

**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS**
ACADEMY

A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

This week, we had the pleasure of meeting with our Parent Forum, and it was a truly insightful and positive discussion. We are very grateful to those parents who were able to attend and share their views so openly and constructively.

At Dixons Brooklands Academy, we firmly believe that parental voice is incredibly important. Your perspectives help us to reflect, improve and ensure that we are continually meeting the needs of our whole school community. The Parent Forum provides a valuable opportunity to work together, discuss key areas of the school's development and consider any changes that may benefit our students and families.

We would love to see even more parents involved in future meetings. Your voice matters, and the more representation we have, the stronger and more inclusive our decision-making can be.

Communication is key to building strong, trusting relationships, and we are committed to working in partnership with you. Thank you once again to all who contributed this week - we look forward to continuing these important conversations.

NEWSLETTER

8 May 2026

Issue #26

Celebrating our curriculum

through their commitment to mastery

Parent Forum - 5 May outcomes

Thank you to those who attended the Parent Forum on Tuesday 5 May, both in person and online. Below are the main points from the meeting, and how we are responding to them.

You said:

- Communication with school can be difficult, especially at peak times.
- You value the weekly newsletter and positive social media posts and would like to see more.
- Parents would like clearer information around assessments, next steps and revision timelines.
- You'd like more opportunities for community events, rewards and enrichment activities.
- Some parents need clearer guidance for Parent Evenings and online meetings.
- Concerns were raised about field maintenance and classroom ventilation ahead of summer.

We're doing:

- Exploring alternative phone and voicemail options and reviewing MCAS communications.
- Increasing positive social media and staggering newsletter content more regularly.
- Developing clearer assessment feedback to show how students can improve.
- Considering community events, attendance rewards and peer-recognition for school values.
- Sharing meeting links earlier with clearer explanations and improving Parent Evening guidance.
- Investigating grass cutting schedules and checking air-conditioning and ventilation.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Parent Forum (date to be announced soon).

Year 9 are on a (cinnamon) roll!

Year 9 have really impressed Miss Bowdery this week by making professional standard cinnamon rolls. They kneaded, proved and shaped their dough to make these impressive sweet treats! Milly, these look like they've come straight out of a bakery, well done on your improvement with each roll!



Celebrating our students

Through their focus

Year 7 ecology exploration

Our Year 7 ecologists have been working hard to ethically explore our local ecosystem. A wide variety of insects, myriapods and molluscs indicate a thriving Wythenshawe biosphere.



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">• Hannah T• Maja N• Zak Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lacia D• Ethan B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suiraya T	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oliver C• Alfie C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janais H• Jess B

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">• Kacie-Leigh C• Declan G• Chase R• Lexi S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rogue-Erin B• Charlie D• Frankie C



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Through their focus

Student spotlight: Maths



Wednesday 4th May 2022
how do we calculate the area of a circle?

1) sketch the shape. ✓

2) Parallelogram. ✓

3) Area Scm ✓

4) sketch the pie chart ✓

5) $170 + 140 = 310$
 $310 - 310 = 0$
 310
 310
 310

6) $SP = 7 \times 30 = 210$
 $SP = 23$
 25
 25
 25

7) Solve the inequality $SP + 7 \leq 30$ ✓

Place the solution used on a number line. $f \leq 43$ ✓

lines AB and DC are parallel. $AB \parallel DC$ ✓
lines DA and CB are parallel. $DA \parallel CB$ ✓
Angles in a circle add up to 360° . ✓
 $AB = BC = DC = DA$ ✓

area? $20 = 41$
 $24 = 54$
 $6 = 11$

DNW

Caedan (8), 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!

Hope (8) and Taylor (8), your creative use of colour during the 'circles topics' makes this work an excellent revision tool. Keep it up!

Area = space inside a 2-D Shape

radius = $\frac{\text{diameter}}{2}$

diameter = radius $\times 2$

O is the center of the circle

Perimeter = Circumference

Area = $\pi \times \text{radius} \times \text{radius}$
 $= \pi \times \text{radius}^2$
 $= \pi \times r^2$

Area = $\pi \times \text{radius} \times \text{diameter radius}$
 $= \pi \times \text{radius}^2$
 $= \pi \times r^2$

Perimeter CIRCUMFERENCE

O = center of Circle

radius

diameter

Area = space inside a 2D shape

radius = diameter $\div 2$
diameter = radius $\times 2$

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.

House points

With the World Cup just around the corner, this term's house events will all be based around football!

Each advisory group will be given a country to represent in a Year group inter-advisory tournament, with the winners earning points for their house. Each advisory will have 5-7 players appointed and head over after fueling up at the start of lunch.

