



A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

As we come to the end of what has been an incredibly busy term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved. It has been a term full of energy, enthusiasm, and, most importantly, a strong commitment from our students to their learning. It has been a pleasure to see their continued dedication and positive attitudes across the school.

Our Year 11 students are now preparing to begin their GCSE examinations shortly after the Easter break. We are committed to supporting them every step of the way and have arranged a range of Easter revision sessions to help them feel confident and well-prepared. We encourage all Year 11 students to take full advantage of these opportunities.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support this term. We hope that you and your families have a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a successful summer term.

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Celebrating our curriculum through enriching experiences

KS4 trip to Stockport Plaza – Macbeth comes alive!

Our KS4 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to the historic Stockport Plaza this week to watch a gripping performance of Macbeth. From the electrifying battle scenes to the chilling portrayal of Macbeth's descent into ambition and madness, the production brought Shakespeare's tragic tale vividly to life.

Throughout the visit, our students were an absolute credit to the school. Their engagement with the performance, mature conduct, and enthusiasm for discussing the play afterwards made the experience truly rewarding for all involved.

A huge well done to everyone who attended—your curiosity and exemplary behaviour made the trip a memorable success!



Key Stage 4 gold winner at Dixons Music Cup: Eleanor P

We are delighted to announce that Eleanor P has been awarded the Gold Award for Key Stage 4 at this year's Dixons Music Cup competition. With 155 entries from 11 Dixons academies, the standard across the competition were exceptionally high, making Eleanor's achievement particularly impressive.

Eleanor delivered a beautifully controlled and expressive performance of "Turning Tables" by Adele, showcasing remarkable vocal stability and musical sensitivity.

This award is a wonderful reflection of Eleanor's talent, hard work, and dedication to her music. We are incredibly proud of her accomplishment and look forward to seeing her continue to flourish as a performer!



Celebrating our students

Through their mastery of the arts

Easter concert

We are delighted to invite you to our free Easter Concert, a wonderful evening filled with music, performance and creativity from across our school community.

This year, we are excited to welcome three fantastic primary schools joining us on stage: Sandilands Primary School, Baguley Hall Primary School & Button Lane Primary School!

There will be piano, violin, dancing, singing, and so much more. Please ask your child to speak to Mrs Moreton or pop in to reception to collect tickets. Please note there are limited places so collect your tickets early!



Celebrating our students

Through their focus

Red Nose Day events

Our amazing Houses put on four fantastic events for Red Nose Day this year: a darts tournament, Just Dance, a cake sale, and a staff versus students dodgeball match!

The engagement for all of these were fantastic, with so many students and staff getting stuck into the charity spirit. We are proud to say that overall, we raised a grand total of £220.10!

Thank you to all students and families who contributed to our fundraising achievements.



English subject stars

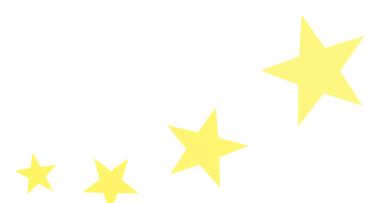
Students that have demonstrated incredible effort in their English lessons this week who have been nominated by class teachers.

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Amber HAlice CDominic S | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ryan DMila M | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Leo WJohn S | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matilda DJumana AElene K | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ivan RDina SSam E |

English independent thinkers

Students that have shown excellence in independent work or thinking throughout their English lessons this week.

| KS3 | KS4 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Melvyn AMaizie CRichie P | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Abdul HHeidi HMaria C |



Celebrating our curriculum through exploration of texts

Year 11 literary gains

Year 11 continue to show impressive determination as they prepare for their GCSE examinations. Over the last two weeks, students have focused on refining their comparison skills for both the language and literature papers, using their recent feedback from their mocks to deepen their understanding and improve their exam performance.

They have shown maturity in identifying strengths, tackling areas for improvement, and applying targeted strategies to enhance their analytical writing. A special well done to 11B1, who have made exceptional gains over the last fortnight! Their effort, focus, and resilience have clearly paid off, an inspiring example to the whole year group.

Keep going, Year 11. Your hard work now is paving the way for your future success!



Elective spotlight: Year 8 sewing

Our Year 8 Sewing Elective group has been making excellent progress this term. Including a set of fabric scrunchies and a neatly finished drawstring bag, these projects show the development of skills and confidence in their ability.

Students chose from a range of patterned fabrics, resulting in a mix of stripes, florals, polka dots and checks. As part of this unit, students have been learning key hand-sewing techniques as well as how to use sewing machines safely and accurately. They have practised sewing seams, shaping fabric, and assembling simple products from start to finish.



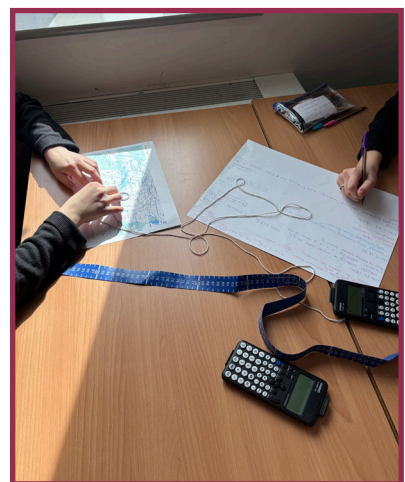
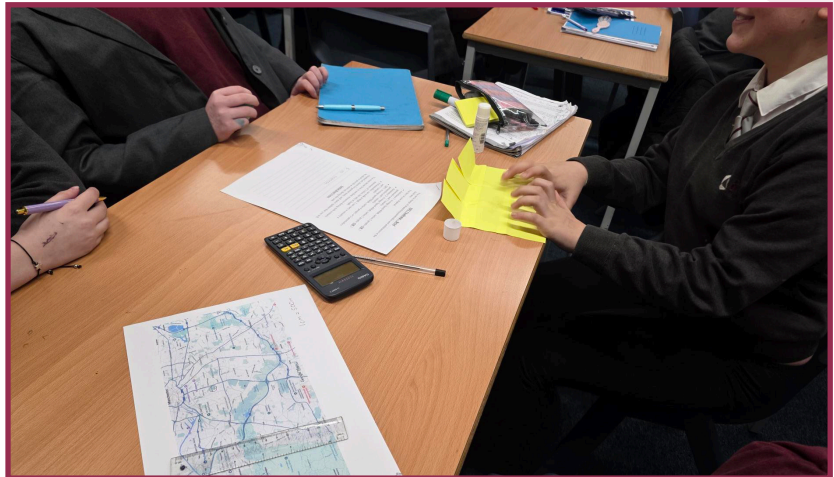
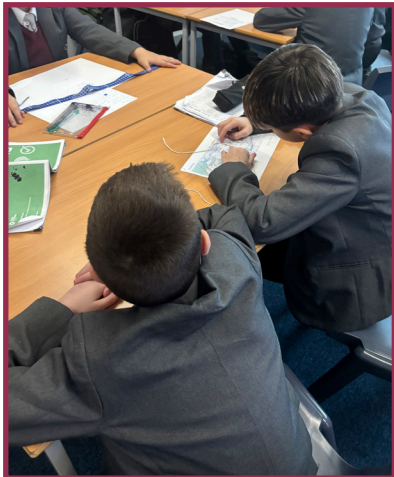
Celebrating our students

Through their focus

World Maths Day

On Wednesday 25 March, Year 7 through to Year 10 students at Dixons Brooklands Academy celebrated World Maths Day by taking part in a special challenge. Students took on the role of workers in a control centre at Wythenshawe, receiving and responding to simulated 999 calls, and distributing ambulances and paramedics to tackle the incidents described.

Using their knowledge of speed/distance/time and map scales, students tested their critical thinking skills as they attempted to formulate plans, discovering what it is like to work in a high-pressure environment where the situation is constantly changing. Working in teams, they engaged brilliantly, working hard and demonstrating excellent creativity and problem solving skills.

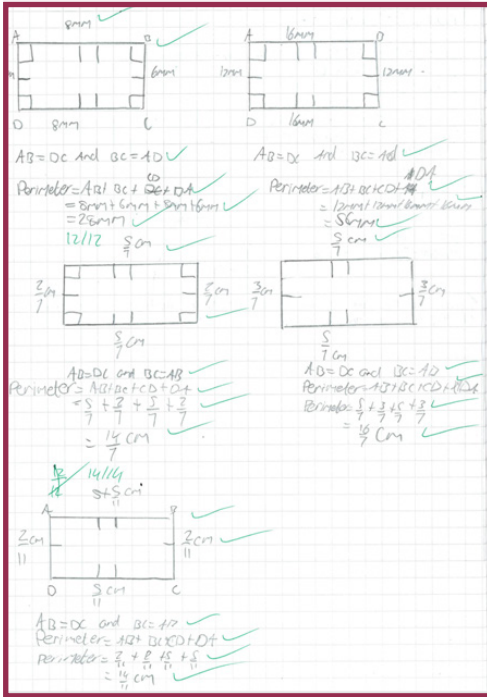


Many students remarked that they were leaving with a newfound respect for the key workers who handle this kind of pressure in their everyday lives. They also agreed that it was an exciting way to experience the application of their maths lessons in context, answering the age-old question...!

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Student spotlight: Maths

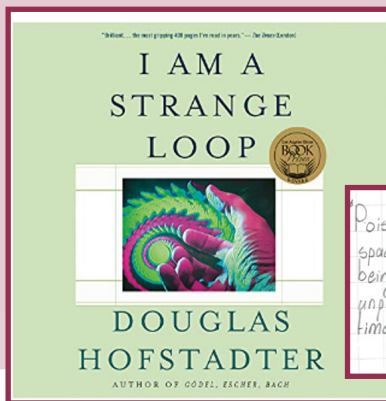
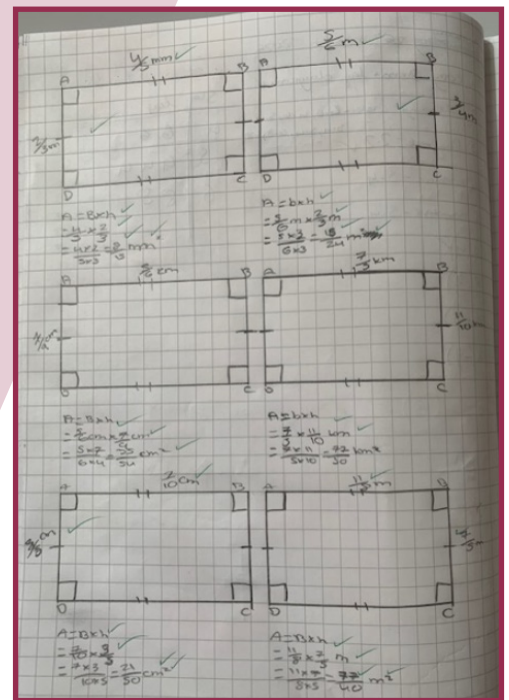


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Poised Midway between the unvisualisable cosmic vastness of curved spacetime and the dubious shadowy flickering of charged quanta, we human beings, more like rainbows and mirage than like raindrops or boulders, are unpredictable self-writing poems; vague, metaphorical, ambiguous and sometimes exceedingly beautiful.

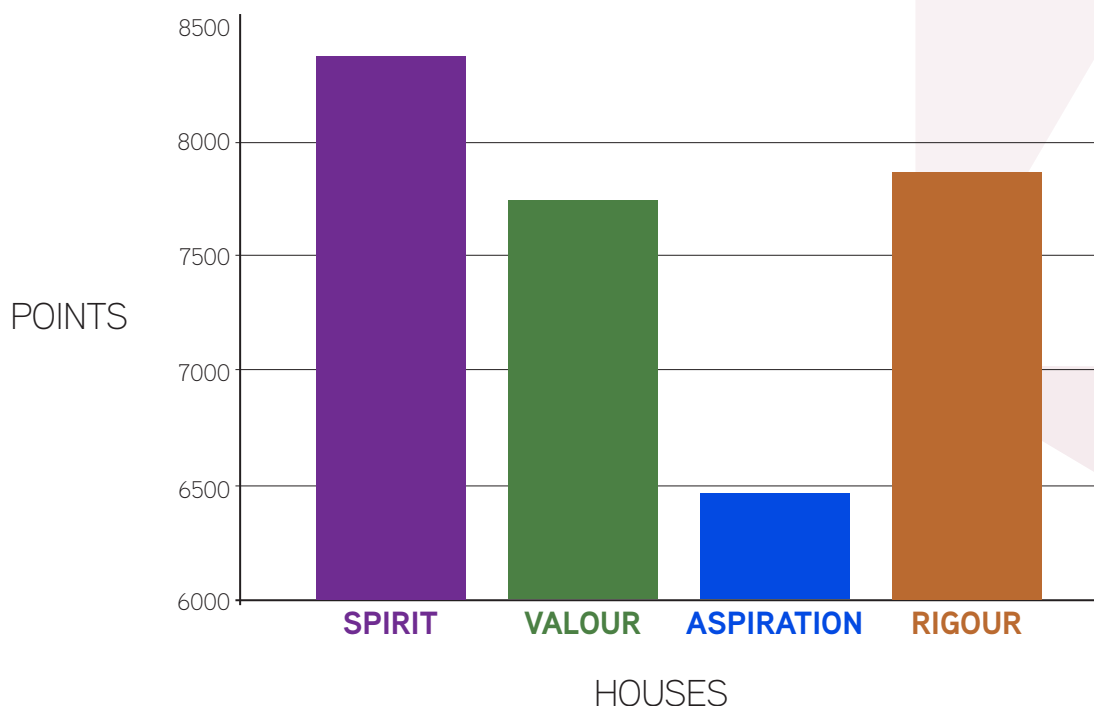
On World Book Day, we explored the book 'I Am a Strange Loop' by Douglas Hofstadter where maths is used to explore a sense of self. Naseem, your work shows a deep understanding of the discussion that we had.

House points

We have had a HUGE bump in points this week, it must be all of those credits we are handing out for amazing work! We focus on our core values of

Work Hard, Be Kind and Have Integrity

when deciding on who to hand credits out to, and the sheer number of students displaying these values, especially in the wake of Red Nose Day, has been astounding! Now, who will be the first to hit 10,000...?



Elective Spotlight: Y9 lesson planning



Mrs Taylor and Mr Morrison have had the pleasure of teaching Year 9 students to prepare a sports session for a group of primary children. Over the term, a group of Year 9 students have worked to develop their leadership skills and planned a session which included a warm-up activity, developing a skill & a small game. There was a variety of sports including badminton, football, rounders & dodgeball that were led by the students.

The students did a great job and the Year 4 Sandilands students enjoyed the session. They high fived all our leaders on the way out.

Mrs Taylor and Mr Morrison are proud of the leaders' improved confidence and skill development as leaders. In addition, the feedback from Sandilands staff was very positive. Well done Year 9!



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 20/4/2026

| | Main meal | Vegetarian meal |
|------------------|--|---|
| Monday | Greek inspired chicken gyros with chips, salad and spicy mayo | Cheese and onion slice with chips |
| Tuesday | Tandoori chicken wings with spicy noodles and garlic bread | Giant vegetable spring roll with spicy noodles and garlic bread |
| Wednesday | Breaded fish with chips and garden peas | Cheese and tomato turnover with chips and garden peas |
| Thursday | Chicken tikka masala with rice and garlic naan bread | Giant vegetable samosa with rice and garlic naan bread |
| Friday | Southern fried chicken wrap with chips and selection of sauces | Vegetable 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 |
|--------------------------|------------|--|
| Wednesday 1 Apr | n/a | Special education needs drop in (by invite only) |
| Wednesday 1 Apr | All | Vaccinations (for students previously absent) |
| Wednesday 1 Apr | n/a | Easter concert |
| Thursday 2 April | All | Final day of term 4 |
| Friday 3 April | All | Holidays begin, students return Monday 20 April |
| Thursday 30 April | Year 7 | Parents' Evening |