



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS**
ACADEMY

A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

We have had a really positive start to the term, and it has been wonderful to see the purposeful and focused atmosphere around school.

Our Year 11 students have begun their practical examinations and are revising hard across all of their subjects in preparation for the weeks ahead. Their commitment, maturity and determination have been impressive, and they continue to be a real credit to themselves, their families and the school

Year 9 students have now completed their GCSE option choices for next year and are excited to move into the next stage of their educational journey. It has been great to see the thought and enthusiasm they have shown as they plan for the future

With some nice weather forecast for the weekend, I hope you are able to spend some enjoyable time together as a family and make the most of it

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating our curriculum through enriching experiences

Rights Respecting Schools Award

We are delighted to share that Dixons Brooklands Academy is working with the UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) to work towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). This initiative aims to enhance wellbeing and help every child realise their full potential.

UNICEF is the world's leading organization for children, and in the UK, it supports thousands of schools to become safe, inspiring, and rights-respecting learning environments.

The foundation of this award is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), adopted by governments worldwide in 1989. The Convention sets out the rights every child needs to survive, grow, participate, and thrive.

By working towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award, pupils will learn about their rights as outlined in the Convention and how to put them into practice every day. They will learn both about rights and through rights, developing as rights-respecting citizens locally and globally.

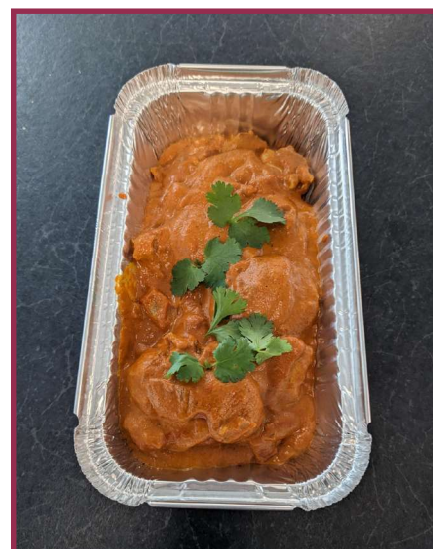
We hope you will support us on our journey to becoming a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School. To learn more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child, visit <https://www.unicef.org/child-rights-convention>.

You may also find our CRC summary helpful: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/the-rrsa/introducing-the-crc/>.

For further information, please visit: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa>.

Better butter chicken

Year 9 have shown excellent preparation and cooking skills in food technology this week making their healthy version of butter chicken. All students showed excellent time management, organisation and knife skills to produce these professional standard curries.



Celebrating our students

Through their mastery of the arts

Your Summer Starts Here – a fantastic opportunity for our young people

What if every young person in Wythenshawe began the summer with something exciting to look forward to? That's the aim behind Your Summer Starts Here, a new youth opportunities event designed to inspire and engage local students.

Taking place at Wythenshawe Forum on Thursday 2 July, the event will bring together a wide range of local organisations, clubs and activity providers, all in one place. Students will have the chance to explore new hobbies, discover clubs, and sign up for activities happening across the summer and beyond. We highly recommend that students and families go to Wythenshawe Forum afterschool on Thursday 2 July to take advantage of this opportunity.

The format is simple and student-friendly: interactive stalls where young people can speak directly to providers, find out what's on offer, and leave with clear information about how to get involved. The goal is for every attendee to come away with something meaningful to look forward to.

Open to students in Years 5 to 13, the event has been designed to be as accessible as possible, ensuring that all young people can benefit.

We encourage families to consider attending—this is a great chance for students to build confidence, try something new, and make positive connections within the community.

Preparing for mastery

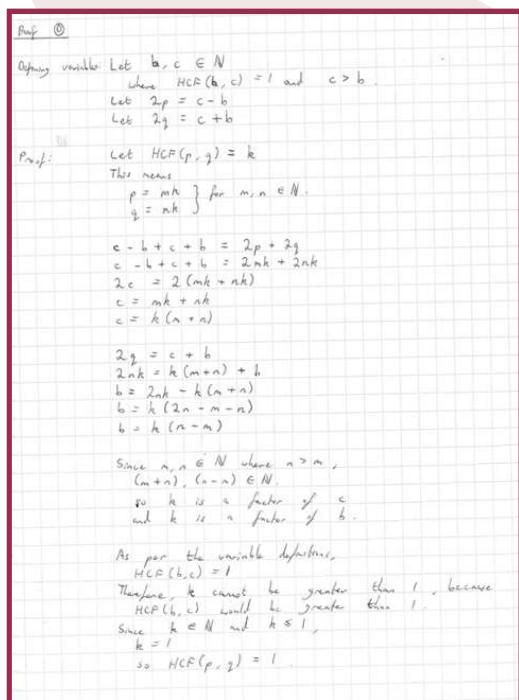


Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students are preparing for their cinnamon roll assessment next week, practicing the preparation and cooking skills involved by making garlic bread rolls. All students showed accuracy in their weighing, measuring and kneading. The twist on the traditional recipe is the shaping of the dough into these attractive rolls

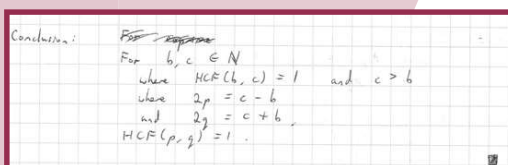
Celebrating our students

Through their focus

Student spotlight: Maths



Joseph (11), this work highlights that you have developed an eye for the fine detail of mathematical proof. You have applied this in your exploration of 'Fermat's Last Theorem', a problem that took over three hundred years to solve!



IF $n, x, y, z, \in \mathbb{N} \mid n > 2$
THEN $x^n + y^n = z^n$ has no solution

Year 7 Parents' Evening

at Dixons Brooklands Academy
Thursday 30 April, 4-6.30pm

As part of the evening Ms Bowdery will be holding a cookery experience class, alongside food and drink from our award-winning catering team

Celebrating our students

Through their focus



Student spotlight: Maths

Adam (7), Charlie (8), and Elsie (9), 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!

21.4.2026
Tuesday 21st April 2026

How do we calculate the area of a rectangle?

1) $40 \times 20 = 800$
 $20 = 2 \times 2 \times 5$
 $= 2^2 \times 5$

2) $422 \div 2 = 211$
 $211 \div 2 = 105.5$
 Division before Addition

3) $423 \div 2 = 211.5$
 DNS

4) Mid point $(430 + 440) \div 2 = 435$
 $437 \div 4 = 109.25$

Tuesday 21st April 2026

How do we calculate the area of a rectangle?

1) $33 = 5(2c - 6) = 6 \frac{2}{3}$

2) $36^2 = 81$

3) $33 = 5(2c - 6)$
 $33 = 10c - 30$
 $+30 \quad +30$
 $63 = 10c$
 $\div 10 \quad \div 10$
 $6.3 = c$
 DNS

4) Pentagon

5) $(A, B) = 9 \text{ cm}$

6) Poetry = $\frac{141}{360}$
 Action = $\frac{63}{360}$
 Mystery = $\frac{156}{360}$

Poetry 141°
 Action 63°
 Mystery 156°

$6c \quad 36c^2 \quad -54c$

Wednesday 22nd April 2026

How do we calculate the area of a circle?

1) $7y - 9x = 13$
 $+9x \quad +9$
 $7y = 13 + 9x$
 $\div 7 \quad \div 7$
 $y = \frac{13}{7} + \frac{9}{7}x$
 $y = 1 \frac{6}{7} + 1 \frac{2}{7}x$

2) $4t - 8t^2 - 25t$
 $-5 \quad -10t \quad +35$
 $8t^2 - 29t + 35$
 $-10t \quad +35$
 $= 8t^2 - 39t + 35$

3) $t^2 + 5t - 11$
 $-11 \quad -11t \quad -55$
 $(t+s)(t-11)$

4) $t^2 - 6t - 55 = 0$
 $(t+s)(t-11) = 0$
 $(t+s) = 0 \quad (t-11) = 0$
 $t = -s \quad t = 11$

5) $5F + 7 < 30$
 $-7 \quad -7$
 $5F < 23$
 $\div 5 \quad \div 5$
 $F < \frac{23}{5}$
 $c < + \neq$

What's On




Baby Group (non-mobile babies)

Mums, dads and carers - come and join our Family Hub baby group (non-mobile) at **Brooklands Library** every Thursday for fun, relaxed activities.



 Brooklands Library, M23 9BP

Every Thursday from 23rd April

 14:00 - 15:00

Rhymes
and Songs

Sensory
Play

Messy
Play

family-action.org.uk

BAGULEY LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC

As part of the Neighbourhood Advice Project, delivered in partnership with the Manchester Local Care Organisation, we already recovered over £500,000 in unclaimed benefits in Wythenshawe. Offering face to face appointments in Baguley.

Do you need support? Or have service users who need this support?

Service available for residents on the neighbourhood wards of Baguley, Brooklands, Northenden, Sharston, & Woodhouse Park.



Get a face-to-face appointment for your clients by making a referral using the form on the QR or by contacting us on neighbourhoodadvice@gmlaw.org.uk or **0161 769 2245** (Please note this is not an advice line)



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"Vaudeville Virtuoso!"

A Piano Recital of Wit, Wonder, and Wizardry

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL, 7 PM



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Act I

Classical Greats

Tyler plays a selection of all-time favourite classical piano music, laced with musical anecdotes and tongue-in-cheek humour.

NINO ROTA • FRÉDÉRIC CHOPIN


CHRISTIAN SINDING • EDVARD GRIEG

CLAUDE DEBUSSY • FRANZ LISZT

SCOTT JOPLIN • ZEZ CONFREY

HOAGY CARMICHAEL • JOHN LENNON

GEORGE SHEARING • GEORGE GERSHWIN



Act II


The Jazz Age & Beyond

Tyler moves things forward to the 20th century with Ragtime, Jazz, Boogie-woogie, Novelty, and Pop.

TICKETS: £20 (£10 FOR STUDENTS AND UNDER 30S)

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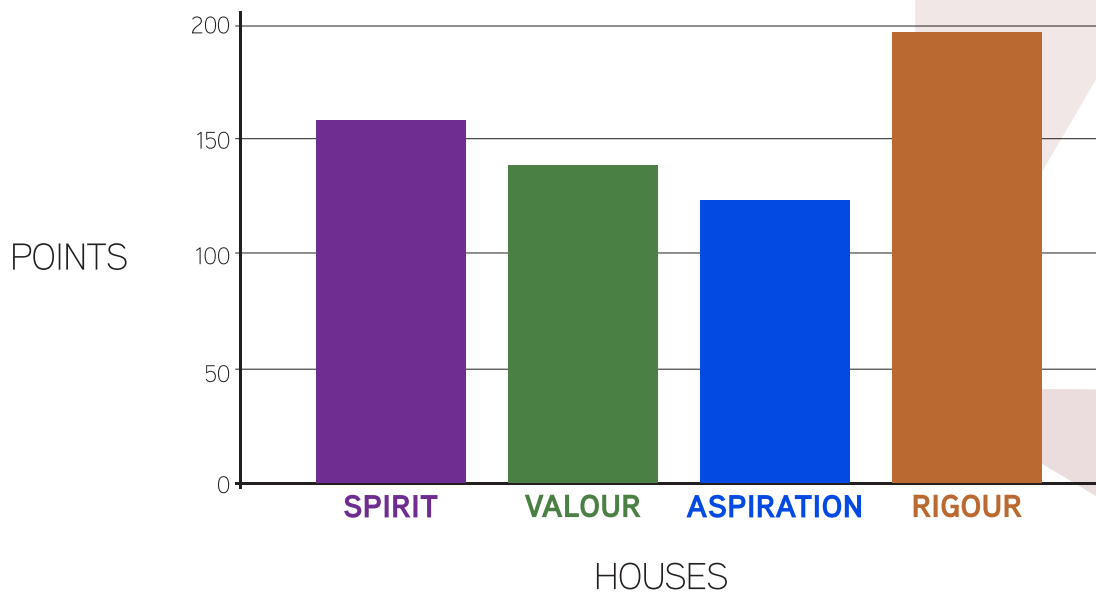
BOOK TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE



House points

The house points have reset for this half term, and the competition begins again! House Rigour have made an early lead, with Spirit, Valour, and Aspiration following closely behind.

This term our house sports event will be a football competition based around the World Cup - watch this space!



Parent Forum

Help us support our childrens' and academy's success by sharing your views.
Cake will be provided

Tuesday 28 April | 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 27/4/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	BBQ chicken drumstick with mixed-vegetable rice	Vegetable stir fry with egg noodles
Tuesday	Sausage / chicken sausage with mash potato, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and garden peas	Creamy vegetable pie
Wednesday	Hot dogs with caramelised onions & chips with tomato sauce or mustard	Cheese & onion slice with chips
Thursday	Doner meat with spicy noodles & naan bread with yogurt & mint sauce	Giant vegetable samosa with noodles & sweet chilli sauce
Friday	Chicken burger with chips, salad & selection of sauces	Vegetable burger with chips, salad & 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
Thursday 30 April	Year 7	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 28 April	n/a	Parent Forum
Monday 4 May	All	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 May	Year 11	GCSE written examinations begin
Wed 20 May	n/a	Paris trip information evening
Friday 22 May	All	Final day of term, students return Monday 1 June

Brain teaser

It's sudoku but with letters! Can you solve the 'wordoku' below and find the nine-letter word?

		B	N				T	R
	N	T		O		V		B
			V		B			O
		E						
O	V		E	A	T	N	B	S
T	R	O				B	N	
		A			N	R		E

Last issue's solution:

L	U	N	O	E	S	A	I	D
E	I	D	U	L	A	N	S	O
A	S	O	I	N	D	U	L	E
N	D	S	L	U	I	E	O	A
O	A	I	N	S	E	L	D	U
U	L	E	D	A	O	S	N	I
D	E	L	S	O	U	I	A	N
S	O	U	A	I	N	D	E	L
I	N	A	E	D	L	O	U	S