Kick off will commence from 1.40pm, with students able to spectate just outside the pitch. All students are welcome to participate, so speak to your advisor if you're up for the challenge!

For our students' audience, feel free to use your creativity to make banners or items to support your advisory, all teams' allocations are below:

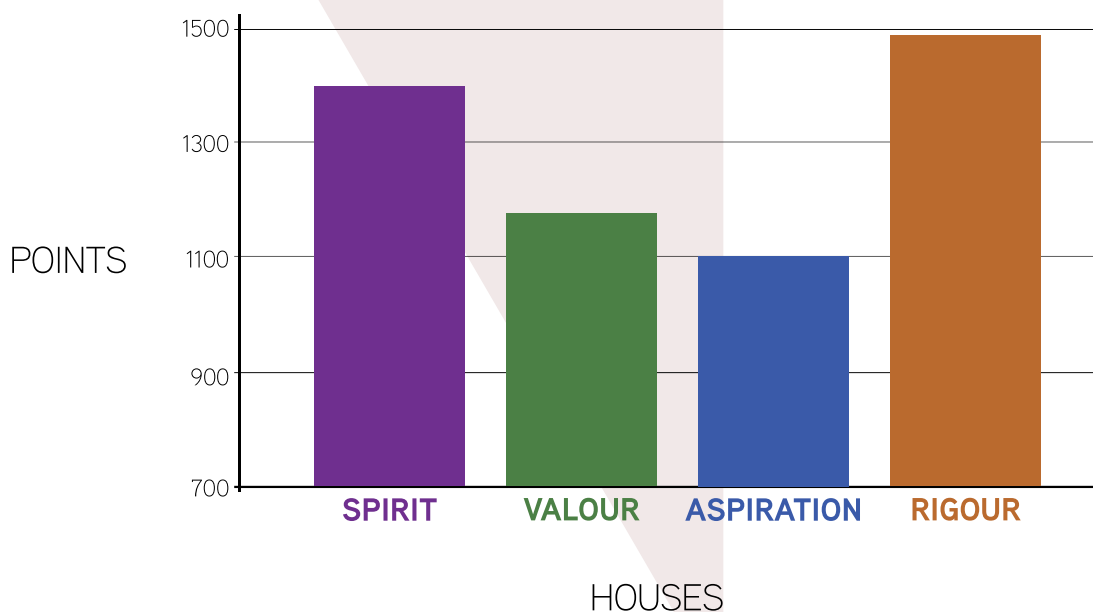
- A - England
- B - Brazil
- C - Canada
- D - France
- W - USA
- X - Argentina
- Y - Germany
- Z - Spain



The dates are as follows:

- 14 May - Year 9
- 15 May - Year 10
- 19 May - Year 8
- 20 May - Year 11
- 21 May - Year 7

We cannot wait to see who wins!



Celebrating our students

Through their focus

Visit from Maroof Khan

Maroof Khan has recently been appointed by Dixons Trust to give all students the opportunity to introduce and develop their cricket skills.

Maroof came into school on Thursday 7 May to meet with the PE department to assess what we want to provide our students with and to get started as soon as possible in his commitment to produce a variety of cricketers from our school!

Maroof has played cricket all around the world including his own country of origin, India. He himself was introduced to the sport as a nine-year-old in his flip flops in Mumbai. He didn't even know what a cricket bat was at this stage. Maroof has played in England, USA, India, amongst many other countries. He has a coaching role in the England Cricket Board, with a variety of teams, and is a regular commentator for Yorkshire Cricket games.

Maroof's passion for the sport and giving our students an opportunity was infectious and the PE team can't wait for him to come into school and get started working with staff and students.

The plan is to give students a chance and see where that takes them, whether it be a professional cricketer, within the sport sphere, or even as a commentator. The opportunity is the crucial part and we can introduce our students to this very soon!

Over the next term, watch this space for more information. Mrs Taylor was delighted to start work with Maroof who will hopefully be a regular around school this term for our students to greet while progress is underway!



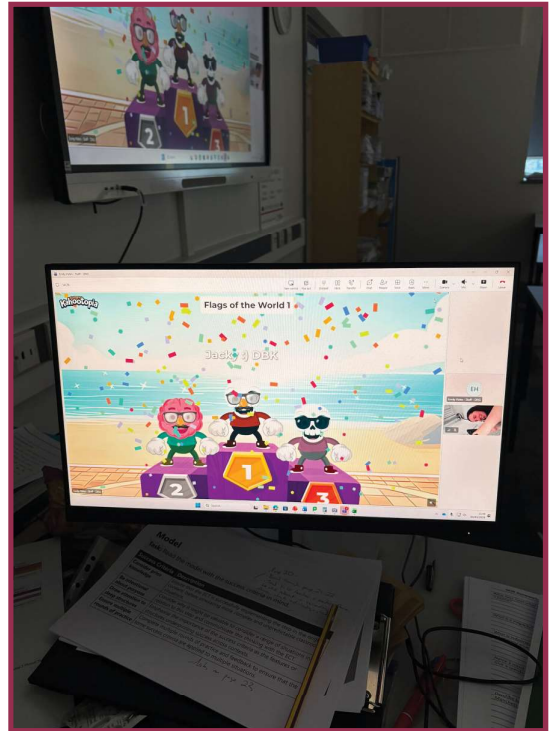
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Through their perseverance

Year 8 take first place in the geography quiz

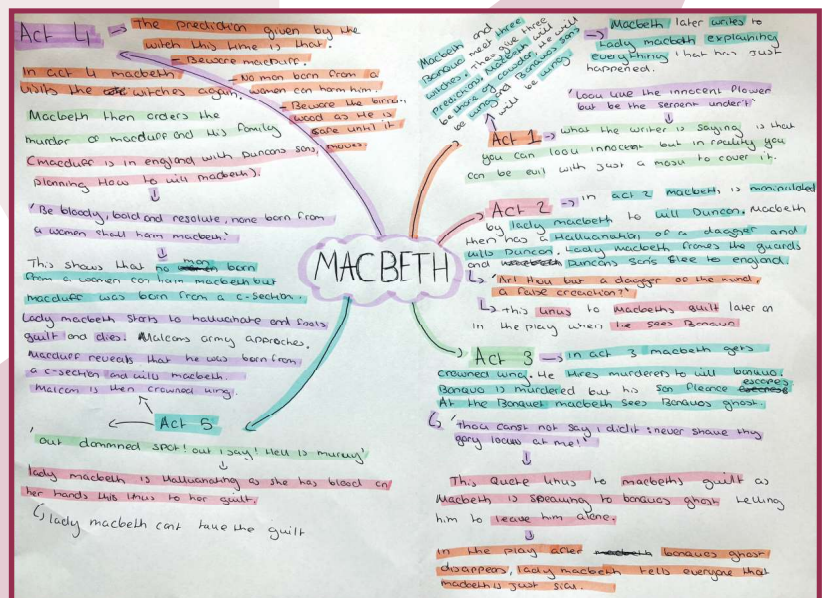
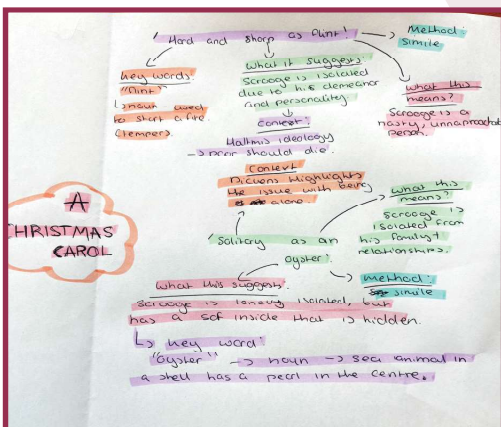
The Year 8 geography students took part in an online quiz against Dixons Newall Green. It was a great afternoon, with our students winning all three games! Well done team!

The Year 7 quiz will take place on Tuesday 12 May.



Student spotlight: English

Heidi has shown off her excellent GCSE revision notes for her English literature exam fast approaching on Monday! Well done!



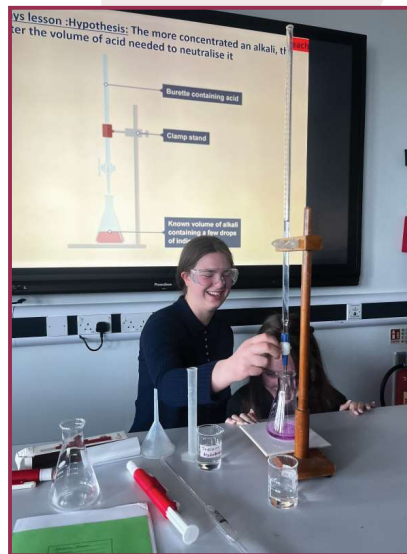
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Year 10 scientists explore neutralisation

Year 10 are completing their C4 Chemical Changes unit. This week, they have been learning about neutralisation reactions by completing a titration.

Students were attempting to find the exact volume of sodium hydroxide needed to neutralise hydrochloric acid. The students were very competitive at trying to be the group that found the correct volume through their experiments.



More extra-curricular activity

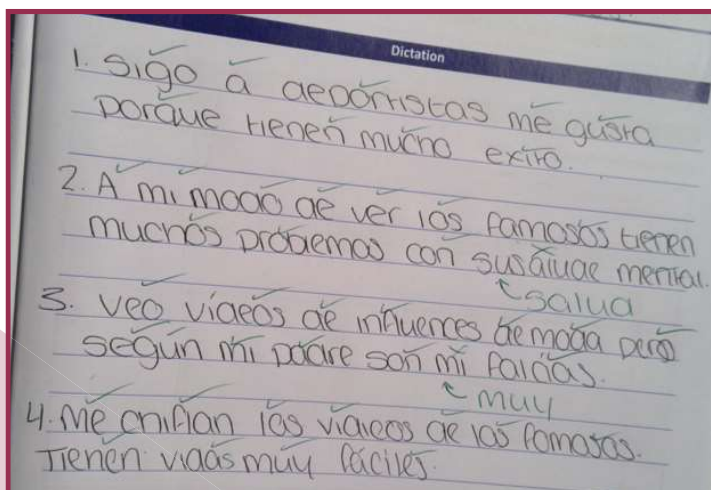
We've had some changes in our extra-curricular activity this term, full changes will be displayed from next week, here are some sporty additions.

	Lunch	After school
Monday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Football (week B)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SoftballAthleticsMusical Theatre
Wednesday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">RoundersLacrosse
Thursday		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Darts
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Softball	



Student spotlight: Spanish

Excellent dictation work Anais, and adding corrections where needed. Keep up the great work!



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For more information contact
Hayley.Watson@mansouthscouts.org.uk



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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

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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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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 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



Next week

Menu week commencing 11/5/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Pasta bolognese with garlic bread	Giant vegetable spring roll with spicy roast vegetable noodles
Tuesday	Chinese five-spiced chicken wings with spicy roast vegetable noodles	Cheese & onion slice with potato wedges
Wednesday	Breaded fish with chips & garden peas	Cheese & tomato turnover with chips & garden peas
Thursday	Chicken korma with rice & garlic naan bread	Giant vegetable samosa with rice & garlic naan bread
Friday	Chicken burger with salad, chips and selection of sauces	Vegetable burger with chips & 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.

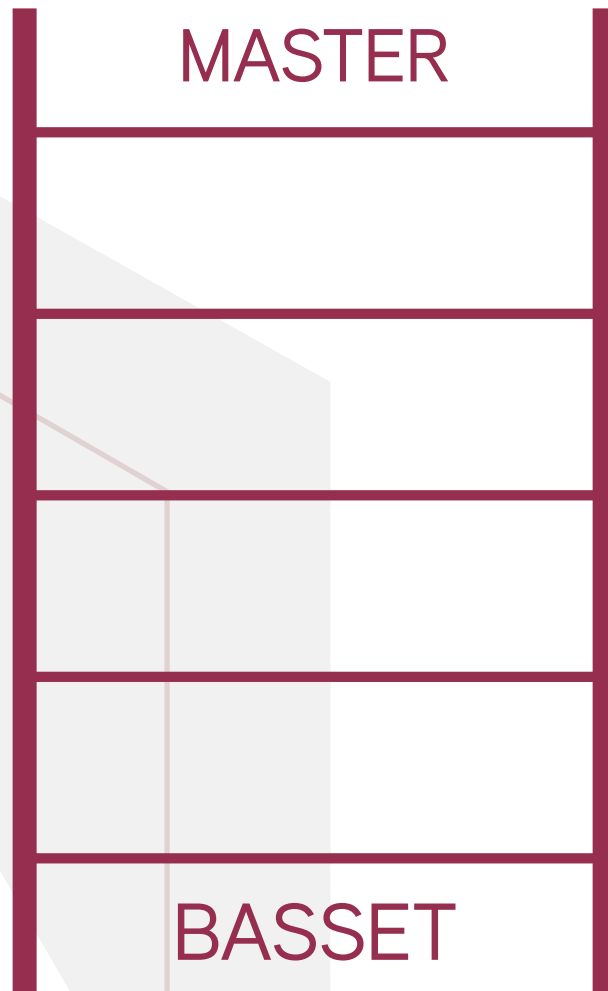
We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment 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
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
Monday 1 June	All	Students return to school

Brain teaser

Climb the ladder by changing only one letter at a time, do not rearrange the order of the letters



Last issue's solution:

