



## **A message from our principal**



**Mrs K Gardner  
Principal**

It was wonderful to welcome our Year 7 parents back into school for their recent parents' evening. The evening had a very positive atmosphere, and it was a pleasure to share so many encouraging conversations about our students' progress. Teachers spoke highly of the Year 7 cohort, with many students receiving extremely positive feedback about their attitude to learning, effort, and engagement in lessons.

As a year group, Year 7 continue to make excellent progress, and we are incredibly proud of the way they have settled into secondary school life. Their attendance has been strong, and they consistently demonstrate positive behaviour and conduct around the school. We are delighted with how confidently and maturely they represent themselves and the school each day, and we look forward to seeing them continue to thrive over the coming term.

I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend with your family.

# **NEWSLETTER**

1 May 2026

Issue #25

# Celebrating our curriculum

through their commitment to mastery

## Cinnamon roll assessment

Following their preparation of savoury garlic bread rolls last week as practice for this week's assessment, Year 10 have baked some beautiful, professional standard cinnamon rolls this week. They have demonstrated excellent organisation as well as kneading, proving, rolling and shaping to produce these delicious sweet treats.



Amir's and Ashnah's cinnamon rolls are a great example of professional presentation skills with a calculated dusting of icing sugar on slate tiles before setting their rolls neatly on top.



## Parent Forum

Help us support our childrens' and academy's success by sharing your views. Cake will be provided, and an option to join the discussion online remotely.

Tuesday 5 May | 5-6pm  
Dixons Brooklands Academy, Moor Road, Wythenshawe, M23 9BP

# Celebrating our students

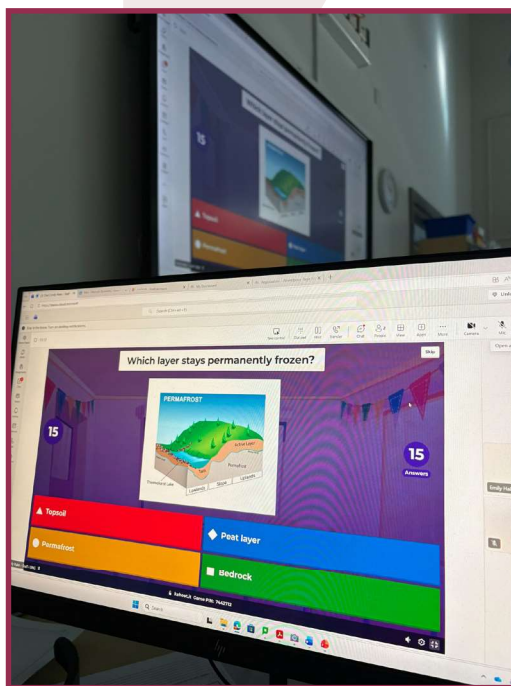
## Through their focus

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

The Year 9 geography students took part in an online quiz against Dixons Newall Green Academy on Monday after school. It was an enjoyable afternoon and a great success.

Rounds were won by Naya and Oliver, both from our academy, well done!

The Year 8 quiz will be taking place on Tuesday 5 May.



### English subject stars

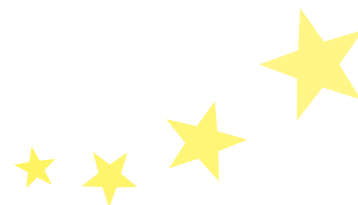
Students that have demonstrated incredible effort in their English lessons this week who have been nominated by class teachers.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elsie Mai T</li><li>• Precious R</li><li>• Amber H</li><li>• Layla W</li><li>• Zi Han C</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sophia L</li><li>• Teo A</li><li>• Aidan W</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leo W</li><li>• Molly P</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jacob J</li><li>• Mohamad S</li><li>• Georgia H</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ben L</li><li>• Pryia A</li><li>• Roby C</li><li>• Wilson D</li></ul>

### English independent thinkers

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

KS3	KS4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Malakai T</li><li>• Kai B</li><li>• Matthew T</li><li>• Maizie C</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Isabel J</li><li>• Reis B</li><li>• William R</li></ul>



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## Student spotlight: Maths



Monday 27th April  
 Find and calculate the area of a rectangle!

1. 120  
 $\begin{array}{r} 2 \times 60 \\ \hline 2 \times 30 \\ \hline 2 \times 15 \\ \hline 5 \times 3 \end{array}$

2. ✓

3.  $120 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 3$

4.  $110 = 2 \times 5 \times 11$

5.  $1000 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5$

6.  $\frac{557}{5}$   
 remainder 2

7.  $\frac{450465}{5}$   
 remainder 1

8.  $\frac{450465}{5}$   
 remainder 0

9. 465

Log 500

• Circle all the prime numbers Log 400

DN4

This 'Do Now' work is a fabulous example of clarity and accuracy. It is clear that you are determined to become the best mathematician you can be. Keep it up!

Joseph (11), this work highlights the deep connection between algebra and geometry. You have shown an understanding of this connection by solving these three 'A-Level' problems.

The image shows three parts of a student's work:

- A graph of a cubic function  $y = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + ax$  passing through the point (3, 24). The graph shows the curve intersecting the x-axis at (0, 0), (3, 0), and (6, 0). The point (3, 24) is marked on the curve.
- A vector diagram showing a triangle with sides of length 2i and 5j. The hypotenuse is labeled as  $\sqrt{2^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{29}$ .
- A geometric proof showing the translation of the graph  $y = x^3$  by the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ . The resulting graph is shown as  $y - 2 = (x + 1)^3$ , which simplifies to  $y = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 3$ .

