



A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful half term holiday. We are delighted to share with you what an incredible experience our recent ski trip was for all involved. The students embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience, and a real sense of adventure. From mastering new skills on the slopes to supporting one another as a team, they truly made the most of this memorable experience. What stood out most of all was their behaviour. Throughout the trip, our students conducted themselves exceptionally well. They demonstrated maturity, kindness, and respect at all times, and were frequently praised by instructors and members of the public. They were a genuine credit to our school, and we could not be prouder of the way they represented our community.

Across all year groups, students have come back with a refreshed and positive attitude. There is a real sense of momentum and motivation as we begin this new half term, and I am confident that it is going to be an amazing one.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more successes and achievements with you in the weeks ahead.

NEWSLETTER

27 February 2026

Preparing our students through experiences to nurture their future

Citizens UK assembly

On 12 February, a delegation of Dixons Brooklands students attended the Citizens UK Manchester Assembly at Methodist Central Hall. We met with over 300 delegates from other community organisations, to discuss important local issues such as the cost of living

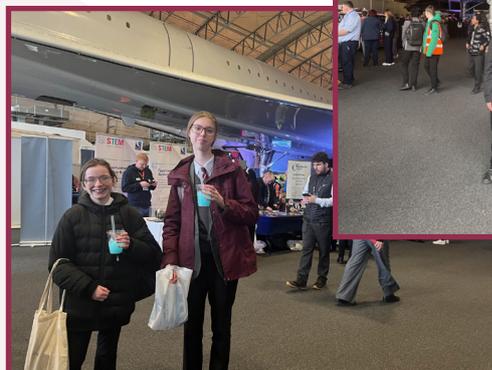


and public transport. Our Citizens UK group will keep working with local groups to shape Wythenshawe and Manchester for the better!



Manchester Aviation Festival

On Tuesday 24 February, 26 Year 9 and Year 10 students attended the fantastic Manchester Aviation Festival. Students took part in talks from a wide range of industry experts, spoke to many training providers about future opportunities in aviation, went on flight simulators, and even got to go inside a Concord aircraft! Our students showed enthusiasm throughout, and were a real credit to the school.



Amazing apple cake

Year 8 Food technology students impressed Miss Bowdery this week with their absolutely awesome apple cakes. They demonstrated accurate weighing and measuring. This was their first lesson using the creaming method to make a cake batter and they all achieved a smooth consistency, which helped them to produce light fluffy sponges. They demonstrated accurate knife skills, slicing their apples to decorate their cakes. Well done to all and special mention to Frankie for this great cake!



Celebrating our students

Through their focus on excellence



Student spotlight: Maths

Tuesday 21st February 2026

How do we write an integer as a product of its prime factors?

1. 21, 33, 41, 53, 57, 62 ✓
2. There is no mode. ✓
3. The range is 41. ✓
4. $T(n) = 8n$ ✓
 $T(1) = 8(1) = 8$ ✓
 $T(2) = 8(2) = 16$ ✓
 $T(3) = 8(3) = 24$ ✓
 $T(4) = 8(4) = 32$ ✓
 $T(5) = 8(5) = 40$ ✓
 DN4
5.
 $Base \times Height = 45 \times 8 = 360$ ✓
 $\frac{45}{8} = 5.625$ ✓

Wednesday 25th February 2026

How do we solve multi-step equations?

1. $a + 5$
 $a + 5 + 3 + 4$
 fish dog
2. 14/21 ✓ Probability of people own fish
3. 7/21 ✓ Probability of people don't own fish
4. $4 \times 5 = 20$
 $\frac{13}{4} = 3.25$
 $\frac{13}{4} = 3 \frac{1}{4}$
 DN3
5. $5(3a+2)$
 5×5
 $= 15a + 10$
6. $5(3a+2) + 2(3a+4)$
 5×3 2×2
 $= 15a + 10 + 6a + 8$
 $21a + 18$
7. $5(3a+2) + 2(3a+4) + 4(3a+5)$
 5×3 2×2 4×4
 $= 15a + 10 + 6a + 8 + 12a + 20$
 $33a + 38$

Brooke (7) and Rosie (8B), your 'Do Now' work is a fabulous example of clarity and accuracy.

It is clear that you are determined to become the best mathematicians you can be. Keep it up!

- Republic of Congo
- Liberia
- Kuwait
- Brazil
- Western Sahara
- Gabon
- S. Africa
- Switzerland

Georgia M (10), your work on flags is developing your understanding of geography and global awareness, enhancing your cultural awareness and aiding your knowledge of the historical value of identity in a global context. Keep it up!

- Republic of the Congo
- Dazaville
- Liberia
- Monrovia

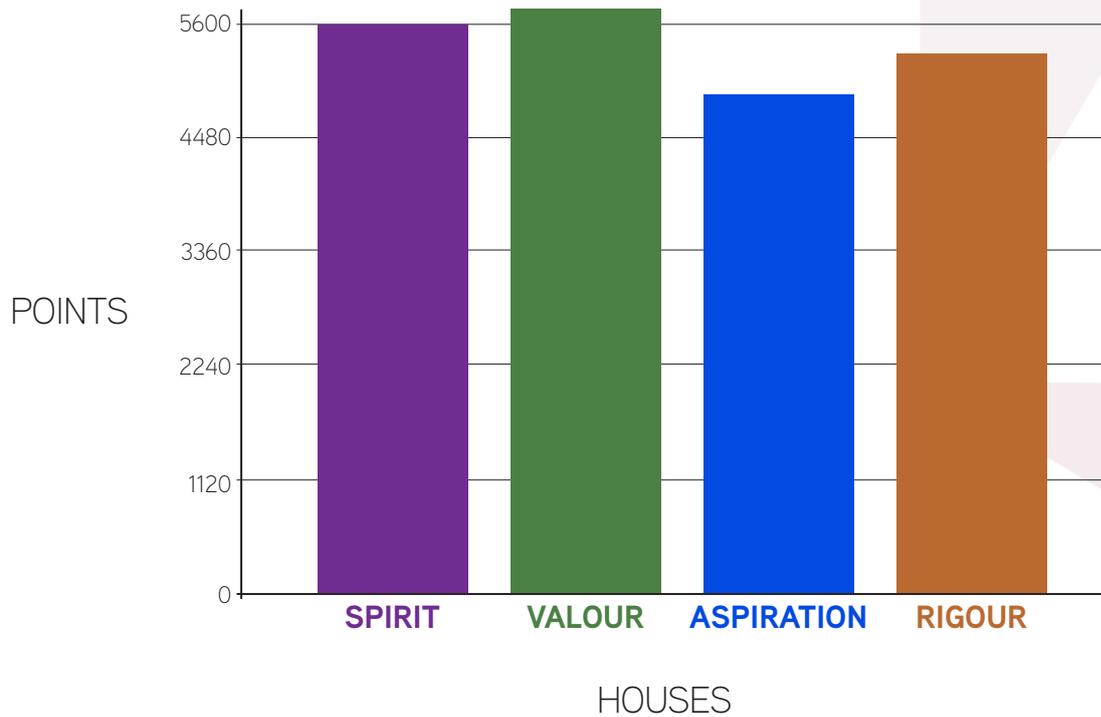
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- country = Guinea
capital = Conakry

House points

After exceptional performances in the House dodgeball competitions for Year 7 and Year 9, Valour have found themselves settled at the top of the House Points table! House Spirit had previously won the Year 10 and Year 8 dodgeball competitions, but the Year 7 and Year 9 House Valour teams won the final two competitions of last half term and are now a fraction ahead of Spirit in the House table.



Parent Forum

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

Monday 16 March | 5-6pm
Dixons Brooklands Academy, Moor Road, Wythenshawe, M23 9BP

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.

Next week

Menu week commencing 2/3/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Chicken jerk wrap with chips and sauce selection	Vegetable falafel wrap with chips and sauce selection
Tuesday	Mince beef pie with wedges & sweetcorn	Cheese sliced with wedges and sweetcorn
Wednesday	Beef bolognese with garlic bread	Vegetable samosa with noodles and sweet chili sauce
Thursday	Staff data and planning days Students not in attendance	
Friday		

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.

MARCH 4TH
HPV AWARENESS DAY

ONE LESS WORRY

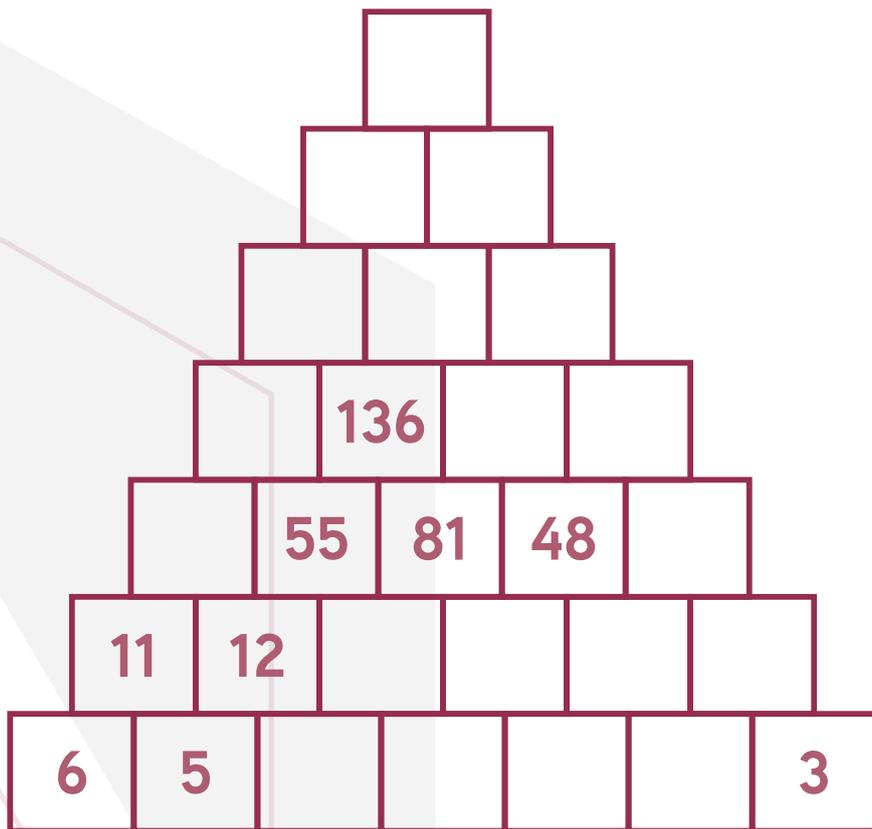
**HOW WE CAN BEAT HPV:
VACCINATE & SCREEN**

#onelessworry

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL INTRAHEALTH ON 0333 358 3397

Brain teaser

The value of a square is the sum of the two squares directly below it. Can you reach the top?



Last week's solution:

