



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS**
ACADEMY

A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

As we come to the end of a very busy half-term, we would like to thank you for your continued support. It has been a productive and enjoyable few weeks for our students, and we are now all looking forward to a well-earned break and a week spent with our families.

During the half-term holiday, a group of students will be heading off on the school skiing trip. We are sure they will have an exciting and memorable time, and we look forward to hearing all about their experiences when they return.

School will reopen on **Monday 23 February**, and we look forward to welcoming all students back then, refreshed and ready for the next half-term.

We wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable half-term break.

NEWSLETTER

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ATTENDANCE

What the law means for me

For every child a penalty notice is issued

1



£160



£160



£160



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4 children
& 1 parent =

£640

if paid in 28 days, reduced
to £320 if paid in 21 days

For a family of two parents

2



£160



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4 children
& 2 parents =

£1,280

if paid in 28 days, reduced
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If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern or irregular attendance...

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Second time

2 parents and...

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1,280

No discount for early payment

Third time

Bradford Council can no longer issue
a penalty notice on the third occasion
and will consider prosecution in court.
This could result in a fine of up to

£2,500

Irregular Attendance - Penalty Notice

10 in 10

Dixons Brooklands Academy will work with families to improve attendance. A penalty notice will be considered when a student has missed 10 sessions due to unauthorised absence in the last 10 weeks

2 sessions = 1 day

Preparing our students through experiences to nurture their future

Apprenticeship exploration event

Last Friday, 25 KS4 students attended an apprenticeships event at Wythenshawe Forum, hosted by Mike Kane MP. Students had a great time speaking to a huge range of employers and post-16 providers about the different opportunities that are available to them, from local colleges all the way through to massive multi-national companies like Amazon. The stalls were also interactive, with an honourable mention to the Manchester Airport Fire Service!



Year 10 practical assessments



Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students completed their third practical assessment of the year. They made chicken Kievs in exam conditions which is excellent preparation for their practical exams they will be undertaking this time next year.

They portioned a chicken then stuffed the breasts with garlic butter before enrobing in a crisp breadcrumb. They also plated up their dishes to a professional standard. They all did exceedingly well but special mention to Ashnah whose gourmet standard chicken Kiev is pictured.

Year 5 science exploration

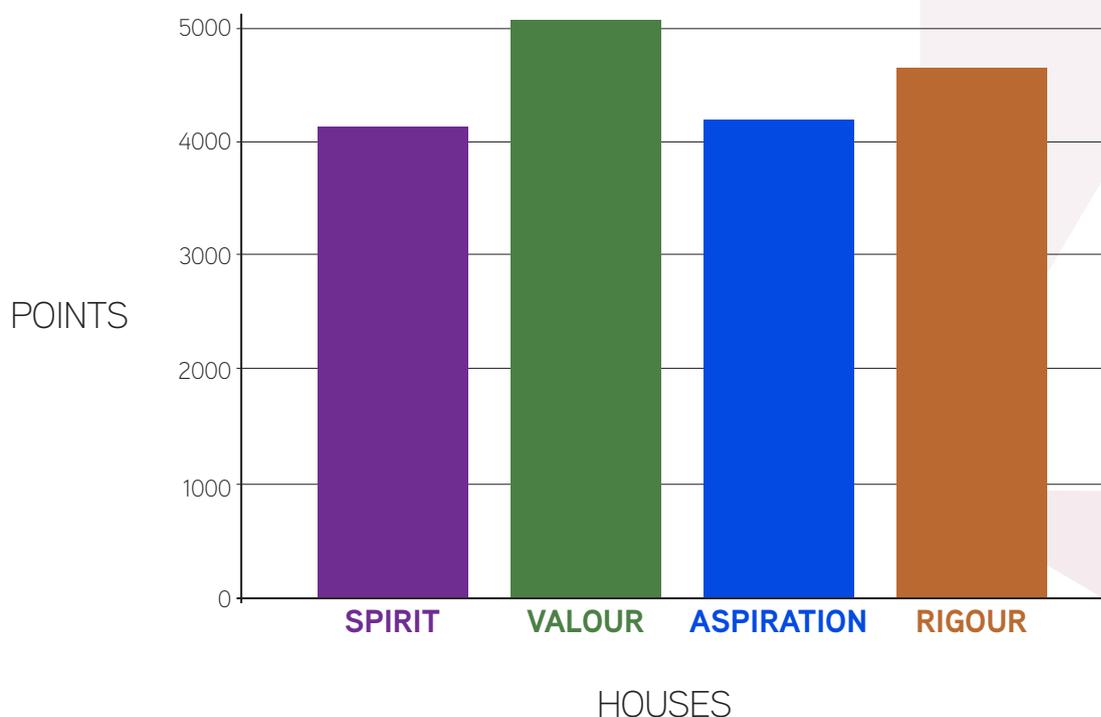
We enjoyed a visit from Year 5 students at Sandilands Primary School for a practical science lesson. The students were introduced to new apparatus for experiments and tested how household liquids reacted with cabbage-steeped water. The liquids turned a blue colour if they were alkaline or red if they were acidic. It was exciting for the Year 5 students to see the change happening before them.

We hope this visit has inspired the childrens' scientific curiosity.



House points

After two magnificent House dodgeball events, House Valour have leapfrogged into leading the house points! Rigour are no longer our house leaders, and the points are so close that the house winner is still far from decided. More events to come to help add points to your house's total!



English subject stars

Students who have demonstrated our values and excellent subject knowledge throughout their English lesson.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elsie-Mai T Logan C Fatima A Zakariyyah Y 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pixie M Gene O Jack D 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arthur W Archie E Danielle C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maisy D Faith D Raiya K Georgia H Mama S 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Billy H Charlie S Heidi H Maisie-Rai

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"> Kaci Leigh C Melvyn A Laylah W Molly P Lila G 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cassiel M Clementine W Josh R Heliya A Tye R

Extra-curricular activities

to enrich our students' experiences

We are excited to share with you our updated extra-curricular activities timetable. At Dixons Brooklands Academy, we believe that learning goes far beyond the classroom, and we are proud to offer a wide range of clubs and activities designed to enrich our students' school experience.

	Lunch	After school
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football • Basketball • Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve club (T9) • Football (Girls) • Basketball • BTEC Music (week A) • Science Club (S15)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football • Basketball • Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) • Steel Pans (T8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball • Badminton • GCSE Art Club (S8/P16/S13) • Sustainability club (P12) • Poetry revision (P3) • Homework club (P13/P19) • Science intervention (S15) • BTEC Music (week B) • Musical Theatre (assembly hall)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football • Basketball • Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) • KS3 Spanish film club (T4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football (Boys) • Sparx homework support (P22) • Creative writing (P1)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football • Basketball • Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) • KS3 GCSE Spanish exams skills • Rainbow Club (Hub) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTEC Sport • Keyboard club (T8)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football • Basketball • Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) • Cooking (week B, T7) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate science (week B) • Singing club (T8)

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

After the holiday

Menu week commencing 23/2/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Sausage, chips and gravy	Vegetable spring rolls with noodles and sweet chilli sauce
Tuesday	Beef steak slice with chips and garden peas	Cheese and tomato turnovers with side salad
Wednesday	Chicken tikka drumstick with spicy noodles	Giant vegetable samosa with noodles
Thursday	Doner meat on rustic flatbread with spicy noodles	Cheese and onion slice with side salad
Friday	Southern fried chicken burger with spicy mayo and chips	Beam burger with chips and selection of sauces

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.

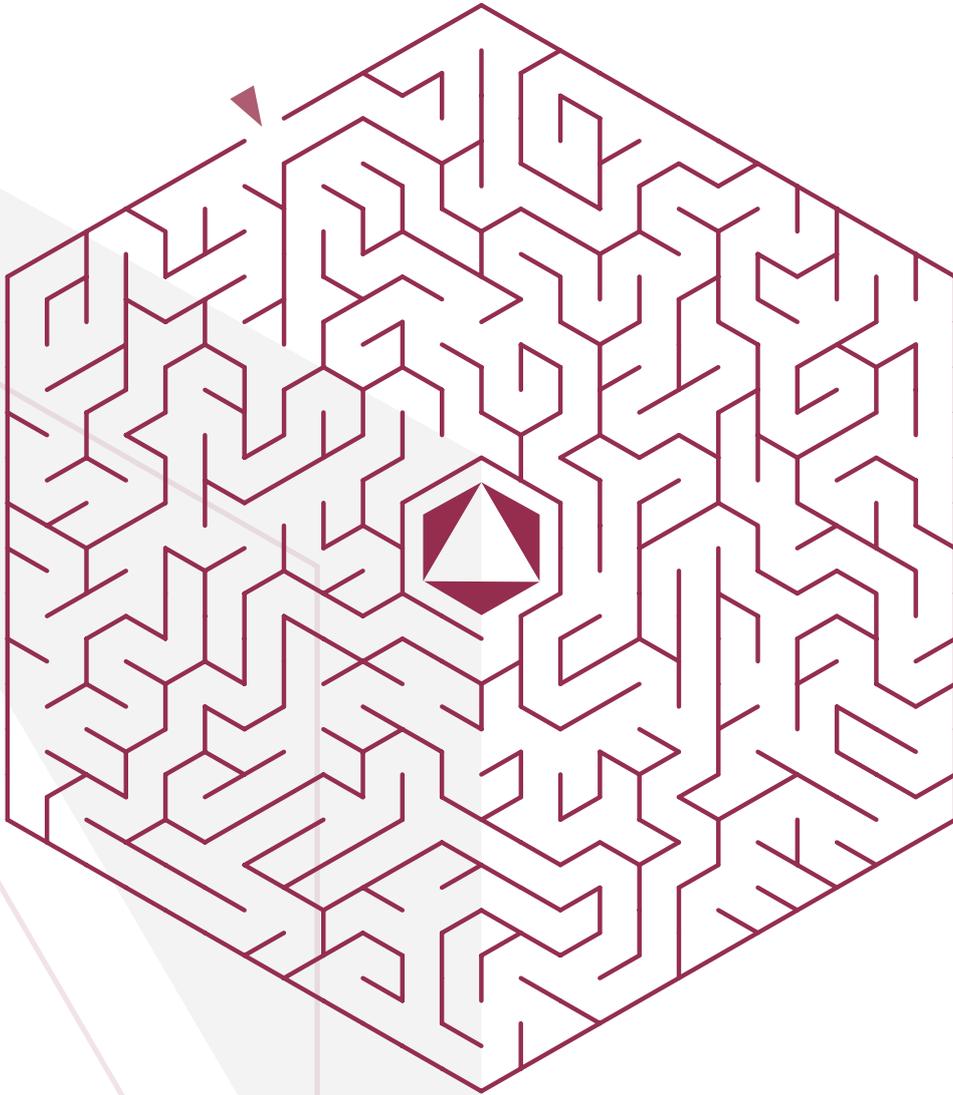
We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment 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
14 - 19 Feb	Year 11	Holiday revision sessions
Monday 23 Feb	All	Term 4 begins
5-6 March	All	Data and planning days (students not in attendance)
Thursday 26 Mar	Year 10	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 April	All	Last day of term 4

Brain teaser

Can you find the way to our academy logo?



Last week's solution:

