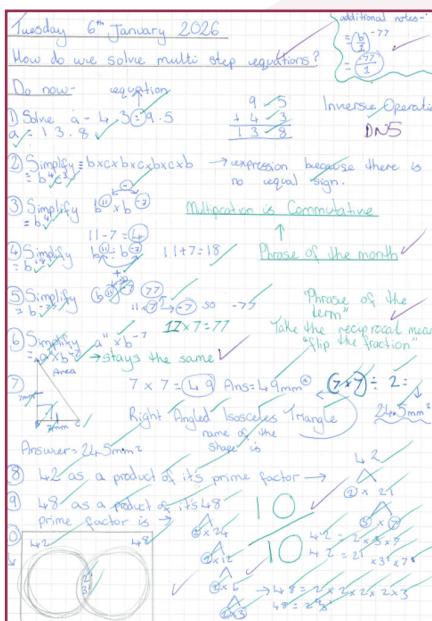
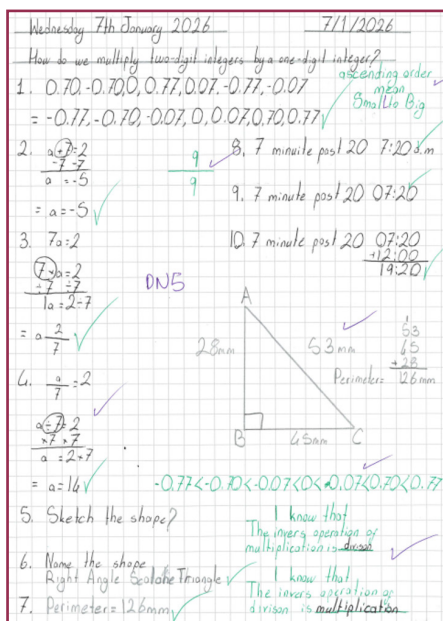
## Spanish

Well done to students for completing excellent written tasks and annotations in Spanish, showing your willingness to learn and develop your learning.



## Excellence in maths

Naseem (Y7), Lila G (Y8) and Emily G (Y9) have highlighted their positive response to whole class feedback. Their work shows a high level of hard work and integrity; they have attempted, marked and improved every question in the 'Do Now' phase of the lesson. These habits will stay with them forever as they strive to become the best mathematicians they can be. Keep it up!



# Attendance

Our academy target is for all students to achieve between 97 - 100% attendance.

All students are expected to arrive by 8.15am, any student arriving after this time are late.

Students arriving after the register has closed at 8.45am will receive an unauthorised absence (u code) which will impact on their attendance.

We can and will provide support to remove any barriers to attending school on time every day. Please contact the Attendance Team should you wish to discuss how we can work together to improve your child's punctuality and / or attendance: [attendance@dixonsbk.com](mailto:attendance@dixonsbk.com)

## Students who have achieved 100% this week

A fantastic 622 students have began 2026 with 100% attendance - well done!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
122 students	133 students	108 students	157 students	112 students

The benefits of having 95%+ attendance are numerous and very significant, both from a social and academic perspective, so please encourage your child to come to school every single day.

Keep up the great work, and announcements on more attendance rewards trips will be coming soon...



## Parent Forum

Help us support our childrens' and academy's success by sharing your views. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided.

Monday 26 January | 5-6pm  
Dixons Brooklands Academy, Moor Road, Wythenshawe, M23 9BP

# Interhouse competitions

We are kicking off 2026 with a whole host of House events! See the poster below for details, and be sure to get yourself involved!

## Kindness challenge

From 5 January until 9 February, show your kindness and gain points for your house. It's an opportunity to look after each other and have some friendly competition too! Winners will be announced on 23 February.

## Dodgeball tournaments

Our interhouse tournament this half term is dodgeball!