**QUESTION 3**  
 The graph of  $y = x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + ax$  passes through (3, 24). Find the x-coordinates of the stationary points

*Sketch use of geometry necessary*

$$24 = (3)^2 - \frac{1}{3}(3)^3 + a(3)$$

$$24 = 9 - 9 + 3a$$

$$24 = 3a$$

$$a = 8$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - x^2 + 8a$$

$$0 = 2x - x^2 + 8$$

$$-8 = 2x - x^2$$

$$x^2 - 2x = 8$$

$$(x-1)^2 - 1 = 8$$

$$(x-1)^2 = 9$$

$$x-1 = \pm 3$$

$$x = 4 \text{ or } x = -2$$

**QUESTION 4**  
 $a = 4i - j$  and  $b = 3i + 2j$ . Find  $|2b - a|$

*Sketch*

$$2b - a = 2(3i + 2j) - (4i - j)$$

$$= 6i + 4j - 4i + j$$

$$= 2i + 5j$$

$$|2b - a| = |2i + 5j| = \sqrt{2^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\approx 5.385$$

**QUESTION 5**  
 The graph of  $y = x^3$  is translated by vector  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  find the equation of the resulting graph in the form  $y = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c$

*Sketch*

$$y - 2 = (x + 1)^3$$

$$y - 2 = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1$$

$$y = x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 3$$

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



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April
-  14:00 - 15:00

Rhymes  
and Songs

Sensory  
Play

Messy  
Play

[family-action.org.uk](http://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](mailto:neighbourhoodadvice@gmlaw.org.uk) or **0161 769 2245** (Please note this is not an advice line)



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## Academy Tours Book a tour to visit our academy!

We have been working hard to bring joy, encouragement and motivation to all aspects of our academy life, and we would like to open our doors to show you!

Open to our current and prospective families.

Email Dr Rogers at [nrogers@dixonsbk.com](mailto:nrogers@dixonsbk.com) to book a guided viewing.

Dixons Brooklands Academy, Moor Road, Wythenshawe, M23 9BP

Follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with future events

Dixons Brooklands Academy

# Next week

## Menu week commencing 5/5/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
<b>Monday</b>	Bank holiday Students not in attendance	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Fajita chicken drumstick with roast peppers in pasta	Cheese & tomato turnovers, with roast peppers in pasta
<b>Wednesday</b>	Butter chicken curry with yellow rice and garlic naan bread	Creamy vegetable pie with mash potato and peas
<b>Thursday</b>	Mexican beef chilli with rice and garlic bread	Vegetable chilli with rice and garlic bread
<b>Friday</b>	Chicken burger with salad, chips and selection of sauces	Mozzarella sticks with salad, 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.

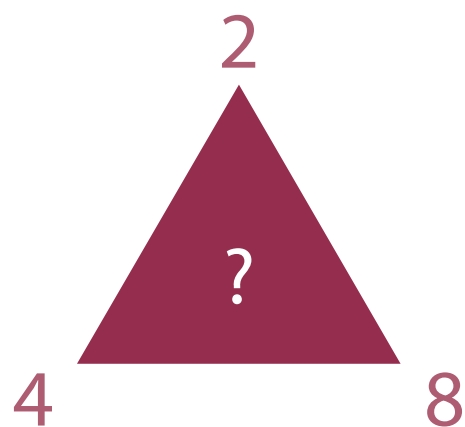
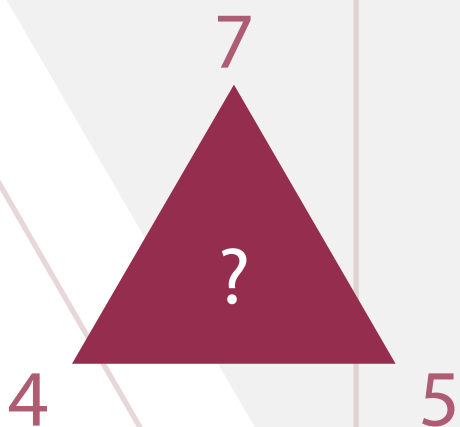
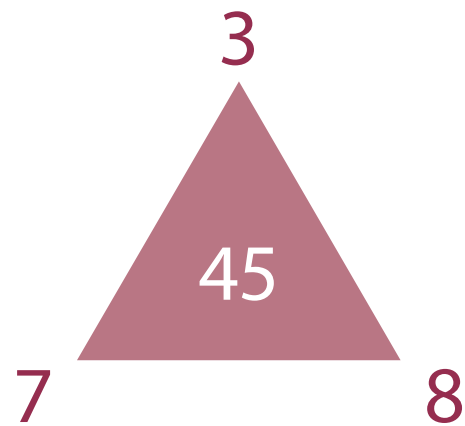
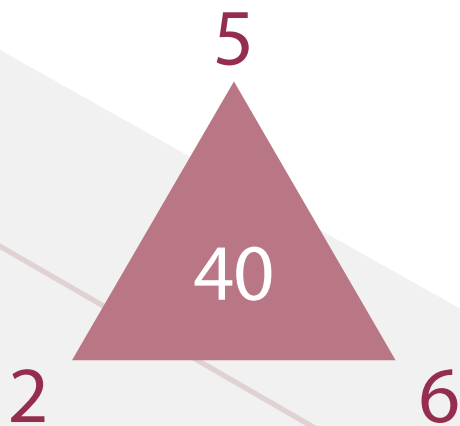
We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment 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
<b>Monday 4 May</b>	All	Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 5 May</b>	n/a	Parent Forum
<b>Monday 11 May</b>	Year 11	GCSE written examinations begin
<b>Wed 20 May</b>	n/a	Paris trip information evening
<b>Friday 22 May</b>	All	Final day of term, students return Monday 1 June

# Brain teaser

Can you solve the number puzzles below?



Last issue's solution:

**OBSERVATION**