- **Year 7:** Thursday 12 February
- **Year 8:** Friday 6 February
- **Year 9:** Tuesday 3 February
- **Year 10:** Friday 6 February
- **Year 11:** Tuesday 10 February

## Science poster competition: Manchester Scientists

You are tasked with creating an engaging poster about a scientist from Manchester. Open to Key Stage 3 scientists, some key elements to include are:

- Highlight the scientist's key work
- Explain how their work has benefitted society
- Using visuals, icons, and concise text, make the information engaging.

Deadline for entries are Wednesday 11 February!

## English subject stars

Students who have demonstrated our values and excellent subject knowledge throughout their English lessons first week back.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daniel G</li><li>• Berivan M</li><li>• Bruno C</li><li>• Gracie S</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joshua T</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zac L</li><li>• Isla M</li><li>• Idris E</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Samantha D</li><li>• Lucy K</li><li>• Ruby C</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morgan P</li><li>• Caitlin B</li><li>• Tilly-Grace H</li></ul>

## English independent thinkers

Students that have worked through a problem or skill independently and increased their knowledge and chance of academic success.

KS3	KS4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medine K</li><li>• Benji B</li><li>• Jaya K</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sophie M</li><li>• Harvey S</li><li>• Wilson D</li></ul>



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

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

# What's on

There are some fantastic events taking place locally during these cold winter months, please explore the posters and enjoy some brilliant experiences in our local community!




**Winter water safety**

In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.


Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

Here are some useful tips to keep safe this winter:




**KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE**

Keep back from slippery banks.  
Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths.  
Never go onto the ice.




**KEEP CHILDREN AND DOGS WITHIN REACH**

Teach children not to go onto ice.  
Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks.  
If out enjoying a winter walk, walk with friends.




**Enjoy Water Safely**



**IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP.**

Stay calm, float on your back and call for help.  
Wait for help and keep as still as possible.  
Preserve heat by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water.  
Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



**CALL 999**

Do not enter cold water or ice to rescue.  
Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

## Wellfield Pharmacy's vaccination van is coming to a venue near you.

### Flu vaccinations are offered to:

- over 65s
- pregnant people
- people with certain long-term health conditions
- residents in care homes
- carers
- people in close contact with immunocompromised adults
- frontline workers.

### COVID-19 vaccinations are offered to:

- over 75s
- residents in a care home for older adults
- people aged 6 months to 74 years with a weakened immune system because of a health condition or treatment.

**Plus free blood pressure checks!**



**FREE 2026 Wellness Event**

at Northenden Social Club

**Check in with your health for 2026** (blood pressure, cholesterol, BMI)

**Cost of living, flood advice & lots of local organisations**

**Free flu and COVID vaccinations for eligible adults**

**Raffle and prizes\***

**Free soup & roll, refreshments and cake!**

**All are welcome. Vaccinations will be offered to adults who are eligible**

**Northenden Social Club, 408-412 Palatine Road, M22 4JT**

**Tuesday 20th January 2026 | 11am to 3pm**

\*Raffle entry subject to sharing your thoughts in a short questionnaire about living in Wythenshawe (closes 2pm).



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# PARTNERS & COMMUNITIES TOGETHER MEETING

Meet your local officers alongside partner agencies and raise concerns about key issues within the community.

The next surgery will be held on:

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Located at:

**West View Court, West View Road,  
Northenden M22 4LQ**

Time:

**Prompt 6pm start – 8pm**

To help us identify the issues in your area please get in touch with your Neighbourhood Policing Team and tell us what matters to you.

 Sign up to receive free community alerts  
[www.BeeintheLoop.co.uk](http://www.BeeintheLoop.co.uk)

For non-emergency calls or to report a crime call: **101** or use Live Chat at [gmp.police.uk](http://gmp.police.uk)  
Use **999** only in emergencies where there is a threat to life or crime in progress

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For more information visit:  
**[gmp.police.uk](http://gmp.police.uk)**



# Next week

## Menu week commencing 12/1/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
<b>Monday</b>	Fajita chicken drumstick with rice and garlic bread	Vegetable spring rolls with noodles and sweet chilli sauce
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mexican beef chili wrap with spicy rice	Cheese and tomato turnovers with side salad
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chicken tikka masala with rice and naan bread	Homemade bean burgers with side salad
<b>Thursday</b>	Doner meat with noodles and flatbread	Vegetable samosa with yellow rice
<b>Friday</b>	Teriyaki chicken on tortilla wrap with chips	Quorn chili with chips

Each day there is also a panini selection with fillings of cheese, ham, pepperoni, and cheese & beans. Alongside this are a variety of sandwiches and baguettes, a salad bar and a choice of dessert.

We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment where some of our ingredients or products from suppliers may have been produced in an environment with other allergens. Please double-check with a member of staff if you have any questions.

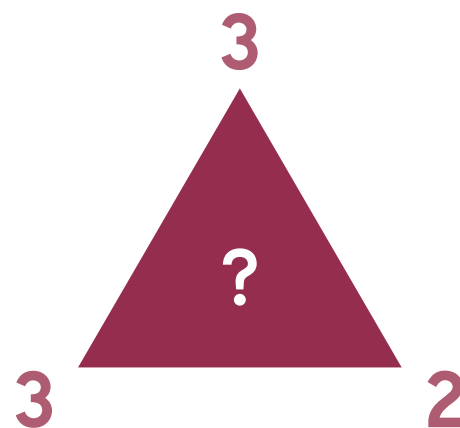
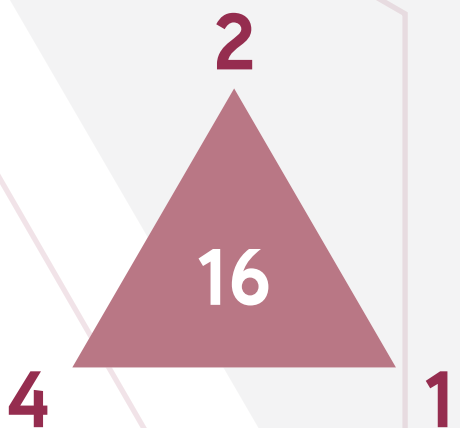
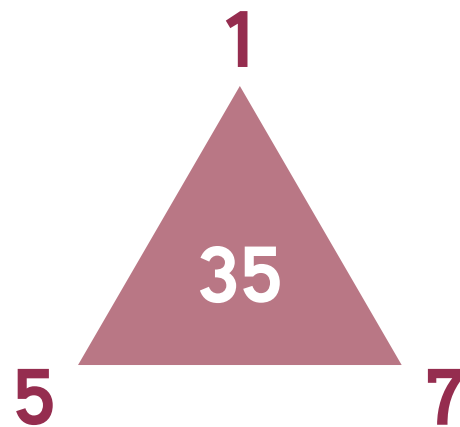
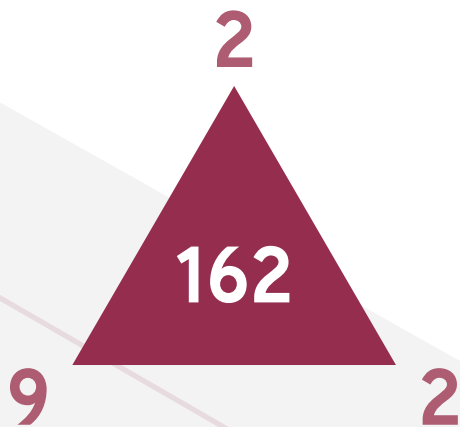
## Dates for your diary

	Year group	Description
<b>Thursday 15 Jan</b>	Year 11	Parents evening
<b>19/1 until 30/1</b>	Years 8 - 10	Cycle 2 assessments
<b>Monday 26 Jan</b>	Families	Parent Forum
<b>3-5 &amp; 10-12 Feb</b>	Year 11	Spanish speaking mock exams
<b>Thursday 12 Feb</b>	All	Final day of half term



# Brain teaser

Can you find the missing number?



## Year 11 Parents' Evening

at Dixons Brooklands Academy  
Thursday 15 January, 4–6.30pm

As part of the evening we will be holding  
a revision technique masterclass.

Career advice and post-16 options  
will also be available.